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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2026-051

FOR : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, VICE GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS, MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIAN, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHANGE MAKERS FELLOWSHIP: LOCAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE COHORT

DATE : SEP 21 2026

The Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), under the Philippine Local Democratic Resilience Initiative (PLDRI), invites qualified local elected officials to apply for the Changemakers Fellowship: Local Democratic Governance Cohort.

The Fellowship is a structured leadership and reform program designed to support local officials in advancing local democratic governance through focused work on (1) participatory governance and citizen engagement; (2) fiscal transparency and accountability mechanisms; (3) institutional strengthening and governance safeguards; and (4) establishing safeguards and due diligence processes for external partnerships and emerging governance risks.

The program will convene a select cohort of Provincial Governors, Vice Governors, City and Municipal Mayors and Vice Mayors, and Members of the Sanggunian from across the country. Selected fellows will participate in a learning and implementation program that will include thematic workshops, technical guidance, peer exchange, and reform development support. Subject to the programme's selection criteria, priority may be given to applicants from local government units (LGUs) that would substantially benefit from reform-oriented technical support.

Through the Fellowship, participants will be part of a community of practice and will be assisted in designing, refining, and institutionalizing at least one concrete local governance reform, which may take the form of an ordinance, executive issuance, resolution, protocol, citizen engagement mechanism, transparency measure, or other administrative and policy reform appropriate to the needs of the LGU.

In keeping with the Department of the Interior and Local Government's continuing efforts to strengthen local governance and support reform-oriented initiatives in LGUs,

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qualified and interested local officials are encouraged to apply. Fellowship information and application materials are available through the ULAP website at www.ulap.net.ph.

For more detailed information on the Fellowship, please contact ULAP through: mobile number: 0918-9856659 or email address: ulapnatsec@gmail.com.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

By the Authority of the Secretary:



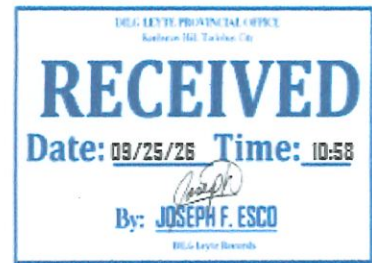
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Undersecretary for Local Government

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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : ALL PROVINCIAL/CITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : DISSEMINATION OF MC NO. 2026-051 RE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHANGE MAKERS FELLOWSHIP: LOCAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE COHORT

DATE : September 23, 2026

Attached hereto is a copy of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2026-051, dated 21 September 2026, issued by Marlo L. Iringan, Undersecretary for Local Government, pertaining to the "Invitation to Participate in the Change Makers Fellowship: Local Democratic Governance Cohort."

In view of this, all DILG Provincial Directors are hereby requested to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of the attached Memorandum Circular to the concerned LGUs in their respective areas of jurisdiction and ensure their awareness.

For information and appropriate action.

By the Authority of the Regional Director:


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