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DTI holds Privacy Impact Assessment



NPC Deputy Privacy Commissioner Damian Domingo O. Mapa facilitates the DTI Privacy Impact Assessment Workshop held last 24 May 2017 at the MSG Conference Room, 5F, DTI Main Building, Makati City.

The core processes of bureaus and offices that collect and process personal data under the Management Services Group (MSG) underwent a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) Workshop as facilitated by the National Privacy Commission (NPC).

This PIA aimed to identify possible risks in processing personal data and measures to prevent personal data breach, or accidental or unlawful destruction of personal data due to security violations.

Personal Information Controllers (PICs) from the Financial Management System (FMS), Human Resource and Administrative Service (HRAS), Knowledge Management and Information Service (KMIS), Legal Service, and the Program Management Team on Business Registration (PMT-BR), presented the preliminary privacy assessment results of their respective data processes.

These data processes include business name registration; recruitment, selection, and placement; handling of personal data of personnel; management of training participants' data; conduct of performance management; processing of payables and remittances; issuance of certificates of no pending cases and legal opinions; review of contracts and department orders; and cases/appeals. Also included in these processes were the client query servicing and library client servicing.

The NPC, led by **Deputy Privacy Commissioner Damian Domingo O. Mapa**, facilitated the workshop, evaluating the Department's data processes and recommending means of improving DTI's measures of protecting personal information.

"We should prioritize activities like this so we can anticipate risks and immediately come up with ample controls. This way, we can be sure that the personal data of our people are safe and protected," he said, explaining the purpose of the assessment workshop.

Mapa also discussed the framework for interventions against non-compliance to Republic Act (RA) 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, stressing the need to hold privacy trainings for all members of DTI, particularly for frontline officers.

On the same note, **Dr. Rolando L. Lansigan** of NPC tackled the sign-off process of PIA, emphasizing the actions to be done after the assessment. He also reminded the participants that the Department has to establish a privacy management program and convene a breach response team.

For her part, **KMIS Director and DTI Data Protection Officer Patricia May M. Abejo** enjoined the participants to ensure proper handling of personal data in their respective work. She added that the results of the PIA shall serve as basis in crafting the DTI's privacy management program.

"All of us have an important role in protecting data. Compliance is not just the responsibility of yours truly as Data Protection Officer. It is a shared responsibility," she said, encouraging the participants to support the succeeding activities on data privacy.



Deputy Commissioner Mapa (seated, second from left), together with KMIS Dir. Abejo (seated, center), NPC Data Security and Technology Standards Division OIC Chief Jonathan Y. Ragsag (seated, rightmost), Internal Audit Service (IAS) Dir. Edgar C. Herrera (seated, second from left), Regional Operations Group (ROG) Chief of Staff Emma C. Asusano (seated, leftmost), and representatives from different DTI bureaus/offices pose for a photo during the workshop.

The DTI held the Data Privacy Orientation on 7 April 2017 to jumpstart discussions on the Act's implementation in the Department. It was likewise conducted with the support of the NPC.

During the orientation, Mapa, together with **Atty. Vida Bocar** of NPC Compliance Division, tackled the guidelines for complying with the said act and the salient features of NPC Circular No. 16-01 on the Security of Personal Data in Government Agencies. It also served as a venue for bureaus/offices under DTI to clarify their roles in the implementation of data privacy measures.

As prescribed by the NPC, assessment workshops and other privacy trainings are also expected to be conducted in the next few months to further strengthen data protection in DTI.