



**Hon. Eliseo M. Rio, Jr.**

Undersecretary, Officer-in-Charge  
Department of Information and Communications Technology

USec. Eliseo M. Rio, Jr. was appointed as Officer-in-Charge of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) dated 10 October 2017, concurrent to his position as Undersecretary for Special Concerns. His office is in charge with the formulation of policies, planning, and programming of Cybersecurity and Emergency Communications and the implementation of strategic programs and projects, and regional operations. He also holds a supervisory role of the Cybercrime Investigation Coordination Center (CICC), the National Privacy Commission (NPC), and the COMELEC Advisory Council (CAC), as well as overseeing duties regarding the participation of the DICT in the activities of the NDRRMC.

He is an Electronics and Communication Engineer (ECE) and was one of the top notches (4th place) in ECE Licensure Examination conducted in 1971.

He served the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and is now a retired Brigadier General. He held various positions in the AFP Research and Development Center (AFPRDC) from September 1968 to April 1969. USec. Rio was assigned with Communication Company, 4th Inf. Division, in Mindanao from 16 October 1969 to May 1971.

He was selected as the "Most Outstanding Professional in the Field of Electronics and Communication for the Year 2002" by the Philippine Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). Undersecretary Rio was a former Commissioner at the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC). One of his significant accomplishments in NTC was paved the way to the proliferation of Call Centers and BPO's, now one of the country's biggest dollar earners, by enacting in year 2002, NTC MC 08-07-2002: - Rules And Regulations Authorizing Entities Other Than Public Telecommunications Entities To Install And Operate Public Calling Stations/Offices and Telecenters.