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Subject: Creation of TB Summit Committees

Tuberculosis is still a problem in the Philippines. In 1996, it ranked 5th in mortality and 6th in morbidity among the ten leading causes of deaths and illness respectively. The Philippines ranks 3rd in the world in terms of case notification rate. It is also one of the identified 22 high-burden countries with TB worldwide. Hence, the Department of Health had developed policies and guidelines to control TB in the country. However, TB control is not sole responsibility of the DOH alone. All other stakeholders should share in this endeavor. Together, all must speak with one voice, hence, the TB Summit has been planned.

The TB Summit shall be the venue to come up with an integrated policy for the TB Control Program in the Philippines. Its objectives include: (1) Formalize involvement of government institutions in the National Tuberculosis Control Program and (2) Establish support mechanism for sustaining private health sector involvement on NTP.

Three Committees from both the government and private sectors are hereby created to prepare the activities for said TB Summit:

A. Over-all Organizing Committee:

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| 1. Dr. Rodrigo Romulo | PhilCAT | Chairperson |
| 2. Dr. Myrna C. Cabotaje | NCDPC-DOH | Co-Chairperson |
| 3. Dr. Jaime Y. Lagahid | CID-DOH | Member |
| 4. Dr. Camilo Roa | PhilCAT | Member |
| 5. Dr. Takashi Kasai | Adviser – WHO | Member |

B. Government Institution Committee:

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| 1. Dr. Rosalind G. Vianzon | CID-DOH |
| 2. Dr. Bernard Waldimar Rivera | CID-DOH |
| 3. Ms. Luzviminda Garcia | CID-DOH |
| 4. Ms. Cirila Negad | CID-DOH |

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C. Private-Public Partnership Committee:

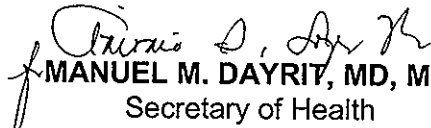
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| 1. Dr. Jaime Montoya | PhilCAT |
| 2. Dr. Charles Yu | PhilCAT |
| 3. Dr. Angeles M. Hernandez | CID-DOH |
| 4. Dr. Jennifer Tan | CID-DOH |
| 5. Dr. Madeline Valera | PHIC |

Ms. Amelia Sarmiento of PhilCAT and **Ms. Gina Asuncion** of NCDPC-DOH will provide administrative support to the committees.

Functions:

1. Organize the government institution and public-private partnership committees that would work on an integrated TB policy in the Philippines
2. Ensure the development of a comprehensive and integrated policy for tuberculosis control in the Philippines
3. Ensure the conduct of the TB summit in August 2002

All activities conducted by the committees with the government sector shall be charged to TB Control Program funds subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.


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