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**The International Conference on Innovative ICT, CIO, and Natural Disasters,**

**The 6th International Academy of CIO (IAC) Annual General Meeting**

**Manila Statement**

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The International Academy of CIO (IAC) International Conference on Innovative ICT, CIO, and Natural Disasters was held in conjunction with the 6th IAC Annual General Meeting during October 6–7th, 2011, by De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines.

The International Conference on Innovative ICT, CIO, and Natural Disasters provided an arena for government leaders, academics, private sector executives and all stakeholders in CIO and ICT development field to share their vision, ideas, experience and lessons learned. In addition, the 6th IAC Annual General Meeting was held to welcome about 50 experts from member countries /economies to discuss their and other issues of relevance to CIO, ICT and e-Government. Approximately 120 participants from government CIOs, state-owned enterprises, academia, NGOs and private-sector industries from 13 countries and economies as well as 4 International organizations took part in this year, 2011 IAC programs in Manila.

During the conferences and meetings many valuable keynotes were given led by Hon. Jejomar C. Binay, Vice President, Republic of the Philippines who gave his honorable address on ICT Solution for Natural Disaster in the Philippines. Among session keynotes addressers included Dr. Pairash Thajchayapong, Chairman of National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, Thailand, Mr. Masaaki Hamaba, Senior Vice-President, Fujitsu Corporation, Japan, Atty. Maria Anthonette V. Allones, Executive Director, Career Executive Service Board, Philippines, Hon. Graciano P. Yumul, Undersecretary, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, Hon. Fortunato T. de la Peña, Undersecretary and Head, ICT Office, Department of Science and Technology, Philippines and Mr. Mitchel Chang, Senior Vice-President, Trend Micro.

In his keynote address, the Vice President, Hon. Jejomar C. Binay, conveyed various substantial points included ICT for disaster reduction/ mitigation, the government policy to foster transparency and accountability through the Open Government partnership that should include disaster risk reduction.

The conference was organized under the theme “Innovative ICT, CIO, and Natural Disasters”, in order to emphasize the role of CIOs play in solving the problems that arise including the devastation brought by the recent earthquakes and tsunamis that have hit many countries around the globe and to highlight the need to prioritize disaster risk reduction in development planning. ICT is a key tool in these efforts and enhancing institutional capacities, strengthening the resiliency of communities, and protecting vulnerable sectors are among related measures in these regards.

The conference aimed to promote strategic thinking on the value of ICT leadership, including the role of the CIO, in disaster risk reduction. It also drew attention to CIOs and ICT champions from academia, government, private sector, development agencies, and the international community. The meeting generated ideas and build collaborative linkages in the areas of research, capacity building, and knowledge management mostly from the high quality presentations given during the two day conferences included the following issues:

1. Natural Disasters in Aging Societies and Digital Inclusion
2. Lessons from the Japanese Disaster of 2011
3. CIOs, Human Capacity Building and New Technologies
4. e-Governance and Natural Disasters
5. Building Smart e-Government and Disaster Resilience through ICT
6. CIO University for International Cooperation

Private sector experts who joined in this conference stated that the role and the power of CIO in the managerial board are continuingly expanding and addressed willingness in cooperation with government sector in the above mentioned issues that struck the world communities with a public private partnership (PPP) model.

The two days of productive discussions and ideas exchanged, allow IAC member chapters and participants to endorse the following agenda and further actions as global think tank:

1. Support and improve the existing collaboration among academia, governments, business sectors, international organizations, and other related parties for the rapid development of e-Government with applications as a tool to overcome the worldwide natural disaster and environmental crises.
2. Strengthen the development and implementation of the CIO model by IAC and endorsed by APEC around the world by supporting “Global CIO University Network in the context of International Accreditation Program for CIO studies” at a graduate level and adapting them to the particular conditions of countries where the programs are implemented.
3. Consolidate the disaster reduction development programs in global/regional direction utilizing ICT applications such as broadband mobile communication.
4. Accommodate emerging technologies such as cyber security on mobile communication, cloud computing and smart grid.
5. Foster smart digital community in cities and rural areas.

Considering the benefits of this conference, IAC members and participants who attended the international conference and meetings would like to propose, conclude their stances and to expose to other related parties as followings:

* To include in the training program for CIO the context of ICT for natural disaster warning, reduction and resilience in regards with planning and embedding in routine operation.
* To develop a global CIO university network by promoting CIO universities/ development programs cooperation through such as exchange program, accreditation program and R&D projects on which Thammasat University, Thailand, location of IAC Secretariat, will be coordination center for community of practices in these regards.
* To promote organization of international conferences and forums on natural disaster issues both at a global and regional scales including APEC and ASEAN CIO Forums.
* To endorse the important role in promoting global attention on the critical policy issues on green ICT, BCP for disaster reduction and cyber security.
* To support the activities of OECD on ICT applications for ageing society.
* To establish and implement joint effort team between IAC and Waseda University on the prestigious World e-government ranking as neutral monitoring institutional framework and framework for learning and exchanging of best practices.
* To strengthen Executive Board of IAC, Prof.Francisco Magno, President of IAC Philippines has been resolved by the 6th IAC Annual General Meeting to become Vice President of IAC after Prof.J.P.Auffret (USA) Ms.Jantima Sirisaengtaksin (Thailand), Prof.Matthias finger (Switzerland) and Prof.Suhono Supangkat (Indonesia) under President, Prof.Toshio Obi (Japan).
* To create the “IAC Distinguished Leadership Award on CIO & e-Government Development” and the first awardee has been presented to Dr. Pairash Thajchayapong, Honorary IAC President and Chairman of National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, Thailand.
* To cooperate closely with APEC on the project of “ICT Applications for the People with Special Needs” which include especially the Tokyo Conference during September 10-12, 2012.
* To promote and support continuity of IAC publications under the global governance context and related topics with IOS Press and to this end the 4th edition of Global e-Governance Book Series including the proceedings in this conference will be published by IOS Press.
* To approve that the 7th Annual General Meeting will be held in Moscow, Russia in May 2012 and the 8th Annual General Meeting will be held in Beijing, China in 2013.

Finally, the IAC Executive Committee, IAC members and participants extended their full appreciation to the organizing committee of De La Salle University chaired by Prof. Francisco Magno and the kind hospitality of Brother Bernard Oca, Vice Chancellor for La Sallian Mission and Alumni Relations and Brother Narciso Erguiza Jr., President of De La Salle University for such successful events in Manila, Philippines.

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