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MESSAGE

The **Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)** congratulates the Community-Based Monitoring System International Network Coordinating Team (CBMS-INCT) for the conduct of the **15th CBMS Philippine National Conference** on March 13-15, 2019 at the Novotel Manila, Araneta Center, Quezon City.

The Annual CBMS National Conference is relevant as it showcases innovative strategies and projects for local government units (LGUs) highlighting the value of CBMS data. The data analytics provided by CBMS gives solid basis for informed decision-making of LGUs, which in turn, ensures evidence-based local planning and targeting, responsiveness of investment programs, and optimal use of their limited resources, among others.

The DILG is pleased to partner with the CBMS-INCT and the local chief executives (LCEs) that have supported the adoption of CBMS since 2003. In the past years, Local Development Councils across the country were mobilized by the Department in an effort to localize the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the national government. Local plans were checked for alignment to PDP, SDGs and other government priorities, and LGUs are assessed on their contribution in the attainment of the said priorities. However, the availability of the needed data was seen as a major constraint in assessing LGU contributions.

It is the reason that the DILG is pushing for the adoption of CBMS by LGUs. We recognize that the CBMS, as a data collection tool for poverty analysis, is a valuable instrument that can be used by the LGUs to accurately assess their situation, address gaps in local service delivery, and monitor their socio-economic progress. It is noteworthy that 39 of the SDG indicators can be derived from CBMS, and these information can be useful in addressing the gaps in local planning, programming, monitoring and evaluation as well as in targeting the needed LGU interventions.

It is with high hopes that through this conference, more LGUs will be encouraged to adopt and sustain the use of the CBMS to improve the responsiveness and quality of LGU service delivery. We need to harness a "*Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahang mga Lokal na Pamahalaan*" with good governance practices that will uplift of the quality of life of our people.

Mabuhay po kayo!

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