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First Quarter 2016 Budget Deficit Rises to P112.5 Billion ***March Deficit at P74.4 Billion***

19 May 2016 Manila, Philippines – The National Government (NG) posted a P74.4 billion deficit for March 2016 with government spending sustaining the growth momentum started at the beginning of the year. This drove the first quarter fiscal gap to P112.5 billion, P79 billion higher than the amount recorded for the same period in 2015.

Revenue Performance

Total revenues for March amounted to P157.8 billion, 8% or P13.3 billion lower than the level posted in the same month of last year. Year-to-date revenues, however, is still up by 2% year-on-year.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) marks its third consecutive month of growth for the year with March collection amounting to P105.7 billion, up 9% over last year's level. This resulted to a P330.2 billion collection for the first quarter, 8% or P23.1 billion better than Q1 2015.

Bureau of Customs (BOC) collections for March is down 9% year-on-year to P32.4 billion. First quarter collection totaled P90.5 billion, a 2% contraction from Q1 2015.

Income generated and collected by the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) amounted to P11.2 billion for the month. This is 55% lower than the level a year ago due to significantly lower dividends on shares of stocks held by the government. Q1 BTr Income amounted to P24.9 billion, down 34% compared to last year's first quarter.

Revenue from other offices exhibited a year-on-year contraction of 38% for the month, totaling P33.4 billion for the quarter.

Expenditure Performance

The NG disbursed a total of P232.2 billion in March, 23% or P43.7 billion higher than comparable figures last year. Interest payments is up by 18% year-on-year due to coupon payments of new and re-issued benchmark bonds and accounts for 15% of total expenditures for the month compared to 16% a year ago. Expenditures amounted to P 591.5 billion for the first quarter, growing 17% to date

Primary Surplus/ (Deficit)

Netting out the interest payments from expenditures, NG recorded a P38.6 billion primary deficit for March, reversing the P12.9 billion primary surplus of last year. This also resulted in a primary deficit of P9.9 billion for the quarter.

Fiscal Performance

For the Period Indicated
(In Billion Pesos)

Year-on-Year

Particulars	Mar				Jan-Mar (Actual)			
	2015	2016	Diff	YoY	2015	2016	Diff	YoY
REVENUES	171.1	157.8	(13.3)	-8%	470.5	479.0	8.4	2%
BIR	97.1	105.7	8.6	9%	307.1	330.2	23.1	8%
BOC	35.7	32.4	(3.3)	-9%	92.3	90.5	(1.8)	-2%
BTr	24.6	11.2	(13.4)	-55%	37.9	24.9	(13.0)	-34%
Other Offices	13.8	8.6	(5.2)	-38%	33.3	33.4	0.1	0%
EXPENDITURES	188.5	232.2	43.7	23%	504.0	591.5	87.4	17%
Interest Payments	30.3	35.7	5.4	18%	100.6	102.6	2.0	2%
Others	158.2	196.4	38.3	24%	403.4	488.8	85.4	21%
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	(17.4)	(74.4)	(57.0)	328%	(33.5)	(112.5)	(79.0)	236%
Primary Surplus/ (Deficit)	12.9	(38.6)	(51.6)	-398%	67.1	(9.9)	(77.0)	-115%