



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 375-2023

FOR: CONCERNED JUDGES OF THE 1ST AND 2ND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN THE JAIL DECONGESTION SUMMIT

The Justice Sector Coordinating Council (JSCC), with Principal Convenor Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo, is organizing the **Jail Decongestion Summit** on December **6 to 7, 2023** at the **Diamond Hotel Philippines**, Roxas Boulevard cor. Dr. J. Quintos Street, Manila.

The JSCC was organized and established on April 30, 2010 to serve as a forum for dialogue on issues of common interest and a mechanism for effective sharing of information in support of the planning and the implementation of joint initiatives among justice sector institutions, specifically, the Supreme Court (SC), the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). The JSCC member institutions work together on issues affecting the justice system while at all times respecting and preserving the independence of their respective offices and attached agencies. Since its inception, the JSCC has taken substantial strides towards realizing timely coordination between and among justice sector agencies and stakeholders.

Its next major undertaking, the Jail Decongestion Summit, is being organized with a vision towards an improved correctional and reformation system. It aims to comprehensively and strategically address congestion in detention facilities through a holistic approach by reviewing the present rules and processes to reduce admissions, increase releases of persons deprived of liberty (PDLs), and expand the capacity of jail facilities, among other key interventions and programs, through the coordinative efforts of the justice sector institutions.

The Summit shall be a venue to introduce and discuss short, medium, and long-term strategies and the corresponding proposed activities, initiatives, and other interventions to address this critical issue.

The following Judges are enjoined to participate in the two-day Summit:

ON OFFICIAL TIME:

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| 1. Hon. Gwyn P. Calina | RTC Br. 44, Manila |
| 2. Hon. Maria Sophia S. Taylor | RTC Br. 31, Manila |
| 3. Hon. Restituto V. Mangalindan, Jr. | RTC Br. 280, Mandaluyong City |
| 4. Hon. Rosanna Fe R. Maglaya | RTC Br. 88, Quezon City |

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| 5. Hon. Pia Cristina Bersamin-Embuscado | RTC Br. 198, Las Piñas City |
| 6. Hon. Gina Bibat-Palamos | RTC Br. 64, Makati City |
| 7. Hon. Rey P. Inciong | RTC Br. 263, Marikina City |
| 8. Hon. Myra B. Quiambao | RTC Br. 203, Muntinlupa City |
| 9. Hon. Bernard D. Rosario | RTC Br. 120, Caloocan City |
| 10. Hon. Regina Paz R. Chavez | RTC Br. 274, Parañaque City |
| 11. Hon. Achilles Aristotle C. Balauitan | RTC Br. 154, Pasig City |
| 12. Hon. Jimmy Edmund G. Batara | RTC Br. 72, Malabon City |
| 13. Hon. Romana Maria Melchora L. del Rosario | RTC Br. 287, Navotas City |
| 14. Hon. Racquelen A. Vasquez | RTC Br. 116, Pasay City |
| 15. Hon. Byron G. San Pedro | RTC Br. 15-FC, Taguig City |
| 16. Hon. Bernard P. Bernal | RTC Br. 70, Taguig City |

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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| 17. Hon. Mia Joy C. Oallares-Cawed | RTC Br. 4, Baguio City |
| 18. Hon. Benigno C. Abila | RTC Br. 117, Angeles City |
| 19. Hon. Elenita Macatangay-Alviar | RTC Br. 121, Meycauayan City |
| 20. Hon. Marion Jacqueline P. Poblete | RTC Br. 3, Balanga City |
| 21. Hon. Glenda R. Mendoza-Ramos | RTC Br. 36, Calamba City |
| 22. Hon. Banuar Reuben A. Falcon | RTC Br. 71, Antipolo City |
| 23. Hon. Edgardo R. Sison | RTC Br. 140, Antipolo City |
| 24. Hon. Michael C. Maranan | RTC Br. 134, Tagaytay City |
| 25. Hon. Ruben E. Sevillano, Jr. | RTC Br. 45,
San Jose, Occidental Mindoro |
| 26. Hon. Purificacion A. Baring-Tuvera | RTC Br. 23, Trece Martires City |
| 27. Hon. Arnold Rimon Martinez | RTC Br. 108, Cabuyao City |
| 28. Hon. Rose Marie J. Manalang-Austria | RTC Br. 87, Rosario, Batangas |
| 29. Hon. Maricel M. Magpantay-Ng | RTC Br. 58, Lucena City |
| 30. Hon. Jocelyn S. Dilig | RTC Br. 47, Puerto Princesa City |
| 31. Hon. Pablo C. Formaran III | RTC Br. 21, Naga City |
| 32. Hon. Phoebe Gargantiel-Balbin | RTC Br. 45, Bacolod City |
| 33. Hon. Marlon Jay G. Moneva | RTC Br. 74, Cebu City |

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| 34. Hon. Dexter L. Aguilar | RTC Br. 10, Abuyog, Leyte |
| 35. Hon. Peter V. Eisma | RTC Br. 15, Zamboanga City |
| 36. Hon. Retrina E. Fuentes | RTC Br. 10, Davao City |
| 37. Hon. Gemma G. Betonio | RTC Br. 4,
Panabo, Davao del Norte |
| 38. Hon. Ruth B. Bawayan | MTCC Br. 6, Baguio City |
| 39. Hon. Ireneo M. Lustre | MTCC, Santa Rosa, Laguna |
| 40. Hon. Bernadette V. Tagalag-Viniegra | MTCC Branch 2, Cavite City |

Attendance of the above-named judges is mandatory and on OFFICIAL TIME/OFFICIAL BUSINESS, as indicated above.

The participating judges shall see to it that their respective court calendars are properly managed, and the parties notified in advance of any cancelled hearings.

Any communication relating to this activity should be addressed to the Summit Secretariat through this email address: jaildecongestionsummit.sc@judiciary.gov.ph.

Issued this 23rd day of November 2023.



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