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A monthly digest of news and updates about identification systems in the Philippines

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Blockchain proposed to make National ID more secure

Philippine-based tech startup Tetrix proposes to use the same tech that powers cryptocurrencies to make the National ID system more secure. The proposal assumes that by using blockchain, the government can ensure that national IDs are tamper-proof. **READ MORE →**

November 3
60% of Filipinos favor SIM card law – SWS survey

Around 60% of Filipinos favor the recently signed SIM Card Registration Act while 66% believe it could help fight crimes carried out through mobile phones, a Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey reported. The survey was conducted from Sept. 29 to Oct. 2 and interviewed 1,500 adults nationwide. **READ MORE →**

November 4

GSIS shifts from UMID cards to digital app

The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) said it is discontinuing the production of the Unified Multi-Purpose ID (UMID) cards as it migrates to digital platforms. The shift was due to the launching of the GSIS Touch, a digital application. **READ MORE →**

November 7

SSS, RCBC promote financial inclusion among members through UMID pay cards

The Social Security System (SSS) and the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation recently signed a pact that makes every SSS member part of the financial system through the UMID Pay Cards. **READ MORE →**

November 18

Public consultation for SIM registration rules set on Dec. 5

A public hearing on the proposed implementing rules of the SIM registration law will be held virtually on Dec. 5. It will allow stakeholders to comment on the proposed guidelines prepared by the technical working group. **READ MORE →**

November 24

PSA eyes issuing unique PhilSys number to registrants by early 2023

PhilSys registration OIC Engineer Fred Sollesta said 71.1 million Filipinos have already registered for the national ID, with 25 million physical cards already issued. This leaves the agency with some 50 million physical cards of backlog. **READ MORE →**

November 29

DoJ says no to black and white natl ID photos

The proposal to change colored photos in the Philippine Identification System ID (PhilID) to monochrome is "legally infirm," Justice Secretary Remulla said. The modification is part of the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority meant to enhance photo quality. **READ MORE →**

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