

**[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 56, March 02,
2003]**

**ENJOINING ALL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY (ICT) PROFESSIONALS, EXECUTIVES,
PRACTITIONERS, USERS AND ALLIED PROFESSIONS IN THE
ACADEMY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE TO ATTEND THE
"SYNCHRONICITY CONFERENCES" TO BE CONDUCTED JOINTLY
BY THE PHILIPPINE COMPUTER SOCIETY (PCS) AND THE
PHILIPPINE STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES COMPUTER
EDUCATION AND SYSTEMS SOCIETY (PSUCCESS)**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Computer Society, an organization of ICT professionals and executives in the private and government sectors and the Philippine State Universities and Colleges Computer Education and Systems Society (PSUCCESS) are professional organizations which promote and support effective use of ICT in business and governance; **WHEREAS**, PCS and PSUCCESS will hold Synchronicity Conference on February 2004 in Baguio City and on June 2004 in Cebu City, with the theme "Industry, Government and Academe: Matching Jobs and People"; and **WHEREAS**, the conference aims to encourage concerted efforts towards the use of ICT as a tool for Philippines progress; present and discuss (a) the latest ICT development, (b) latest results of ICT research, (c) ICT best practices, (d) latest updates to the computerized New Government Accounting System (NGAS), and (e) various technopreneurial opportunities in ICT. **NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERTO G. ROMULO**, Executive Secretary, by order of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby order: **SECTION 1.** All heads of government departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, local government units, government-owned and/or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries, government financial institutions, and state universities and colleges are hereby enjoined to:

1. Allow their ICT executives, professionals, practitioners, users, educators and allied professions in the government service to participate in the Synchronicity Conferences 2004, provided that their attendance will not prejudice the regular delivery of service of the agency concerned; and
2. Consider the conference an official staff development activity of the participants, subject to availability of funds.

SEC. 2. All ICT executives, professionals, practitioners, users, educators and allied professions who will participate in the conference are enjoined to:

- 2.1 Participate actively in the discussion; and
- 2.2 Gain additional knowledge about new technological developments as these pertain to their agency situation and needs.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of February, 2004.