

Welcome Remarks

**NATIONAL SUMMIT: COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP TOWARDS
ENHANCING THE DIGNITY OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY**

**By: JAIL DIRECTOR ROSENDO M DIAL, CESO III
Chief, BJMP**

Greetings.....

An event, which may well be construed as a precursor to the ultimate makeover that we all wish to come conveniently to our age-old system of treating Persons Deprived of Liberties , is about to happen today in this place where the **sunset** is viewed in the far-away horizon at its awesome best.

I take particular mention of **sunset in the area** not so much for the context of it as ending the day, but for the pleasant spectacle that premises a bright prospect for an endeavor to a beholder who may need an inspiration to help him walk the way to the goal.

We who are gathered today for this two-day summit are certainly too hopeful as to be like that beholder needing an inspiration and seeing it in the enthusiasm radiating from the faces of all who are around to attend it.

There cannot be reason so powerful enough to hold us away from being inspired by everyone's presence and be with the rest, whose passion for the less fortunate people in law and society is made more fervent by the nature of their work as belonging to agencies under the Criminal Justice System.

No other could be more understanding of the plight of the PDLs than us who are inherently tasked by virtue of our employment to look after their welfare in consonance with the requirements of law. They are like a child to us – babysitting them for the government – so that their welfare lies so much in our hands because of that responsibility.

And, being such as they are to us, we have known so much about them – what makes them cry or laugh; that which they crave for, or simply dream about; and, most of all, how they thirst about someone's showing deep concern for them. This **“National Summit on Collaborative Partnership Towards Enhancing the Dignity of Persons Deprived of Liberty”** cannot be less expressive of that intent

on our part to show them concern, like how they would want to know that government and society have not left them to their fate alone.

And, that out of their cloistered nooks are people like us who still care and bent on exploring ways and ideas to fit them well to a dignity they may have once partially lost but not altogether as belonging to the human race.

With this insight, I most gladly **welcome** all the participating agencies and/or their representatives to this congregation that is so organized for the sake of our fellow citizens, more so as human beings, who should remain dignified as such in spite of the wrongs they may have wittingly or unwittingly committed against our civil society.

Again, welcome!