



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATORS, DEPARTMENT MANAGERS, REGIONAL IRRIGATION MANAGERS, OPERATION MANAGERS, PROJECT MANAGERS, PROVINCIAL IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT OFFICERS, IRRIGATION SUPERINTENDENTS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : THE ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT : NIA IMT POLICY AND IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

Pursuant to the NIA Board of Directors' Resolution No. 7497-08 Series of 2008 dated 26 May 2008, the attached NIA Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) Policy and Implementing Guidelines are issued as references in the planning and implementation of irrigation development programs particularly in the management of the Operation and Maintenance of all National Irrigation Systems (NISs).

Any program that implements the IMT policy and guidelines shall be called the "**Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) Program**". The IMT Program supersedes or encompasses all other programs of NIA relating to the organization and development of IAs in the NISs as well as in irrigation projects undergoing construction, rehabilitation and/or modernization.

Existing NIS management contracts shall be reviewed in accordance with the set of criteria herein provided and shall be modified or revoked, if necessary. All new management contracts shall conform to the models set forth in this IMT Policy and Implementation Guidelines.

In order that the IMT Program can be implemented effectively it is emphasized that the IA formation and strengthening activities are integral part of all infrastructure development either for new construction or rehabilitation/improvement of irrigation systems. This is to ensure that the IA is prepared to be involved and participate from planning, design and construction of the infrastructure works, and, thus, the IA shall have established accountability and ownership of the facilities and structures which will be turned over to them for the management of operation and maintenance after completion of construction and/or rehabilitation. This is accomplished by giving priority to the IA to undertake civil works or labor contract depending on its capability.

Henceforth, all projects either new construction or rehabilitation/modernization and funded either through foreign loan or local sources shall be implemented in accordance with this circular.

All memorandum circulars or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this NIA IMT Policy are hereby revoked and/or modified accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

For strict compliance.

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OIC-Administrator

Date Signed: 29 Sept '08

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