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National Government Debt Dips Slightly At Php 3.96 Trillion As of February 2006

15 May 2006, Manila, Philippines: As of February 2006, the National Government debt slightly declined by 0.01% from the January 2006 level. Total outstanding debt stood at P3.96 trillion of which, P1.79 trillion or 45% is owed to foreign creditors and P2.17 trillion or 55% to domestic creditors.

"The decline in debt is a result of the lower than expected deficit and the continuing appreciation of the peso. This will further reduce the debt burden and achieve an improvement in debt ratios," stated Treasurer Cruz.

The domestic debt increased by 0.5% or P11.2 billion from the recorded end January 2006 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 P12 billion or 0.6% from the level as of January 2006 was due to the P6 billion net repayments and the P9 billion appreciation of the peso against the US dollar. However, the fluctuation of the third currencies against the US dollar increased the foreign debt by P3 billion.

On the other hand the contingent debt of the National Government, composed mainly of guarantees issued by the National Government, declined to P575 billion from end January level of P577 billion. This is a decline of P2 billion resulting from net repayments and net appreciation of the peso against the US dollar.

**National Government Outstanding Debt
As of the Period Indicated
(In Billion Pesos)**

	End Jan 2006	End Feb 2006	Difference	
			Amount	% Change
Total	3,964.8	3,964.4	(0.4)	(0.01)
Domestic	2,156.7	2,167.9	11.2	0.5
Direct Loans	2,154.4	2,165.6	11.2	0.5
Government Securities	2,126.5	2,137.8	11.3	0.5
Availed by Agencies	27.9	27.9	0.0	0.0
Assumed Loans	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Foreign	1,808.1	1,796.5	(11.6)	(0.6)
Direct Loans	694.4	690.7	(3.7)	(0.5)
Availed by Agencies	594.2	590.4	(3.8)	(0.6)
Relent to GOCCs	100.2	100.3	0.1	0.1
Assumed Loans	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Foreign Denom. Securities	1,111.5	1,103.6	(7.9)	(0.7)
US Dollar Bonds/Notes	984.3	979.6	(4.7)	(0.5)
Japanese Yen Bonds	22.2	22.4	0.2	0.7
Euro Bonds	105.0	101.7	(3.3)	(3.2)

**National Government Contingent Debt
As of the Period Indicated
(In Billion Pesos)**

	End Jan 2006	End Feb 2006	Difference	
			Amount	% Change
Total	577.4	575.2	(2.2)	(0.4)
Domestic	48.2	48.2	0.0	0.0
NG Direct Guarantee	48.0	48.0	0.0	0.0
Assumed GFI Guarantee	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Foreign	529.3	527.1	(2.2)	(0.4)
NG Direct Guarantee	522.0	519.9	(2.1)	(0.4)
Assumed GFI Guarantee	7.3	7.2	(0.1)	0.0

**National Government Outstanding Debt
As of the Period Indicated
(In Billion Pesos)**

	End Feb 2005	End Feb 2006	Difference	
			Amount	% Change
Total	3,884.5	3,964.4	79.9	2.1
Domestic	2,061.7	2,167.9	106.2	5.1
Direct Loans	2,059.5	2,165.6	106.1	5.2
Government Securities	2,031.2	2,137.8	106.6	5.2
Availed by Agencies	28.3	27.9	(0.4)	(1.6)
Assumed Loans	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Foreign	1,822.8	1,796.5	(26.3)	(1.4)
Direct Loans	811.0	690.7	(120.3)	(14.8)
Availed by Agencies	693.9	590.4	(103.5)	(14.9)
Relent to GOCCs	117.1	100.3	(16.8)	(14.4)
Assumed Loans	4.5	2.2	(2.3)	(52.1)
Foreign Denom. Securities	1,007.2	1,103.6	96.4	9.6
US Dollar Bonds/Notes	868.3	979.6	111.3	12.8
Japanese Yen Bonds	44.2	22.4	(21.8)	(49.4)
Euro Bonds	94.7	101.7	7.0	7.4

**National Government Contingent Debt
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	End Feb 2005	End Feb 2006	Difference	
			Amount	% Change
Total	607.4	575.2	(32.2)	(5.3)
Domestic	30.9	48.2	17.3	55.7
NG Direct Guarantee	30.7	48.0	17.3	56.1
Assumed GFI Guarantee	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Foreign	576.4	527.1	(49.3)	(8.6)
NG Direct Guarantee	565.7	519.9	(45.8)	(8.1)
Assumed GFI Guarantee	10.8	7.2	(3.6)	(33.1)

