

# 3rd telco player to be announced in July

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The country's third telco player would be named before President Duterte's State of the Nation Address (SONA) in July, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) said yesterday.

"Our self-imposed timeline is before the SONA of the President for the awarding," DICT officer-in-charge Eliseo Rio Jr. told reporters yesterday.

This, as he said the DICT is still working on the draft terms of reference (TOR) for the selection of the country's third telco player.

He said DICT expects to make available the draft TOR within the last week of April.

After the draft is released, he said consultations would be conducted with stakeholders before coming up with a final version by the second week of May.

After the final version is released, he said interested bidders would have time to prepare their offers from June until around the first week of July.

Last Feb.19, the DICT released the first draft TOR for the selection of the new telco player.