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**National Government Debt Recorded at
P9,795 Billion as of end-2020**

MANILA, Philippines, 2 February 2021 – The National Government’s (NG) total outstanding debt stood at P9,795.01 billion as of end-2020, a P339.05 billion or 3.3% decline from the end-November level primarily due to net redemptions of domestic loans. From the end-2019 level, the NG debt stock grew by P2,063.72 billion or 26.7% attributed to higher funding requirements to respond to the 2019 corona virus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Accordingly, the share of domestic debt relative to the total debt stock increased to 68.35% from 66.32% a year ago as the government continued its reliance on domestic borrowing to meet its financing needs.

NG domestic debt amounted to P6,694.69 billion, P497.23 billion or 6.9% lower compared to the end-November level primarily due to the repayment of the P540 billion provisional advances from BSP. However, from end-2019, domestic debt has increased by P1,567.09 billion or 30.6%.

NG external debt of P3,100.32 billion was P158.19 billion or 5.4% higher from the previous month. For December, net foreign loan availment amounted to P151.43 billion including the newly issued ROP Bonds amounting to P132.06 billion (USD2.75 billion) as part of continued government measures to raise funds for budgetary support while the appreciation in third-currency denominated debt added P10.67 billion to the peso value of external obligations. On the other hand, peso appreciation¹ trimmed P3.91 billion. From the start of the year, NG external debt has increased by P496.63 billion or 19.1%.

Relative to GDP, disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic raised the debt-to-GDP ratio to 54.5% for 2020 from 39.6% at end-2019. This resulted from the higher financing requirement to address the pandemic alongside a 9.5% contraction in the economy for the year.

Total NG guaranteed obligations increased by P15.52 billion or 3.5% month-over-month to P458.35 billion in December. The increment was due to the net availment of domestic guarantees amounting to P27.52 billion while third currency adjustment added P1.47 billion to the peso value of external guarantees. These more than offset the P0.29 billion effect of local currency appreciation and P13.18 billion net repayment of external guarantees. However, since the beginning of the year, NG guarantees managed to trim P30.40 billion or 6.2%.

¹ The peso appreciated against the USD from P48.085 as of end-Nov 2020 to P48.021 as of end-Dec 2020.

ANNEX A: Comparative Table of NG Direct and Guaranteed Debt

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

Particulars	2019	2020		Difference			
				Dec	Nov/Dec	% Change	
	Dec	Nov	Dec	Y-o-Y	M-o-M	Dec	Dec/Nov
TOTAL	7,731,290	10,134,056	9,795,006	2,063,716	-339,050	26.7%	-3.3%
Domestic	5,127,600	7,191,922	6,694,687	1,567,087	-497,235	30.6%	-6.9%
Loans	948	540,948	948	0	-540,000	0.0%	-99.8%
Direct Loans	156	540,156	156	0	-540,000	0.0%	-100.0%
Avalied by Agencies	156	156	156	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Relent to GOCCs	0	0	0	0	0		
BSP	0	540,000	0				
Assumed Loans	792	792	792	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Government Securities	5,126,652	6,650,974	6,693,739	1,567,087	42,765	30.6%	0.6%
External	2,603,690	2,942,134	3,100,319	496,629	158,186	19.1%	5.4%
Loans	979,531	1,288,139	1,311,888	332,357	23,749	33.9%	1.8%
Direct	979,531	1,288,139	1,311,888	332,357	23,749	33.9%	1.8%
Avalied by Agencies	958,284	1,269,065	1,292,872	334,588	23,807	34.9%	1.9%
Relent to GOCCs	21,247	19,074	19,016	-2,231	-58	-10.5%	-0.3%
Assumed Loans	0	0	0	0	0		
Government Securities	1,624,159	1,653,995	1,788,431	164,272	134,437	10.1%	8.1%
US Dollar Bonds/Notes	1,261,083	1,269,961	1,400,328	139,245	130,367	11.0%	10.3%
Euro Bonds	42,735	111,881	114,626	71,891	2,745		2.5%
Japanese Yen Bonds	161,771	113,532	114,669	-47,102	1,138	-29.1%	1.0%
Chinese Yuan Bonds	28,891	28,942	29,129	238	187		
Peso Global Bonds	129,679	129,679	129,679	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Forex Rate Used</i>	50.802	48.085	48.021				

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National Government Outstanding Guaranteed Debt

As of the Period Indicated

(In Million Pesos)

Particulars	2019		2020		Difference		
	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Dec/Nov	% Change	
	Dec	Nov	Dec	Y-o-Y	M-o-M	Dec	Dec/Nov
TOTAL	<u>488,746</u>	<u>442,825</u>	<u>458,348</u>	(30,398)	15,523	-6.2%	3.5%
Domestic	<u>260,764</u>	<u>226,903</u>	<u>254,423</u>	(6,341)	27,520	-2.4%	12.1%
NG Direct Guarantee	260,628	226,767	254,287	(6,341)	27,520	-2.4%	12.1%
Assumed GFI Guarantee	136	136	136	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
External	<u>227,982</u>	<u>215,922</u>	<u>203,925</u>	(24,057)	(11,997)	-10.6%	-5.6%
NG Direct Guarantee	223,637	211,808	199,816	(23,821)	(11,992)	-10.7%	-5.7%
Assumed GFI Guarantee	4,345	4,114	4,109	(236)	(5)	-5.4%	-0.1%
<i>Forex Rate Used</i>	50.802	48.085	48.021				

*Breakdown of totals may not sum up due to rounding

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