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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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

**SUBJECT :** NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) in partnership with Association of Librarians in Public Sector Inc.(ALPS), and National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the National Committee on Library and Information Services (NCLIS) will conduct the National Conference of Public Librarians on March 7-10, 2016 at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel, Rizal Ave. cor. Doroteo Jose St., Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The theme for this year “Philippine Public Librarianship: Looking Forward and Beyond”, aims to show some initiatives to improve the services in public libraries and provide a perspective on how public librarians shall become catalysts of change in their own communities.

In view hereof, and upon request of the organizers, all local chief executives are encouraged to allow the attendance of public librarians to the said activity on official business. The payment of applicable travelling expenses, and a registration fee, if any, to defray the costs of hotel accommodation, meals and conference materials, per participant, may be authorized chargeable against local funds, subject to the availability thereof, and to the usual accounting and auditing requirements and to all pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Provided, that travelling expenses and registration fees of local government participants shall not be charged against the 20% component of the Internal Revenue Allotment or from whatever source which may prejudice poverty reduction efforts.

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All DILG Regional Directors are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular.

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