

conducted by the WEF with its network of Partner Institutes in the countries included in the said report; the Survey provides unique data on many qualitative institutional and business environment issues;

WHEREAS, the cross-country analysis of the drivers of networked readiness provides useful comparative information for making business decisions and additional value to governments wishing to improve their ICT preparedness;

WHEREAS, Denmark is the most networked economy in the world, followed by Sweden and Switzerland. Among the top ten, the Republic of Korea (9) and, to a lesser extent, the United States (4) post the most notable improvements (moving up 10 and 3 positions, respectively);

WHEREAS, other Southeast Asian economies were still ahead of the Philippines, with Singapore at the 5th spot, Malaysia and 26th, Thailand at 40th, Vietnam at 73rd and Indonesia at 76th;

WHEREAS, according to Global Competitiveness Network Senior Economist Irene Mia, the successful experience of the Nordic countries, Singapore, the United States or Korea shows that a coherent government vision on the importance of ICT, coupled with an early focus on education and innovation, are key not only for spurring networked readiness, but also to lay the foundations for sustainable growth;

WHEREAS, the Report has become the world's most comprehensive and authoritative international assessment of the impact of ICT on the development process and the competitiveness of nations; under the theme Fostering Innovation through Networked Readiness, this year's Report places a particular focus on the role of networked readiness in spurring innovation through topics covered in the analytical chapters;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged lack of propensity of the Philippines in using Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Adopted,


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