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TO : **ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES (ECs)**
 SUBJECT : **Islands of Good Governance (IGG)**

In recognition of the breakthrough results and transformative impact of the Rural Electrification Program, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) now holds the distinction of being part of the pioneer roster of the "Islands of Good Governance" (IGG) awarded by the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA), Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD), and National Competitiveness Council (NCC). In a ceremony held on 21 October 2015 at the Philippine International Convention Center, the NEA was likewise cited as the first government-owned and controlled corporation (GOCC) to qualify for the recognition.

The ISA, ICD, and NCC are collaborating organizations whose goal is to improve the country's competitiveness by allowing public institutions to take on transformative reforms and sustainable governance mechanisms in achieving their milestones.

The breakthrough results for which the NEA was cited by the three organizations, as well as by an internationally convened panel of governance champions and anti-corruption advocates, include attainment of 100% energization of the 32,441 sitios, attainment of additional 1.4 million consumer connections, and provision of PHP 5 billion financial assistance to the ECs. The NEA was also lauded by the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) for "going beyond what it has officially been required and engaging the public further through the private sector initiatives such as the Islands of Good Governance."

This recognition is clearly an outcome of our initiatives to raise the level of public service and institute practices of good governance that hopefully will ripple throughout the country. As we have repeatedly remarked during the Public Revalida, these efforts should be seen as a confluence of the values of solidarity and visionary leadership we have long been practising in our own ranks, and which we hope could be replicated in other public and private institutions to pave the way for a sustainable and embedded governance program in the Philippines.

In this light, we would like to extend our gratitude to all the ECs for always taking part in our initiatives to elevate the standards of public service and make good governance the centerpiece of all our undertakings. We hope this recognition will inspire you more to create a lasting difference in the lives of the rural Filipinos and contribute even further to our goal of widening the compass of the Rural Electrification Program as a key element in the making of a stronger and progressive economy.

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 Administrator





2 November 2015

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CC : Mr. Francisco A. Caymo, Strategic Planning Division

Dear Administrator Bueno,

In behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA), I wish to congratulate the National Electrification Administration for being named among the Philippines' first Islands of Good Governance. It was a privilege for us and our co-convenors, the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) and the National Competitiveness Council (NCC), to recognize you as a model of sustainable transformation at par with global standards of governance at our October 20-21, 2015 Public Governance Forum at the Philippine International Convention Center in Manila.

Your participation made it possible for us to successfully launch a historic event that is part of a greater movement to spur transformation and progress in our country. By speaking from the heart about the NEA's breakthroughs and transformations, you inspired many from both the public and private sector to dream of a better future led by Philippine institutions such as your own.

As a special privilege of being part of the pioneer group of awardees, we are pleased to extend an invitation to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) luncheon hosted by the chairpersons of the APEC Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) and the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) precisely to showcase our initiative as the concrete result of Philippine efforts at reform. This will take place on Friday, 13 November 2015, from 12:00 nn to 2:00 pm at the Fairmont Hotel in Makati. Please expect the formal invitation from APEC soon; and in the meantime confirm if you, the head of your Office for Strategy Management (OSM), and one other representative of your institution can attend.

We hope that moving forward you can continue to be part of our endeavour to build an archipelago of governance, this time involving even more institutions, communities, and citizens in the fight for lasting change.

Please rest assured of our partnership and support. The journey continues!

In solidarity,

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