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

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**Makati recognized for digital sustainability and public aid
distribution**

E-wallet giant GCash recognized Makati during its Digital Excellence Awards. Mayor Binay said the Makatizen Card's GCash feature helped improve access to financial services, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. [READ MORE →](#)

December 6

Marcos orders PSA to speed up printing of digital nat'l IDs

President Marcos Jr. on Tuesday directed the Philippine Statistics Authority to ensure the prompt printing of electronic Philippine IDs, the digital version of the Philippine Identification System ID, amid issues concerning the government's printing capacity. [READ MORE →](#)

December 9

Union Bank, RCBC to issue SSS pay cards

In a statement, SSS president, Michael Regino, said that UBP regular savings account holders can now link their SSS UMID ATM Pay Cards. By the first quarter of 2023, RCBC will also be ready to issue UMID ATM Pay Cards to SSS members.

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Other IDs no longer required if driver's licenses are presented to enforcers

The Land Transportation Office issued an advisory amid reports that some law enforcers are confiscating both the licenses and official receipts of drivers for alleged violations. [READ MORE →](#)

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Proposed cybercrime law amendments include use of PhilSys against fraud

A House panel tackled proposed amendments to the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 that will give law enforcers more leeway in going after suspects and using the national ID system as a standard requirement to prevent fraud. [READ MORE →](#)

December 20

LTO chief reminds staff: PhilID acceptable proof of identity

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) on Monday reminded its offices and staff that a penalty of up to 500,000 awaits those who refuse to accept the PhilID Card and the printed ePhilID as proof of identity.

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December 22

Digital national ID issuances hit 10 million, behind target

The Philippine Statistics Authority announced that issuances of the ePhilID have topped 10 million, about half of the target for the year. The PSA's target is to deliver 30 million physical cards and 20 million ePhilIDs by the end of 2022. President Marcos, Jr. laid out the target of 50 million physical and electronic IDs in his State of the Nation Address. [READ MORE →](#)



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