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**SUBJECT: Clarification of News Article by the Business Mirror entitled
“Bangsamoro Government to buy DBP shares in Islamic Bank”.**

Dear Atty. Selleza:

We reply to your inquiry through email dated 10 September 2024, requesting clarification of the following news article published in the Business Mirror on Tuesday, 10 September 2024 entitled, “Bangsamoro Government to buy DBP shares in Islamic Bank”.

The article reported in part the following:

“THE Bangsamoro Government is set to acquire the shares of state-run Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) in Al-Amanah Islamic Investment Bank of the Philippines (AAIIBP), according to the Department of Finance (DOF).

A statement issued by the DOF noted that the acquisition of the shares of the Al-Amanah bank by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (Barmm) government would reduce the minimum capitalization required of around P6 billion needed to establish a universal bank.

The AAIIBP, the first Islamic bank in the Philippines, is recognized as a universal bank with an authorized capital stock of P1 billion comprised of 10 million common shares and a network of nine branches. Currently, the DBP owns 99.9 percent of AAIIBP’s capital stock when the Al-Amanah bank became its subsidiary in 2008.

The Intergovernmental Fiscal Policy Board (IFPB) co-chaired by Finance Secretary Ralph G. Recto and Bangsamoro Government Minister of Finance, Budget and Management Ubaida C. Pacasem approved the proposed transfer of shares on September 3, 2024.

The approval was subject to the terms and conditions as may be agreed by both parties, following existing laws, rules and regulations, the DOF said.”

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With reference to the said article, we confirm that the Bangsamoro government is set to acquire DBP's shares in Al-Amanah to promote a more robust and financially inclusive economy. DBP and the Bangsamoro government are currently discussing and facilitating the requirements for the transfer of shares and are obtaining the necessary approvals from regulatory and governing authorities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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