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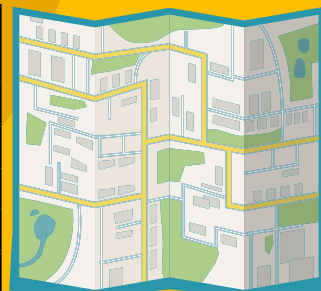


# FY 2019 IRA Shares Adjusted for 15 new Barangays

Following the creation of 15 new barangays in 2018, the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares of Local Government Units (LGUs) for fiscal year (FY) 2019, which are automatically appropriated, have been adjusted in accordance with the allocation formula prescribed under Section 285 of RA 7160, or the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991.

Accordingly, the adjusted FY 2019 IRA shares of LGUs are summarized in the table:

Level of LGU	No. of LGUs	Total IRA shares (In PhP)
Provinces	82	132,369,733,400
Cities	145	132,369,733,400
Municipalities	1,478	195,676,997,200
Barangays	41,913	115,104,116,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,618</b>	<b>575,520,580,000</b>



Furthermore, the Cost of Devolved Functions (CODEF) will no longer be deducted prior to the allocation of the IRA shares of LGUs following the provisions of Section 284 of the LGC. As a result, the CODEF shall be re-distributed to all IRA-recipient LGUs.

## GPPB-TSO Conducts First-ever Procurement Forum

Learning procurement in its practical sense helps agencies plan better and make the entire government more responsive. To achieve this, the Government Procurement Policy Board-Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO) held its first ever Procurement Forum last January 24, 2019 at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City. The event gathered representatives from National Government Agencies (NGAs) and Government –Owned and/or –Controlled Corporations (GOCCs).

The GPPB-TSO, an attached agency of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), organized the event to highlight the importance of procurement management in the procurement process, not just the bidding process and rules. As such, talks and workshop activities on procurement planning, particularly on project costing and technical specifications writing, were highlights of the event.

Former DBM Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno enumerated the procurement reforms pursued under the current Administration which included the capacity building for procurement practitioners, improvement of the online procurement portal, streamlining of procurement processes, and emphasis on early procurement activities.





## **Budget and Treasury Management System Officially Launched**

As one of the lead agencies for the implementation of the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS), the DBM issued DBM Circular Letter No. 2019-4 dated January 14, 2019 which prescribed the guidelines on the adoption and use of the BTMS for Budget Utilization. Said Circular also provided the standard workflow and signing authorities for BTMS users to ensure proper segregation of duties and enforcement of budget execution controls.

The BTMS was officially launched at the Diamond Hotel, Manila on January 16, 2019. The launching was attended by media partners and National Government Agencies.

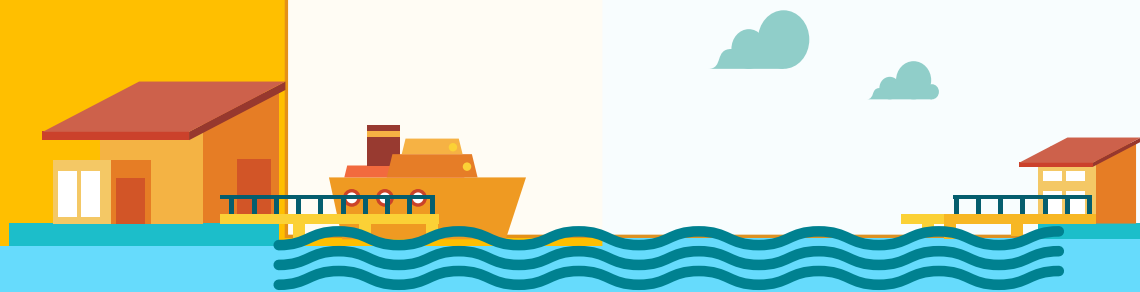
## **Updates on the Pasig River Ferry Convergence Program**

The Pasig River Ferry Convergence Program -Technical Working Group (PRFCP-TWG) is currently working towards the completion of the Feasibility Study for the Pasig River Ferry System Project. Interim solutions for the improvement of the existing Pasig River Ferry Service are also being deliberated.

Additional routes and vessels proposed by Cavite Superferry and Nautical Transport Services, Inc., respectively, are being reviewed by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

Meanwhile, to further enhance the knowledge of government agencies in ferry system development, a group of representatives from the contractors and various government agencies, including the DBM, participated in a Best Practices Study Tour in Bangkok, Thailand from January 23-26, 2019. Updates on the Study Tour and the Feasibility Study, among others, were presented during the 7th PRFCP-TWG Meeting last January 31, 2019.

On March 4, 2019, the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC), previously chaired by former DBM Secretary Diokno, held its 94th Board of Commissioners Meeting at the DBM Central Office. During the meeting, the Commission's achievements and the proposed priority rehabilitation activities for 2019 were presented to the body.



## DBM Hosts International OGP Country Visit

The DBM, as PH-OGP Chair and Secretariat, hosted the international Open Government Partnership (OGP) country visit in the Philippines last February 18-22, 2019. Shreya Basu, OGP Support Unit Asia-Pacific Lead, affirmed the Philippines' status as a regional leader in the Asia-Pacific Region.

During the PH-OGP Steering Committee Meeting last February 19, 2019, the Philippines was identified as a priority OGP country in 2019, as it currently undertakes activities related to the development of its next OGP National Action Plan. Former DBM Secretary Diokno updated the OGP Support Unit on the progress of the Philippines' National Action Plan (NAP) for 2019-2021. Once completed, said NAP will be the first action plan to have proposed commitments from non-government organizations at the beginning of the process.

Meanwhile, in celebration of the Open Government Week, the DBM held "From Potential to Concrete Transformative Impact: a PH-OGP Orientation and Co-Creation Workshop" at the DBM Library last March 15, 2019. The event convened different OGP stakeholders in a co-creation dialogue for the PH-OGP NAP Plan 2019-2021. The launching of the revamped PH-OGP Website, which houses the full online repository of PH-OGP, was also highlighted during the event.



## Project DIME Wins Award from Anti-Corruption Body

The DBM, together with the Department of Science and Technology, was given an award during the 1st Anniversary of the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission at the Malacañan Palace for Project DIME (Digital Imaging for Monitoring and Evaluation) and its contribution to transparency and accountability efforts of the government.

Project DIME uses existing technologies such as satellites, drones, Lidar, and geotagging software to monitor the status, financing, and implementation of big-ticket government projects. These technologies help monitor and oversee projects in far-flung areas where physical inspection would be difficult.

Currently, Project DIME oversees 12 high-value projects, including the Health Facilities Enhancement Program, the National Greening Program, and Farm-to-Market Roads.



# DBM Lauds Appointment of Secretary Diokno as BSP Governor

The DBM congratulates then Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno on his appointment as Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and Chairman of the Monetary Board.

Secretary “Ben”, a lifelong public servant and economics professor, embodies the decisive leadership, professional experience, and technical competence needed in a Central Bank Governor. With Secretary Diokno at its helm, the DBM stands confident that the BSP and the Philippine economy will remain in good hands.

Secretary Diokno believes in bringing the government closer to its people and enabling all Filipinos to reap the benefits of economic growth. The DBM shares his vision and goal of a “safer, more dynamic, and more prosperous Philippines.”



## Issuance on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tranche Salary Adjustment Released

The fourth tranche of compensation adjustments will now be charged against any available appropriations under the reenacted budget after President Rodrigo R. Duterte signed Executive Order (EO) No. 76 last March 15, 2019, amending Section 15(a) of EO No. 201, series of 2016. Section 1(a) of EO No. 76 modified the funding source of the compensation adjustment for FY 2019.

With this EO, NGAs may already start processing the salary differentials of eligible employees. The DBM also released National Budget Circular No. 575 last March 25, 2019 which contains the guidelines, rules, and regulations for the implementation of the fourth tranche compensation adjustment this year which takes effect retroactively starting January 1, 2019.

The fourth tranche will be the last adjustment under EO 201 which modified the salary schedule for civilian personnel of the government and authorized the grant of additional benefits for both civilian and military and uniformed personnel, beginning 2016.



# 2019 Procurement Summit Held

The GPPB and the GPPB-TSO held the 2019 Procurement Summit on March 25-26, 2019.

With the theme, “Fostering Stakeholder Participation towards a Strong and Responsive Procurement,” the Summit aims to provide a platform to strengthen the partnership between the government and the private sector by informing prospective suppliers, contractors and consultants of the requirements of the various programs, activities, and projects of NGAs.

The two-day event began with a Keynote Speech from BSP Governor and Procurement Reform Champion Benjamin Diokno and Opening Messages from DBM Undersecretary Lilia Guillermo and GPPB-TSO Executive Director Atty. Rowena Candice Ruiz.



## PhP1.2 B Released to Green, Green, Green Recipient Cities

As of March 29, 2019, more than PhP1.2 billion has been released to 68 recipient cities for projects under the Green, Green, Green Program. Around 25,000 individuals residing within a 10-minute walk from each public open space project and around 66,000 daily visitors are expected to benefit from this development.

The Office of the Secretary - Technical Review Unit (TRU), the office in charge of providing technical assistance on the planning and

implementation of the Program, is currently working on a local budget circular which will provide the guidelines on the implementation of the Local Government Support Fund-Assistance to Cities for the FY 2019 Budget.

To enhance the draft LBC/guidelines, the TRU held a peer review/roundtable discussion on the matter last February 7, 2019 to get inputs from experts in public open space planning, design, project implementation, and project maintenance.

