

## **ARTA, DICT signs MOU to automate government services**

**September 03, 2019** - The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the strengthening of the partnership between both agencies in the implementation of RA 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business Law, held at the DICT Building, Quezon City earlier today.

ARTA Director General Jeremiah Belgica and DICT Secretary Gregorio Honasan were the main signatories along with ARTA Deputy Director General Ernesto Perez and DICT Assistant Secretary Emmanuel Caintic.

“[Let’s] serve the public interest [and] connect everybody to everyone else: government to other governments; local to global, government to business, government to its citizens. [Let’s] accomplish the objective of ease of doing business through connectivity”, DICT Secretary Honasan expressed after the signing.

Automation of the government system is one of the main features of the law. It mandates DICT to spearhead the development of the Philippine Business Databank and the Central Business Portal which are both essential initiatives to automate and digitize government systems and services. Moreover, the two agencies are planning to implement national modernization plan that aims to equip government agencies with the tools and systems to operate digitally.

Part of the collaboration is the transformation of ARTA into a paperless government agency meaning that all transactions and procedures will be digitized not only to be more efficient but also to be environment friendly.

“We envision to be the first paperless government agency. We want ARTA to be the window to the future of what a government agency would look like”, ARTA DG Belgica articulated.

This collaboration aims to further push for smarter initiatives for a better Philippines, and this MOU signing will strengthen the partnership of the two government agencies to roll out a series of projects that will streamline and reengineer the government through technology.

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