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DTI wins FOI Award for 4 consecutive years



The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), joined by other agencies, is once again recognized during the 2022 FOI Awards held on 25 November 2022 as one of the Agencies With 500 to 999 Requests and With At Least 90% Closed Transactions.”

For four consecutive years, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is recognized during the Freedom of Information (FOI) Awards 2022 as among the “Agencies With 500 to 999 Requests and With At Least 90% Closed Transactions.”

The FOI-Project Management Office of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) announced the award on 25 November 2022 via the FOI Philippines’ Facebook page during the celebration of the 6th year implementation of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Program in the Philippines. The 2022 FOI Awards Screening Committee conducted an evaluation and deliberation of the nominees and potential awardees based on the criteria provided under the FOI Memorandum Circular No. 22-02.

For the period of January to November, a total of 1,100 FOI requests have been received and processed by DTI through the eFOI portal with an average of 2.8 days despite the pandemic. Regular FOI training sessions and updating of the FOI Directory are also conducted to further capacitate the FOI teams of the Department. In addition, the FOI tracking system is continuously updated and maintained to ensure that every FOI request lodged with DTI is well attended to, processed, and acted upon on time.



Notably, the FOI Certificate of Compliance 2021 was issued to DTI in May 2022, making it five years in a row for the Department to receive such compliance, which is a requirement under Administrative Order 25, series of 2011, for the granting of the Performance-Based Bonus (PBB).

Previous recognitions of the Department include an FOI Award in 2019 for “being one of the top requested and performing agencies in the eFOI Portal and for its exceptional and significant contribution to the Freedom of Information Program’s progress and development” and an FOI Award in 2020 as among one of the “Agencies With 250 to 499 Requests and With At Least 90% Closed Transactions.”

These awards serve as proof that the Department is a reliable and strong partner of the Administration in its quest for information transparency for the nation. In DTI, KMIS functioning as the Department’s FOI coordinating office, working closely with the network of designated FROs and FOI Decision Makers (FDMs) from Bureaus and Offices. The KMIS Director serves as the FOI Appeals Officer for the Central Office, while the Regional Director performs this function within their respective region, as provided for in Department Order No. 17-01.