

XXX. 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.....P28,995,687,000  
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New Appropriations, by Program/Projects  
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PROGRAMS	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personnel Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
General Administration and Support	P 7,368,787,000	P 2,024,692,000	P 1,384,870,000	P10,778,349,000
Operations	13,457,457,000	2,747,365,000		16,204,822,000
MFO 1: RESOLUTIONS/DECISIONS IN APPEALED AND OTHER CASES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION	13,457,457,000	2,747,365,000		16,204,822,000
Total, Programs	20,826,244,000	4,772,057,000	1,384,870,000	26,983,171,000
PROJECT(S)				
Locally-Funded Project(s)		173,076,000	1,839,440,000	2,012,516,000
Total, Project(s)		173,076,000	1,839,440,000	2,012,516,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P20,826,244,000	P 4,945,133,000	P 3,224,310,000	P28,995,687,000

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. 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%) 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 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate of the Philippines, the House Committee on Appropriations and the 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 of Justices and Judges. Considering that the special allowance of Justices, Judges and all other positions in the Judiciary with 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 salaries as of June 1, 2012, the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Five Million Eight Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Pesos (P555,833,000) corresponding to the Special Allowance of the Judiciary component of their salaries shall 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.

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 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 Four Hundred Ten Million Seven Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Pesos (P2,410,796,000) appropriated herein for the MOOE of the Lower Courts shall be equitably allocated by the Supreme Court based on the standards prescribed for the 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 Services (PS), through its Regional Depots, shall provide an access facility for lower courts to source their supplies and materials from the PS.

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 and implemented by SC A.M. No. 91-8-225-C.A.

10. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) for Court Automation. The amount appropriated for the Enterprise Information Systems Plan (EISP), including any continuing appropriations, may be used by the Supreme Court to comply with its obligations under any PPP project for court automation, which may be approved in accordance with R.A. No. 6957, as amended by R.A. No. 7718.

In case any part of the budget for EISP becomes unutilized as a result of a PPP with the Judiciary, such amounts shall only be utilized for projects that support or relate to the other projects under the Judiciary's automation program.

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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	<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				
General Administration and Support Services	P 7,368,787,000	P 2,024,692,000	P 1,384,870,000	P10,778,349,000
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 to the Philippine Bar.	726,245,000	2,024,692,000	1,384,870,000	4,135,807,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	6,642,542,000			6,642,542,000

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Sub-total, General Administration and Support	7,368,787,000	2,024,692,000	1,384,870,000	10,778,349,000
Operations				
MFO 1: RESOLUTIONS/DECISIONS IN APPEALED AND OTHER CASES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION	13,457,457,000	2,747,365,000		16,204,822,000
Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	7,614,923,000	1,185,625,000		8,800,548,000
Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	613,476,000	135,403,000		748,879,000
Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	1,383,483,000	283,936,000		1,667,419,000
Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	1,721,726,000	402,915,000		2,124,641,000
Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	1,391,487,000	309,885,000		1,701,372,000
Adjudication of Shari'a District Court Cases	20,675,000	10,579,000		31,254,000
Adjudication of Shari'a Circuit Court Cases	112,462,000	24,986,000		137,448,000
Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases		57,467,000		57,467,000
Adjudication of Constitutional questions appealed and other cases	599,225,000	336,569,000		935,794,000
Supreme Court	599,225,000	336,569,000		935,794,000
Sub-total, Operations	13,457,457,000	2,747,365,000		16,204,822,000
Total Programs and Activities	20,826,244,000	4,772,057,000	1,384,870,000	26,983,171,000
Locally-Funded Project(s)				
Buildings and Other Structures			912,360,000	912,360,000
Government Buildings				
Construction/ Completion/ and/or Repair/ Rehabilitation of the Halls of Justice nationwide (JUSIP)			912,360,000	912,360,000
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		143,076,000	927,080,000	1,070,156,000
Information and Communication Technology		143,076,000	927,080,000	1,070,156,000
Enterprise Information Systems Plan (EISP)		143,076,000	927,080,000	1,070,156,000
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## 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

8,195,960

Total Permanent Positions

8,195,960

## Other Compensation Common to All

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance

603,804

Representation Allowance

276,462

Transportation Allowance

276,300

Clothing and Uniform Allowance

125,795

Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian

682,998

Year End Bonus

682,998

Cash Gift

125,795

Step Increment

57,563

Productivity Enhancement Incentive

125,795

Total Other Compensation Common to All

2,957,510

## Other Compensation for Specific Groups

Magna Carta for Public Health Workers

2,731

Magna Carta for Public Social Workers

3,140

Longevity Pay

183,782

Lump-sum for filling of Positions - Civilian

5,314,281

Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups

5,503,934

## Other Benefits

PAG-IBIG Contributions

30,190

PhilHealth Contributions

68,534

Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums

30,189

Retirement Gratuity

751,474

Terminal Leave

539,715

Total Other Benefits

1,420,102

## Non-Permanent Positions

27,083

## Other Personnel Benefits

Pension, Civilian Personnel

2,721,655

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Total Other Personnel Benefits	2,721,655
Total Personnel Services	----- 20,826,244
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
Travelling Expenses	253,075
Training and Scholarship Expenses	192,544
Supplies and Materials Expenses	1,828,917
Utility Expenses	385,298
Communication Expenses	301,476
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	265,941
Professional Services	267,415
Repairs and Maintenance	295,912
Financial Assistance/Subsidy	60,002
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	83,330
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	11,376
Printing and Publication Expenses	1,093
Representation Expenses	48,893
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	89,956
Rent/Lease Expenses	235,352
Subscription Expenses	2,129
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	622,424
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	----- 4,945,133
Total Current Operating Expenditures	----- 25,771,377
Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Land Outlay	1,000
Buildings and Other Structures	2,295,230
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	927,080
Furniture, Fixtures and Books Outlay	250
Transportation Equipment Outlay	500
Intangible Assets Outlay	250
Total Capital Outlays	----- 3,224,310
Total Programs/Locally-Funded Project(s)	----- 28,995,687
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	----- 28,995,687