

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 39, July 12, 2013]

**MANDATING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO MIGRATE TO THE
GOVERNMENT WEB HOSTING SERVICE (GWHS) OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY OFFICE (DOST-ICTO)**

WHEREAS, Section 24, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall recognize the vital role of communication and information in nation-building;

WHEREAS, Section 2(b) of Executive Order (EO) No. 47 (s. 2011) mandates the ICTO, under the DOST, to provide an efficient information and communications technology infrastructure, information systems and resources to support an effective, transparent and accountable governance and, in particular, support the speedy enforcement of rules and delivery of accessible public services to the people; and

WHEREAS, the government recognizes the need for greater security and robustness in the internet technologies it uses to deliver reliable information and provide state of the art online services, which are free from impairment and disruption.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Establishment of the Government Web Hosting Service (GWHS). DOST-ICTO shall administer, operate and maintain the GWHS to ensure the government's internet presence 24-hours a day, 7-days a week (24/7) under all foreseeable conditions.

GWHS shall be for hosting the websites of National Government Agencies (NGAs), Government Financial Institutions (GFIs) and Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), including websites of inter-agency collaborations, programs and projects.

Hosting of the websites of Constitutional Bodies, Local Government Units (LGUs) and other autonomous branches of the government by the DOST-ICTO shall be encouraged but undertaken at the instance of the above-mentioned government entities.

GWHS shall start operations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this AO.

SECTION 2. Responsibilities of the Implementing Agencies. DOST-ICTO shall administer, operate and maintain the GWHS, pursuant to the policies, rules and regulations set by the National Digital Service Coordinating Group (NDSCG), and shall ensure the efficiency, integrity and reliability of the GWHS, the websites and online services that the GWHS hosts. DOST-ICTO shall likewise provide technical and capacity building assistance to hosted government agencies.