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**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**  
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**SECRETARY BENJAMIN E. DIOKNO**

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Attention: **OIC-Undersecretary Dakila Elteen M. Napao**  
DOF-Revenue Generation and Local Finance Group

Dear **Secretary Diokno**:

*Assalamua'alaykum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh!*

This pertains to the **DOF Devolution Transition Plan (DTP)** submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) per your letter dated 08 November 2022,<sup>1</sup> in compliance with Executive Order (EO) No. 138<sup>2</sup> dated 1 June 2021 which directs the full devolution of functions and services to the local government units (LGUs) consistent the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160).

Per the DBM's in-depth evaluation of the submitted DOF DTP and its annexes as prescribed under EO No. 138, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and DBM-Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 2021-2,<sup>3</sup> we are pleased to inform you that we find the DOF DTP to have sufficiently taken into consideration the DBM observations and recommendations,<sup>4</sup> and is thus found to be in order and is hereby **approved**.

The results of our evaluation of the DOF DTP are detailed in the **attached DTP evaluation report**.

<sup>1</sup> Received by the DBM on 10 November 2022

<sup>2</sup> Full Devolution of Certain Functions of the Executive Branch to Local Governments, Creation of a Committee on Devolution, and for Other Purposes

<sup>3</sup> Guidelines on the Preparation of the Devolution Transition Plans of the National Government Agencies Concerned in Support of Full Devolution under Executive Order No. 138, s. 2021

<sup>4</sup> Results of initial evaluation relayed by the DBM to the DOF on 13 September 2021, and was addressed by the DOF in its revised DTP submission on 5 November 2021. Observations/Recommendations per first in-depth evaluation relayed by the DBM to the DOF on 17 December 2021, and was addressed by the DOF in its revised DTP submission on 23 December 2021. Additional minor revisions relayed by the DBM to the DOF on 14 February 2022, which was addressed by the DOF in its revised DTP submission on 18 February 2022. Final observations/recommendations per final in-depth evaluation relayed by the DBM on 17 July 2022, which the DOF addressed in its final DTP submission on 10 November 2022.

In compliance with Section 8.5 of DBM-DILG JMC No. 2021-2, the approved DOF DTP and its Executive Summary, DBM evaluation report, and this letter, shall be posted on the DBM and DILG websites.

For questions and clarifications, your Office may coordinate with the DBM through the Systems and Productivity Improvement Bureau at [dbm-spib@dbm.gov.ph](mailto:dbm-spib@dbm.gov.ph).

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

  
**AMENAH F. PANGANDAMAN**  
Secretary



cc: **OIC-Executive Director Pamela P. Quizon**  
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