

"We are grateful to our countrymen who have accomplished so much in their chosen careers abroad and have taken the time and effort to share their knowledge and expertise for the benefit of the country. Mr. Manongdo's invaluable contribution to the ICTO will go a long way in developing an integrated government," Denis Villorente, NCC Officer-in-Charge and project leader of the iGov project said.

Originally established in 1975, The Balik Scientist Program of the Department of Science and Technology aims to support and strengthen the scientific and technological human resources in the Philippines and reverse the effects of migration of skilled workers by encouraging Filipino scientists and technicians to return to the country and share their expertise and promote scientific, and economic development. *(Roy Espiritu and Allan Ace Aclan, S & T Media Service)*