MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL OPERATING UNITS INVOLVED IN THE E-LINK PROJECT

DATE : 22 July 2002

May I share with you the congratulatory note given by Secretary Patricia A. Sto. Tomas for our efforts to comply with our commitments regarding the E-Link for OFWs, as appearing in the attached marginal note in my 2 July 2002 report updating her of the progress of the E-Link Project.

Let this serve as an encouragement for all of us in our effort to meet, if not surpass, our target programs for our OFWs.

ROSALINDA DIMAPILIS-BALDOZ
Administrator
May we provide the Secretary the update on the e-Link which we were supposed to present at the Senior Officials Meeting last Friday.

1. We have made a head way in the Contract Processing Hub. The computerization of POEA processing system is almost 90% completed. The work on the remaining 10% for the balik-manggagawa sector will be completed this month.

2. We have accomplished 40% of the tasks/activities of the hub. The module for the data sharing with OWWA is finished and ready to be used for the e-Card being issued to balik-manggagawa on 15 July.

3. We began issuing the e-Card to agency-endorsed new hires and GPB hires is 1 October 2002.

4. POEA will be electronically connected to the labor assistance centers at the two Manila international airports beginning 1 August. The e-Card will be swiped and read by the machine readers that will be installed for the purpose.

5. We began implementing the unified form for OFWs last 6 May.

6. We shall implement the single electronic receipt with OWWA on 1 August. Since Land Bank is not yet ready to operate at POEA, OWWA and POEA cashiers will do the collection.

7. The electronic receipt will be issued with the e-Card in the meantime that the card readers are not available. It will gradually take the place of the OEC. Once the machines are available, the electronic receipt will be dropped.

8. PTA and MIAA welcomed the introduction of the e-Card and e-Receipt. The e-Receipt will be used by the PTA and MIAA for exemption of the OFW from the payment of travel tax and terminal fee, respectively.

9. Our decision to drop the OEC in favor of the e-Card will save the government some P5M.

10. POEA will e-link with PhilHealth and SSS next. Timetable is 15 August 2002 and 30 August 2002, respectively.

11. By end of December 2002, POEA shall have been connected electronically to its regional centers in Cebu and Davao.

ITECC reiterated today its interest in pursuing the bigger component of the project Director Pena was confident ITECC could get foreign funding for the e-connectivity of the three other hubs. He also volunteered to talk to Secretary Boncodin for the release of the P11M.

For the Secretary's information.

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Administrator