

## **PMDC Staffs Attend 1st National Data Privacy Conference**

The National Privacy Commission (NPC) launched the 1st National Data Privacy Conference themed “Protecting the Filipino’s Right to Data Privacy” on May 28-29, 2018 at the Philippine International Convention Center attended by members of the PMDC Committee on Data Privacy Protection. The conference aims to equip the Data Protection Officers (DPO) in their roles as privacy and data protection champions of their respective organizations and professions.

The first day kicked off with an opening message by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Eliseo M. Rio, Jr. who discussed *The DICT Roadmap: Protecting Data Privacy Rights of Filipinos*, then followed by a message from the Keynote Speaker Senator Juan Eduardo “Sonny” M. Angara. The Privacy Commissioner and Chairman, Raymund Enriquez Liboro delivered the Privacy Commissioner’s Report with a discourse on *Protecting the Filipino’s Right to Data Privacy. Building Privacy Resilience. Enabling the Filipino DPO* while DTI Undersecretary Ruth B. Castelo shared insights on the topic *Protecting the Filipino Consumer Rights in the Digital Age* and finally, DBM Undersecretary Lilia C. Guillermo discussed the *Data Privacy and the Philippine Development Plan: Paving the way towards a Hightrust Society*.

The conference also boosted several topics on DPO during Breakout Sessions such as Enabling the Filipino DPO, Upgrading the DPOs Skillset, and Achieving Global Excellence in Data Privacy Governance.

The plenary sessions include topics on Global Frameworks for Data Privacy Protection, Pinoy Social Media: Ethics and Privacy, Trust Encounters: Google, and NPC.The Road Ahead.

The conference ended with the DPO Oath-taking and Closing remarks.