**The Department of Justice of the Philippines -
Office of Cybercrime and
The Department of Science and Technology –
Information and Communication Technology Office,
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FORUM GUIDE

**Regional Cybercrime-Cybersecurity
Assessment Conference**
11-12 November 2015
New World Manila Bay Hotel
Malate, Manila,
Philippines
9:00 to 17:00 (Philippine Standard Time)

This Forum Guide sets out all necessary information for delegates concerning their attendance to the **Regional Cybercrime-Cybersecurity Assessment Conference,** which will be held from **11-12 November 2015** at the New World Manila Bay Hotel, Manila, Philippines.

A. Introduction

The efforts to adopt comprehensive cybercrime and cybersecurity strategies have been described as slow and fragmented in the region. However, given the transnational nature of cyber-related threats and the move towards integration, states within the region are challenged to enhance regional cooperation to complement national initiatives.

The two-day conference shall be an opportunity for criminal justice stakeholders of the region and the private sector to engage in meaningful discussions by exchanging insights and experience on the mechanisms to address cyber-related issues. The Conference intends to lessen the regional divide and enhance connectivity, as well as promote the development of a flexible framework on cybercrimes and cybersecurity.

B. Objectives

To facilitate the building of partnerships in fighting cybercrimes and ensuring cybersecurity in the region, the conference has the following objectives:

1. **Assessment of the existing framework of the region in addressing cybercrimes.**

The assessment of progress in the fight against cybercrimes is vital to determine the gaps in policy and implementation. Ultimately, the assessment of the existing framework shall help build the foundation of regional cooperation against cybercrimes.

Enabling issuances and policy strategies in the region will be reviewed in promoting regional coordination and information sharing. The vulnerabilities and risks that are present due to the increasing reliance on cyber space shall be assessed as well as the mechanisms to address the same. The scattered nature of the islands shall also be considered in determining the weak spots of regional capacity. This determination shall also look at existing monitoring systems, the level of digital forensic capabilities, the pool/hub of experts, and the specialized/dedicated units in place.

2. **Review the emerging threats in cybersecurity and how the region is dealing with such concerns.**

Equally important in protecting individual rights in cyberspace is enhancing cybersecurity. Cybersecurity, as defined under Philippine law, refers to the collection of tools, policies, risk management approaches, actions, training, best practices, assurance and technologies that can be used to protect the cyber environment and organization and user's assets.[1]

A flexible framework may be developed once cybersecurity threats are evaluated. This shall strengthen relations not only among the Asian nations, but also with the international community and the private sector. The framework shall encourage connectivity and cooperation to effectively deal with the cross-border nature of cybersecurity threats.

The five main areas of cooperation that will be assessed shall be: (1) information exchange, (2) legal matters, (3) law enforcement matters, (4) training and capacity building, and (5) extra-regional cooperation.

C. Participants

Speakers from foreign countries are invited to take part in the event and share best practices (U.K., Australia, United States of America, Turkey, and Sri Lanka).

In addition, delegates from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Laos, Singapore, U.A.E., and Taiwan will be attending the event from the: (1) the justice ministry, (2) law enforcement/police, (3) prosecution, and (4) ICT department. Delegates are requested to discuss the five main areas of cooperation above-mentioned, and may use a powerpoint presentation in case

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[1] Section 3 (k), R.A. 10175, otherwise known as the "Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012".

of need. The country reports on cybercrimes-cybersecurity status shall also be discussed, including the survey forms during the interactive sessions.

An industry speaker from Microsoft is also attending, as well as representatives from the Philippine National Law Enforcement Coordinating Council-Sub-Committee on Cybercrime (NALECC-SOCY) agencies.

Members of the DOJ-Office of Cybercrime (OOC), the Department of Science and Technology-Information and Communications Technology Office (DOST-ICTO), and their support team are handling the logistics of the event (press releases, photos, on-site registrations, and livestreaming).

D. Venue

The Conference will be held at <u>Ballroom 1</u> of New World Manila Bay Hotel, Ermita, Manila, Philippines, with the following details:

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Telephone: +63 (02) 2526888
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Website: http://manilabay.newworldhotels.com/en/

E. Visa/Entry to the Philippines

Diplomatic and official passports of ASEAN member countries do not need visa to enter the Philippines. Other countries are also exempt from applying for a visa and details are found in the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs website. If it is necessary to acquire visa, please contact the Philippine Embassy or Consulate abroad.

If you require assistance, please contact the organizers of this event with contact details stated below.

F. Registration

Registration and/or confirmation of attendance are coursed through the organizers.

Hard copies of handouts, including the *programme* agenda will be given upon site registration. The delegate may request a Certificate of Attendance for the event, which may be given during the event, or emailed at the registered email address of the participant.

Other information may be viewed at: http://doj.gov.ph/regional_cybercrime-cybersecurity_assessment_conference.html

G. Organizers

All general inquiries relating to the conference may be referred to the following organizers:

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H. Language

The language of the meeting and all documentation will be in English.

I. Welcome Dinner

All delegates are invited to attend the welcome dinner on 11 November 2015 at 19:00 (Philippine Standard Time), at Ballroom 1 of the hotel.

J. Dress Code

The dress code for the conference is business attire. The dress code for the dinner is smart casual.