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**The Secretary General**  
**National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB)**  
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Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City

**Sir:**

This refers to your letter and the query raised by Director Lina V. Castro, your Office, on whether the provisions of National Budget Circular (NBC) No. 442, as amended by NBC No. 486, apply to government sector participants to the NSCB's organized conventions.

As can be gleaned from the information provided:

- The NSCB will conduct the 10<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Statistics (NCS), a triennial event, on October 1-2, 2007; expected participants to the event include government employees, private individuals and students.

To be conducted simultaneously, at the same venue, is the International Conference on MDG Statistics whereby foreign delegates are expected.

- Per projected estimates, if both government and non-government participants – excluding students - to the 10<sup>th</sup> NCS will be charged participation cost of P 2,250 a day, and adding the build-in appropriation for the purpose, the NSCB will be able to recoup the expenses incurred. The students will each be charged a subsidized rate of P 625 per day. Any unutilized fund will be reverted to the National Treasury, as what has been previously practiced.

We wish to clarify the following:

- NBC No. 442, as amended by NBC No. 486, sets the limit for the cost of participation of government officials and employees in conventions, seminars, conferences, symposia and similar non-training gatherings sponsored by non-government organizations (NGOs) and private organizations (POs). It covers activities that are conducted basically for purposes of sharing, discussing or disseminating ideas and information in particular fields of interests, and/or for general understanding of certain issues. The registration fee or participation cost in said activities is limited to P 1,200 per day per participant.

- Conversely, seminars, conferences and the like that are conducted by government institutions are not covered by NBC No. 442, as amended. Additionally, those that provide skills development/enhancement in the area of discipline of the participant, either conducted by government institutions or NGOs/POs, are outside the ambit of NBC NO. 442, as amended. In both cases, the restriction of P 1,200 per day per participant will not apply.

Accordingly, the threshold of P 1,200 per day participation/seminar cost will not apply in the case of government employees attending the 10<sup>th</sup> NCS.

Very truly yours,

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