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**Philippine National Government Debt Declined
To Php 3.95 Trillion As of October 2005**

12 January 2006, Manila, Philippines: As of October 2005, the National Government debt decreased by 2% from the September level. Total outstanding debt stood at P3.95 trillion of which, P1.81 trillion or 46% is owed to foreign creditors and P2.15 trillion or 54% to domestic creditors.

The domestic debt increased by 0.1% or P2.08 billion from the recorded September level arising from net issuance of government securities made by the NG.

On the other hand, the decrease in the NG's foreign debt of P69.26 billion or 3.7 % from the level as of end September was due to the P29 billion net repayments and the appreciation of the peso and other currencies against the US dollar by P32 billion and P8 billion, respectively.

On the other hand, the contingent debt of the National Government, composed mainly of guarantees issued by the National Government, increased to P602 billion from September level of P597 billion. The increase in foreign contingent obligations was partially offset by P2 billion net repayments and net appreciation of the peso and third currencies against the US dollar.