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**Kasama mo sa pag-asenso:
Bureau of the Treasury offers 23rd Tranche of
Retail Treasury Bonds with Exchange Offer**

MANILA, Philippines, 28 January 2020 – The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) awarded Php P134.0 billion worth of retail treasury bonds (RTBs) with a coupon rate of 4.375% in today's auction. The auction was nearly five times oversubscribed, prompting the committee to raise the acceptance from the initial offering of Php 30.0 billion.

This is the 23rd issuance of RTBs by the Philippine Government and the first for 2020. These RTBs will have a three-year tenor and will be offered to the general investing public for minimum denominations of Php 5,000 from January 28, to February 6, 2020.

The Philippine Government has been issuing RTBs as part of its efforts to support financial inclusion and literacy among Filipinos by making basic investment instruments accessible to the public. The marketing and issuance of RTBs is in line with the move of the Republic to encourage the country's unbanked population to open bank accounts as well as save and invest their money. RTBs are generally considered low-risk for investors, allowing them to earn a fixed interest based on prevailing market rates and are paid quarterly during the term of the bond.

In late 2019, the BTr issued the Premyo Bonds, which raised close to Php 5 billion. The Premyo Bonds were received enthusiastically by the public, with 90 percent of the investors being individuals, some of whom had to open a deposit account so they could participate in the offering.

"The increasing participation in the RTBs and in the maiden offering of the Premyo Bonds tells us that we are charting the right path in terms of making basic investment products accessible to Filipinos. The Republic first launched the RTBs in 2001, and since then, it has not only become a staple fund-raising exercise for the National Government's priority programs, but has also provided an avenue for the investing public to work together with the government to promote the advancement of the economy," stated National Treasurer Rosalia V. de Leon.

Proceeds from the issuance of RTBs will be used for general budgetary purposes including critical infrastructure projects and social services.

Interested investors of RTBs should have a peso account with selling agent banks accredited by the BTr. It is through this Peso bank account that investors will receive their quarterly interest payments and principal amount on maturity. To invest, one may approach their bank branch of choice or visit the BTr website via its online ordering facility.

For this transaction, the BTr is likewise introducing an Exchange Offer program whereby bond holders of RTB 3-08, the RTBs issued in April 11, 2017 maturing on April 11 2020, will be allowed to exchange their RTB 3-08 holdings for this latest RTB offering. The program intends to provide RTB 3-08 holders with a convenient reinvestment option for their current holdings at no cost.

Interested holders just need to approach their broker/dealer to facilitate submission of their offers. For the first time, the National Registry of Scripless Securities (NRoSS), through its Switch Module, will serve as the electronic platform whereby offers to exchange will be submitted, allocated and settled.

The Development Bank of the Philippines and Land Bank of the Philippines are the Joint Lead Issue Managers for the 23rd RTB offering. They are joined by BDO Capital & Investment Corporation, BPI Capital Corporation, China Bank Capital Corporation, First Metro Investment Corporation, PNB Capital and Investment Corporation, RCBC Capital Corporation, and SB Capital Investment Corporation as Joint Issue Managers.

The BTr will be holding roadshows on the issuance of RTBs in key cities throughout the Philippines. Roadshow schedules are as follows:

- January 28, 4:00 p.m., Bulwagan ng Diwang Pilipino, Penthouse, DBP Building, Makati City
- January 29, 5:00 p.m., Radisson Blu Hotel, Sergio Osmena Boulevard corner Juan Luna Avenue, Cebu City
- January 29, 4:30 p.m., Marco Polo Hotel, C.M. Recto Street, Poblacion District, Davao City
- January 29, 4:00 p.m., Baguio Country Club, Camp John Hay, Baguio, Benguet
- January 30, 4:00 p.m., Quest Plus Conference Center, 2050 Mimosa Drive, Clark Freeport, Pampanga,
- January 30, 4:30 p.m., Greenleaf Hotel, San Miguel St., General Santos City, South Cotabato
- January 30, 4:30 p.m., Seda Capitol Central, North Capital Road, Lacson Street, Bacolod City
- January 31, 4:00 p.m., Seda Centrio, Claro M. Recto Avenue corner Corrates Ave., Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental
- January 31, 4:00 p.m., Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Iloilo Business Park, Mandurriao, Iloilo City

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