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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

The Association of Government Internal Auditors (AGIA), Inc. will be holding the 3rd Local Government Units Forum on **August 18-20, 2025**, from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM** at the **Royce Hotel, Clark, Pampanga**, with the theme: **"Fostering Internal Audit in the LGUs: A Path to Stronger Local Governance."**

This forum aims to create a collaborative platform where Internal Auditors and other LGU Officials and Functionaries can discuss challenges and share insights toward establishing and strengthening Internal Audit Units (IAUs) in local government units. This initiative is in line with **Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Circular Letter No. 2023-14** issued on **27 October 2023** and **Commission on Audit (COA) Circular No. 2009-006**, which mandate the creation of IAUs in all national government agencies, government-owned or -controlled corporations, and local government units, in accordance with the **Philippine Internal Auditing Framework**.

Furthermore, the forum supports the full realization of **Section 3(b) of Republic Act No. 7160** (Local Government Code of 1991), which underscores the importance of efficiency and accountability in local governance—principles best advanced through institutionalized internal audit mechanisms. The **DBM-COA Joint Circular No. 1, s. 2008** also serves as a pivotal issuance guiding LGUs in establishing their IAUs as an essential component of good governance and risk management.

Importantly, the **institutionalization of Internal Audit Services (IAS)/Internal Audit Units (IAU)** is also one of the **essential governance areas** under the **Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG)**, pursuant to **DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2023-077** and relevant SGLG Implementing Rules. Hence, strengthening internal audit functions directly contributes to an LGU's qualification for the SGLG—a prestigious recognition for excellence in local governance.

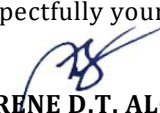
We have invited esteemed resource speakers to share knowledge on audit institutionalization, contemporary practices, and tools for conducting effective internal audits amid evolving governance challenges. Interactive sessions will also be conducted to facilitate peer learning and cooperative problem-solving among LGU participants.

This forum will be conducted face-to-face, with a registration fee of **Php 8,400.00**. An online participation option is also available for **Php 3,000.00**. We highly encourage early registration. Kindly register online through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/LGUForum2025>, or visit our website at [www.agiaphil.org](http://www.agiaphil.org) for more details.

For inquiries, please reach out to us via our website, our official Facebook Page **@AGIAPhilippines**, or email us at [agiaforums@gmail.com](mailto:agiaforums@gmail.com).

We look forward to your participation in this vital initiative to build a more transparent, responsive, and accountable local governance landscape.

Very respectfully yours,

  
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