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## **First Quarter Fiscal Deficit at P52 Billion Lower by P15.6 Billion Than Same Period Last Year**

**23 April 2007, Manila, Philippines:** The January to March fiscal deficit of the National Government reached P 52 billion, 23% below last year's same period experience but P6.1 billion higher than the programmed ceiling of P45.8 billion. The P45.8 billion limit for the first quarter is about 73% of the full year programmed deficit. The under performance can be attributed to the P18.5 billion shortfall over the first quarter revenue program of P255.8 billion. This was partially offset by the P12.4 billion lower spending on account of the savings in interest payments due to lower borrowing cost.

### **Revenue Performance**

Revenue collections reached P237.3 billion for the first quarter. It grew by 16% compared to the same period of last year's P205 billion.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) registered a growth of 6% for the first quarter compared to same period last year. Actual collections for the quarter were recorded at P143.1 billion for BIR and P40.2 billion for BOC. Likewise, the Bureau of the Treasury income was recorded at P14.1 billion while other offices, including the sale from privatization registered an income of P39.9 billion.

Revenue collections reached P75 billion for the month of March. It grew by 10% compared to the same period of last year's P68.1 billion. Actual collections for the month were recorded at P52.1 billion for BIR or 19% growth, P15 billion for BOC or a decline of 10% over same period last year. Bureau of the Treasury income and collections from other offices for the month was recorded at P3.7 billion and P4.1 billion, respectively.

### **Expenditures**

Actual disbursements for the first quarter of 2007, amounted to P289.3 billion, 6% higher than the comparable disbursements in 2006. Net of

interest payments, disbursements actually grew by 19%.

Total disbursements for March grew by 14%. Netting out the lower interest payments compared to same period last year, disbursements grew by 30%.

### Primary Surplus/(Deficit)

Netting out the interest payments in the expenditures, the National Government recorded a primary surplus for the quarter amounting to P37.2 billion or 3% higher than the amount recorded last year.

### Fiscal Performance

January to March 2007  
(In Billion Pesos)

	March Actual		Percent Growth 2007/2006
	2006	2007	
Surplus/(Deficit)	(27.2)	(33.4)	22.6
Revenues	68.1	75.0	10.2
Cash	65.9	73.7	11.8
Non-Cash	2.2	1.3	(38.6)
Expenditures	95.3	108.4	13.8
Cash	93.1	107.1	15.0
Non-Cash	2.2	1.3	(38.6)

	Jan-Mar Actual		2007 Q1 Program	Program vs Actual	Percent Growth 2007/2006
	2006	2007			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(67.6)	(52.0)	(45.8)	(6.1)	(23.1)
Revenues	205.0	237.3	255.8	(18.5)	15.8
Cash	202.8	236.0	253.8	(17.8)	16.3
Non-Cash	2.2	1.3	2.1	(0.7)	(38.6)
Expenditures	272.6	289.3	301.6	(12.4)	6.1
Cash	270.4	287.9	299.6	(11.7)	6.5
Non-Cash	2.2	1.3	2.1	(0.7)	(38.6)

## National Government Revenues

January to March 2007

(In Billion Pesos)

	March Actual		Percent Growth 2007/2006
	2006	2007	
Revenues	68.1	75.0	10.2
BIR	43.7	52.1	19.2
Cash	42.8	50.8	18.8
Non-Cash	1.0	1.3	36.1
BOC	16.7	15.0	(10.1)
Cash	15.5	15.0	(3.2)
Non-Cash	1.2	0.0	(100.0)
BTr	4.8	3.7	(22.1)
Other Offices	2.8	4.1	47.1

	Jan-Mar Actual		2007 Q1 Program	Program vs Actual	Percent Growth 2007/2006
	2006	2007			
Revenues	205.0	237.3	255.8	(18.5)	15.8
BIR	135.0	143.1	155.2	(12.1)	6.0
Cash	134.0	141.8	153.9	(12.2)	5.8
Non-Cash	1.0	1.3	1.2	0.1	36.1
BOC	42.3	40.2	46.9	(6.7)	(4.9)
Cash	41.1	40.2	46.1	(5.8)	(2.2)
Non-Cash	1.2	0.0	0.8	(0.8)	(100.0)
BTr	17.3	14.1	15.2	(1.1)	(18.7)
Other Offices	10.4	39.9	38.6	1.3	283.6

## National Government Expenditures

January- March 2007

(In Billion Pesos)

	March Actual		Percent Growth 2007/2006
	2006	2007	
Expenditures	95.3	108.4	13.8
ALGUs	13.4	17.4	29.9
Subsidy	1.0	3.4	226.6
Int. Payments	35.1	30.4	(13.5)
Equity	0.1	0.1	4.0
Net Lending	1.3	1.3	(0.2)
Others	42.2	54.6	29.3
Tax Exp Fund	2.2	1.3	(38.6)

	Jan-Mar Actual		2007 Q1 Program	Program vs Actual	Percent Growth 2007/2006
	2006	2007			
Expenditures	272.6	289.3	301.6	(12.4)	6.1
ALGUs	39.9	51.6	47.0	4.6	29.3
Subsidy	3.6	6.0	1.9	4.2	66.9
Int. Payments	103.8	89.1	94.3	(5.1)	(14.1)
Equity	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	124.0
Net Lending	2.8	1.8	2.8	(1.0)	(35.6)
Others	120.2	139.2	153.7	(14.5)	15.8
Tax Exp Fund	2.2	1.3	2.1	(0.7)	(38.6)

**NG Primary Surplus/(Deficit)**

January-March 2007

(In Billion Pesos)

	March Actual		Percent Growth 2007/2006
	2006	2007	
Primary Surplus/ (Deficit)	7.9	(3.0)	(137.6)
Revenues	68.1	75.0	10.2
Expenditures (Net of IP)	60.2	78.0	29.7

	Jan-Mar Actual		2007 Q1 Program	Program vs Actual	Percent Growth 2007/2006
	2006	2007			
Primary Surplus/ (Deficit)	36.9	37.2	48.4	(11.2)	2.7
Revenues	205.0	237.3	255.8	(18.5)	15.8
Expenditures (Net of IP)	168.1	200.1	207.4	(7.3)	18.6