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## DTI bags FOI Award for the 5th time



*In behalf of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Knowledge Management and Information Service (KMIS) Officer-in-Charge Annalyn J. Flores and FOI Receiving Officer Cresenciano P. Par receive this year's Freedom of Information (FOI) Award from the Presidential Communications Office (PCO). The award was presented to DTI by PCO Undersecretary for Operations, Administration, Finance, and GOCCs Cherbeth Karen L. Maralit and PCO Assistant Secretary for Finance Jefferson G. Ang during a ceremony held on 20 November 2023 at the Hilton Manila, Pasay City.*

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) received the 2023 Freedom of Information (FOI) Award as among the top performing government agencies in resolving FOI requests. The FOI-Project Management Office of the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) bestowed the award to DTI on 20 November 2023 at Hilton Manila in Pasay City during the celebration of the seventh year implementation of FOI program in the country.

The DTI was chosen out of 592 government agencies onboard the eFOI portal, with the citation “Agencies With 500 to 999 Requests and With At Least 90% Closed Transactions.” This year's award is already five years in a row for DTI - a testament to a sustained commitment to transparency and accountability in governance.

The Knowledge Management and Information Service-Information and Creative Services Division (ICSD) continues to function as the Department's FOI coordinating office, working together with FOI Receiving Officers (FROs) and FOI Decision Makers FDMs from across the DT's bureaus and offices.

Moving forward, this year's FOI Summit with the theme "Transforming Transparency: Digitalizing Access to Information, Embracing Globalization and Sustaining a Culture of Openness," positioned the key role of digitalization and artificial intelligence in revolutionizing access to information landscape in the Philippines and in other countries.