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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

**NO.** : 2006-09

**TO** : **ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT** : **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN LGUS AND LOCAL WATER DISTRICTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRIORITY PROGRAM ON WATER**

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During the *Water Districts Luzon Summit 2005* organized by the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, held in Clark Field, Angeles, Pampanga on December 8-9, 2005, it was recognized that the Local Water Districts possess a critical role in speeding up the implementation of the 10-Point Agenda of the Government specifically the President's Priority Program on Water in the Waterless Municipalities.

Furtherance to Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2005-21, dated March 4, 2005 and in localizing the Millennium Development Goal of "eradicating extreme poverty and hunger" by reducing 50% the number of people with no access to safe drinking water or those who cannot afford it, the DILG is encouraging the establishment of collaborative efforts between the LGUs and the local Water Districts in the following strategic areas:

1. The involvement of local Water Districts during the development planning exercises of the LGUs especially the waterless municipalities. In this regard, the LGUs are encouraged to invite the local Water Districts to participate in the local development planning activities pertaining to water supply and sanitation foremost of which are done through the sectoral or functional committees of the Component City Development Councils and Municipal Development Councils;

2. The recognition of the technical and capacity building expertise and involvement of the local Water Districts during the project identification of water supply facilities and systems for levels I, II and III that are initiated by LGUs, national government agencies, financing agencies and other water service providers.

For guidance, the DILG regional, provincial, city or municipal offices are advised to inform and encourage concerned local authorities to establish partnerships and alliances with the local Water Districts on the subject and for the DILG Regional, Provincial, City or Municipal offices to submit monthly compliance and status reports to this level effective January 15, 2006 until June 15, 2006.

Consistent with the earlier Memorandum Circulars numbered 88-15, dated March 01, 1988 and 97-78, dated April 14, 1997, this MC shall reiterate DILG's earlier pronouncement for LGUs to recognize that Local Water Districts are autonomous agencies independent of local governments.

Along this line, LGUs are advised and encouraged to instead identify areas of cooperation with their respective local water districts with the end in view of efficiently managing their water resources for the effective delivery of water services to their constituents.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
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