

XXIX. THE JUDICIARY

A. SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE LOWER COURTS

For general administration and support, and operations, including the requirements of the Judicial Reform Program and locally-funded project(s), as indicated hereunder.....P23,566,425,000  
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New Appropriations, by Program/Projects  
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	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>PROGRAMS</b>				
General Administration and Support	P 5,332,209,000	P 1,995,580,000	P 1,383,908,000	P 8,711,697,000
Operations	10,476,362,000	2,683,366,000		13,159,728,000
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MFO 1: RESOLUTIONS/DECISIONS IN APPEALED AND OTHER CASES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION	10,476,362,000	2,683,366,000		13,159,728,000
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Total, Programs	15,808,571,000	4,678,946,000	1,383,908,000	21,871,425,000
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<b>PROJECT(S)</b>				
Locally-Funded Project(s)		30,000,000	1,665,000,000	1,695,000,000
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Total, Project(s)		30,000,000	1,665,000,000	1,695,000,000
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<b>TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>P15,808,571,000</b>	<b>P 4,708,946,000</b>	<b>P 3,048,908,000</b>	<b>P23,566,425,000</b>
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Special Provision(s)

1. **Judiciary Development Fund.** In addition to the amounts appropriated herein, all income derived from increase in the legal fees prescribed in the amendments to Rule 141 of the Rules of Court promulgated by the Supreme Court of the Philippines after July 18, 1984, constituted into the Judiciary Development Fund (JDF), shall be used to augment the allowances of the members and personnel of the Judiciary and finance the acquisition, maintenance and repair of office equipment and facilities in accordance with Sections 1 and 3 of P.D. No. 1949: PROVIDED, That at least eighty percent (80%) of said amount shall be used for the payment of cost of living allowances and not more than twenty percent (20%) shall be used for the purchase of office equipment and facilities of the courts.

The COA shall audit the receipts, revenues, uses, disbursements and expenditures of the JDF every quarter and submit the appropriate report in writing to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals and all Executive Judges.

Likewise, the Supreme Court shall submit to the DBM, the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance, either in printed form or by way of electronic document, quarterly reports on its income and expenditures. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Court's web administrator or his/her equivalent shall likewise be responsible for ensuring that said reports are posted on Supreme Court website.

2. **Special Allowance.** Considering that the special allowance granted to Justices, Judges and all other positions in the Judiciary with the equivalent rank of Justices of the Court of Appeals and Judges of the Regional Trial Court under R.A. No. 9227 have already been fully integrated into their salary increases as of June 1, 2012, the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Two Million Two Hundred Thirty One Thousand Pesos (P552,231,000) corresponding to the special allowance of the Judiciary component to their salaries shall now be deposited with the National Treasury as income of the General Fund pursuant to Section 44, Chapter 5, Book VI of E.O. No. 292, s.1987. Once deposited, the salary being received by the members of the Judiciary shall be sourced and funded from the General Fund.

(GENERAL OBSERVATION- President's Budget Action Message, December 21, 2015, Volume II-B, page 821, R.A. No. 10717)

3. **Administration of Appropriations.** The appropriations provided herein for the Supreme Court of the Philippines and the Lower Courts shall be administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, subject to the provisions of P.D. No. 985, as amended, E.O. No. 292 and other budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

4. **Organizational Structure.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and within the limits of the appropriations authorized in this Act, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is hereby authorized to:

- (a) formulate and implement the Judiciary's organizational structure;
- (b) fix and determine the salaries, allowances and other benefits of Judiciary personnel in accordance with the rates and levels authorized under R.A. No. 6758, as amended and R.A. No. 6686, as amended; and
- (c) create new positions, transfer an item or make other adjustments in the Personnel Services itemization, whenever public interest so requires.

Implementation of the foregoing shall be subject to: (i) submission of a request with proper documentation to the DBM; (ii) compliance with organization, staffing and position classification and compensation standards; (iii) scrap and build policy; and (iv) sourcing of payment for retirement or separation benefits of affected personnel from any unexpended balance in the appropriations of the Judiciary.

5. **Use of Savings.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is authorized to use savings to augment actual deficiencies in accordance with Section 25 (5), Article VI of the Constitution and the general provisions of this Act.

6. **Non-Recurring Expenses.** All non-recurring items of appropriations authorized herein such as, but not limited to, foreign-assisted projects and locally-funded projects, shall not form part of the Judiciary's appropriations that may not be reduced by Congress under Section 3, Article VIII of the Constitution. The Supreme Court en banc, through a resolution, shall affirm the items of appropriation in the Judiciary's budget that are non-recurring, as defined above, and which shall not be considered in the total appropriations that may not be reduced.

7. **Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses of the Lower Courts.** The amount of Two Billion Three Hundred Fifty Four Million Eight Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Pesos (P2,354,866,000) appropriated herein for the MOOE of the lower courts shall be equitably allocated by the Supreme Court to all lower courts based on the standards prescribed for lower courts by the Supreme Court.

To facilitate the utilization of said MOOE allocation and ensure that the requirements of lower courts are readily available and provided, the Procurement Service (PS), through its regional depots, shall provide an access facility for lower courts to source their supplies and materials from the PS. (CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION- President's Budget Action Message, December 21, 2015, Volume II-B, page 816, R.A. No. 10717)

8. **Expenses for Official Travel.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may authorize the reimbursement of actual and reasonable expenses incurred during official travel in carrying out the supervisory functions of the Supreme Court over the lower courts, subject to the limits prescribed under E.O. No. 298, s. 2004 and duly supported by receipts pursuant to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

9. **Payment of Adjusted Pension.** The amounts appropriated herein for payment of pensions to retired Justices and Judges shall be adjusted at the rates authorized under Section 3-A of R.A. No. 910, as amended by R.A. No. 1797 and implemented by SC A.M. No. 91-8-225-C.A.

10. **Availability of Appropriations and Cash Allocations.** Unexpended quarterly and year-end balances of approved appropriations and cash allocations for the Supreme Court shall remain valid appropriations and shall continue to be available for expenditure until fully spent and shall remain under their control and accountability, subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

(CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION- President's Budget Action Message, December 21, 2015, Volume II-B, page 815, R.A. No. 10717)

11. **Appropriations for Programs and Specific Activities.** The amounts appropriated herein for the programs of the agency shall be used specifically for the following activities in the indicated amounts and conditions:

**New Appropriations, by Programs/Activities/Projects**

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Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services	Maintenance	Capital Outlays	Total
	and Other Operating Expenses		

**PROGRAMS**

General Administration and Support

General Administration and Support Services

P 5,332,209,000 P 1,995,580,000 P 1,383,908,000 P 8,711,697,000

For the general administration and support services; supervision of courts; maintenance of Halls of Justice; operations and maintenance of

the Judicial and Bar Council and Philippine Judicial Academy; and admission of the Philippine Bar.	603,061,000	1,995,580,000	1,383,908,000	3,982,549,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	4,729,148,000			4,729,148,000
<b>Sub-total, General Administration and Support</b>	<b>5,332,209,000</b>	<b>1,995,580,000</b>	<b>1,383,908,000</b>	<b>8,711,697,000</b>
<b>Operations</b>				
<b>MFO 1: RESOLUTIONS/DECISIONS IN APPEALED AND OTHER CASES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION</b>	<b>10,476,362,000</b>	<b>2,683,366,000</b>		<b>13,159,728,000</b>
Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	5,809,086,000	1,158,045,000		6,967,131,000
Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	480,146,000	132,363,000		612,509,000
Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	1,088,093,000	277,237,000		1,365,330,000
Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	1,404,933,000	392,718,000		1,797,651,000
Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	1,141,190,000	302,395,000		1,443,585,000
Adjudication of Shari'a District Court Cases	18,204,000	10,389,000		28,593,000
Adjudication of Shari'a Circuit Court Cases	93,040,000	24,445,000		117,485,000
Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases		57,274,000		57,274,000
Adjudication of Constitutional questions appealed and other cases	441,670,000	328,500,000		770,170,000
Supreme Court	441,670,000	328,500,000		770,170,000
<b>Sub-total, Operations</b>	<b>10,476,362,000</b>	<b>2,683,366,000</b>		<b>13,159,728,000</b>
<b>Total Programs and Activities</b>	<b>15,808,571,000</b>	<b>4,678,946,000</b>	<b>1,383,908,000</b>	<b>21,871,425,000</b>
<b>Locally-Funded Project(s)</b>				
Buildings and Other Structures			210,000,000	210,000,000
<b>Government Buildings</b>				
Construction/ Completion/ and/or Repair/ Rehabilitation of the Halls of Justice nationwide (JUSIP)			210,000,000	210,000,000
Education		30,000,000		30,000,000
Education not Definable by Level		30,000,000		30,000,000
Subsidy to Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)		30,000,000		30,000,000
Research and Development			1,455,000,000	1,455,000,000
Information and Communication Technology			1,455,000,000	1,455,000,000

Enterprise Information Systems Plan (EISP)	1,455,000,000	1,455,000,000
Sub-total, Locally-Funded Project(s)	30,000,000	1,665,000,000
Total Project(s)	30,000,000	1,695,000,000
<b>TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>PL5,808,571,000 P 4,708,946,000 P 3,048,908,000</b>	<b>P23,566,425,000</b>

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures  
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 (In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Project(s)

Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services

Civilian Personnel

Permanent Positions

Basic Salary 6,756,899

Total Permanent Positions 6,756,899

Other Compensation Common to All

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance 603,636

Representation Allowance 269,976

Transportation Allowance 269,814

Clothing and Uniform Allowance 125,760

Year End Bonus 563,075

Cash Gift 125,760

Step Increment 35,460

Productivity Enhancement Incentive 125,760

Total Other Compensation Common to All 2,119,241

Other Compensation for Specific Groups

Magna Carta for Public Health Workers 2,731

Magna Carta for Public Social Workers 3,140

Longevity Pay 164,193

Lump-sum for filling of Positions - Civilian 3,987,824

Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups 4,157,888

Other Benefits

PAG-IBIG Contributions 30,181

PhilHealth Contributions 65,314

Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums 29,990

Retirement Gratuity 506,899

Terminal Leave 234,425

Total Other Benefits 866,809

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2016

Non-Permanent Positions	27,083
Other Personnel Benefits	-----
Pension, Civilian Personnel	1,880,651
Total Other Personnel Benefits	----- 1,880,651
Total Personnel Services	----- 15,808,571
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
Travelling Expenses	245,703
Training and Scholarship Expenses	186,936
Supplies and Materials Expenses	1,636,738
Utility Expenses	374,075
Communication Expenses	292,697
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	265,941
Professional Services	267,415
Repairs and Maintenance	287,293
Financial Assistance/Subsidy	60,002
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	83,330
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	11,045
Printing and Publication Expenses	1,061
Representation Expenses	47,469
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	87,336
Rent/Lease Expenses	235,352
Subscription Expenses	2,129
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	624,424
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	----- 4,708,946
Total Current Operating Expenditures	----- 20,517,517
Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Land Outlay	1,190,605
Buildings and Other Structures	322,728
Furniture, Fixtures and Books Outlay	1,000
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	1,503,225
Transportation Equipment Outlay	16,000
Intangible Assets Outlay	15,350
Total Capital Outlays	----- 3,048,908
Total Programs/Locally-Funded Project(s)	----- 23,566,425
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	----- 23,566,425