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COMMISSION ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

**LAUNCHING OF THE TESTS, ANALYSES AND CALIBRATION INFORMATION  
SYSTEM (TACIS) PORTAL FOR DOST**  
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***Message***

**SECRETARY RAY ANTHONY ROXAS-CHUA III**  
***Chairman, Commission on Information and Communications Technology***

**Secretary Nina Alabastro, other members of the DOST family, fellow government workers, guests, ladies and gentlemen. Good morning!**

**I would like to start by thanking our partners from the various research and development institutes and regional offices of the Department of Science and Technology who have been very keen in the entire development process of the Tests, Analyses and Calibration Information System, or TACIS. Today, we mark another milestone in our e-government efforts as we launch the TACIS Portal which will automate DOST's frontline services for greater efficiency and transparency.**

**Efficiency and transparency are two key components of effective public service. Government agencies have long been confronted with credibility and inefficiency issues and the onset of the information age has shown that ICT can be a valuable tool in addressing these concerns. The Philippine government acknowledges this fact as evidenced in the 2004-2010 Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), which articulates of the government's commitment to use ICT in strengthening governance for national development.**

**As the lead ICT policy agency of the government, CICT is the strongest proponent of e-government initiatives. The TACIS Project, which is supported by our e-Government Fund, has two major objectives: (1) to develop a web-based system that provides 24/7 access to online registration, testing fee inquiry, test results and report status, and (2) to automate and enhance the testing, analysis and calibration processes of DOST.**

**Today we will witness the launching of the TACIS Portal which consists of the client, laboratory and monitoring modules. Through the Portal, DOST's clients will have the power to manage their personal profiles, access services and facilitate transactions at their fingertips. This is a realization of CICT's vision of an "electronic bureaucracy" that effectively delivers government's services to a greater number of Filipinos in the timeliest manner possible.**

**The TACIS Portal has yet to endure real world testing by our citizenry before we can ensure its flawless operation. However, with continued collaboration between DOST and CICT, I believe TACIS will continue to gain functionality and credibility over time. I urge members of DOST and CICT, as well as other partners, to lend their expertise for the continuous improvement of the TACIS Project. Let us not forget that our collaborative efforts are what brought us to this launching ceremony today.**

**I would like to close by saying that the CICT is honored to have played an important role in the realization of this project and I assure you of our continued support.**

**Thank you very much and congratulations to all!**