In pursuit of greater transparency, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) issues for the first time a Quarterly Report, featuring its major accomplishments for the first quarter of 2018. Envisioning to be one of the top three budget institutions in the ASEAN Region, the DBM is infusing reforms in the budgeting system for a more judicious and credible management of public funds.

**Strengthened Fiscal Openness**
- DBM behind the feat: PH bested Asian countries in budget transparency
  - PH got transparency score of 67 in the 2017 Open Budget Index (OBI), up from 64 in 2015
  - Philippine Development Plan (PDP) target of 64 for 2017 OBI exceeded
  - PH now Asia’s top country for public participation
- Government brought closer to citizens through Nationwide Open Government Dialogues
- Initial Participatory Governance Cluster Roadmap approved
- DBM publications released

**Faster Budget Execution**
- Game-changing Budget Reform Bill approved by the House of Representatives
- Forum/Briefings on the Budget Reform Program for executives held
- 84.0% of the 2018 Budget released for the first quarter
- PhP94 M Assistance Fund for Albay released

**Innovative Budget Systems**
- Project DIME (Digital Imaging for Monitoring and Evaluation) unveiled
- Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS) rolled out to DPWH

**Green Initiatives Promoted**
- “Green, Green, Green” launched
- Pasig River Ferry restoration backed

**Increased Pay for Government Workforce**
- Salary of cops, soldiers doubled
- Third tranche compensation adjustment implemented
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**PH's OBI Score, 2006-2017**

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**Legend**

- **Extensive** (81-100)
- **Substantial** (61-80)
- **Limited** (41-60)
- **Minimal** (21-40)
- **Scant or None** (0-20)

**PH's Global Ranking**

- 2017: 19th out of 115 countries surveyed
- 2015: 23rd out of 102

**Government带来的透明度**

菲律宾在2017年的OBI透明度得分67，较2015年提升3分。
FORUM/BRIEFINGS ON THE BUDGET REFORM PROGRAM FOR EXECUTIVES HELD

The DBM conducted the Forum on the Budget Reform Program for Executives on March 23, 2018 to discuss among select national government agencies, government-owned and/or -controlled corporations, Constitutional offices, and The Judiciary the Budget Reform Program, particularly the Shift to the Annual Cash-Based Appropriations.

Briefings on the Budget Reform Program were also conducted for the executives of top spending agencies, such as the Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Transportation, and the Department of Education, from February 9 to April 5, 2018.

84.0 % OF THE 2018 BUDGET RELEASED

For the first quarter of 2018, 84.0%, or PhP3.165 trillion, of the PhP3.767 trillion National Budget has been released. This is an improvement from last year where 79.9% of the PhP3.350 trillion budget was released in the same period.

Of the released amount, about 89%, or PhP2.040 trillion, of the PhP2.295 trillion programmed for line agencies was released.

The quicker release of funds is attributed to the GAA-as-Allotment Order (GAAAO) policy of the DBM. This makes a bulk of the funds available to the line agencies as early as the first working day of the year, enabling them to immediately execute their programs and projects.

PHP44 M FUND ASSISTANCE FOR ALBAY RELEASED

The DBM has released the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the Province of Albay, following its request to expedite the downloading of funds in response to the eruption of Mayon Volcano.

PROJECT DIME (DIGITAL IMAGING FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION) UNVEILED

The DBM and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) piloted Project Dime, which aims to monitor the status and speed up the implementation of government projects. Various technologies and expertise on data acquisition developed and acquired by the DOST will be used in the Project, including the Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR), Open Roads Platform and Geostore, and Geotagging. Satellites and drones will also be used to cover areas which cannot be monitored through LIDAR.

BTMS ROLLED OUT TO DPWH

The DBM marks another milestone with the roll out of the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS) to one of the government’s top spending agencies – the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). The roll out was held last March 6, 2018 at the DPWH Head Office in Manila.

The BTMS is a common, modern, integrated, accurate, reliable, and secure information system for the public financial management (PFM) operations of the Government of the Philippines. The event makes the DPWH the first top spending agency to kick off the implementation of the BTMS.

The DBM prioritizes high spending agencies in the roll out of the execution phase of the BTMS as part of its efforts to encourage and institutionalize greater transparency and accountability in the management of government resources, especially in monitoring large financial transactions.

GREEN INITIATIVES PROMOTED

“GREEN, GREEN, GREEN” LAUNCHED

The DBM has launched “Green, Green, Green,” a unique assistance initiative that aims to make the country’s 145 cities more livable and sustainable through the development of public open spaces. “Green, Green, Green” will complement the Duterte Administration’s massive national infrastructure development program, “Build, Build, Build”. PHP2.5 billion has been appropriated for this in the 2018 National Budget. The allocation for each city was computed based on their respective population counts and land area measurements.

The initiative will help city governments create forest parks, arboretum, and botanical gardens; improve livability of urban areas through various activities and methods such as landscaping, turfing, and tree planting; and transform streetscapes through installation of eco-friendly street furniture, fixtures, and shading.

In addition, the city governments will increase connectivity and accessibility of public open spaces by creating bike lanes and walkways, and enhance sustainability through the construction of green infrastructures, like bioswales and pervious surfaces, aimed at addressing flooding.

PASIG RIVER FERRY RESTORATION BACKED

The DBM backed the rehabilitation of the Pasig River and the improvement of the Ferry Service during the 19th Founding Anniversary of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission on January 25, 2018.

In the same event, Secretary Benjamin Diokno received an “award of appreciation” for committing the DBM to the cause of rehabilitating the Pasig River. Secretary Diokno held the post of Co-Chairperson of the PRRC almost 20 years ago.

INNOVATIVE BUDGET SYSTEMS

INCREASED PAY FOR THE GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE

SALARY OF COPS, SOLDIERS DOUBLED

Fulfilling the promise of President Duterte to increase the salaries of cops and soldiers, the DBM has led in the signing of Congress Joint Resolution (JR) No. 1, s. 2018 that authorizes the increase in the base pay of military and uniformed personnel (MUP) in the government.

The Joint Resolution doubles the base pay of a Police Officer (PO) I in the Philippine National Police or a Private/Apprentice Seaman in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and equivalent ranks in the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA).

The Hazard Pay for the MUP in the AFP and the PNP was also increased from PhP500 to PhP540 per month.

THIRD TRANCHE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT IMPLEMENTED

The DBM issued National Budget Circular No. 572 providing the guidelines for the implementation of the third tranche compensation adjustment for civilian personnel in the national government as provided for in Executive Order No. 207 (Modifying the Salary Schedule for Civilian Government Personnel and Authorizing the Grant of Additional Benefits for Both Civilian and Military and Uniformed Personnel).