Nat'l ID offers ease in transactions - Año

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The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) stressed that the implementation of the national identification system is vital to fast-track government transactions, facilitate the delivery of public services and improve law enforcement tasks.

DILG Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Eduardo M. Año emphasized the national ID system will make transactions with the frontline government agencies smoother as only one ID will be required to avail public services.

"With a national ID system in place, it will be very convenient for both the public as well as the government. It will simplify and shorten processes because there will be no need to present multiple IDs or fill out multiple forms just to prove one's legal identity in dealing with both government and private institutions," Año said.

He added that all will be helped by the system because all Filipinos will now have a valid government issued ID that's free of charge. "No more using of cedulas as identification," he added. Año added with no hassles in presenting different IDs transaction time will be cut short and the delivery of public services will be hastened.

Año explained that the same ease will be felt by the public when they transact with the private sector which will likewise recognize the credibility of the lone national ID.

The ID card may be presented in opening bank accounts, registering as a voter, getting admitted to hospitals and schools, applying for passports and driver's licenses, requesting social welfare and services and benefits from government agencies.