

BIR PRIORITIES

- ☛ Attain BIR revenue target of P408 B for 2001
- ☛ Utilize fully tax computerization in BIR operations
- ☛ Enhance taxpayer compliance and deter tax violations

TIN card use soon to expand



By Elen Capili

IN THE NEAR FUTURE, TAXPAYERS will view the Taxpayer Identification Number, or TIN card, not only as a requirement in government transactions, but as an ID that is just as important as a driver's license, discount cards and other universally-accepted IDs.

This is a priority endeavor of the BIR under the TIN Implementation Project, which aims to expand the taxpayer base through the expansion of the mandatory use of the TIN to include economic and business transactions in the private sector.

In a meeting chaired by Commissioner Dakila Fonacier and attended by Executive Director Leonilo Coronel of the Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP), several possible economic and business transactions which may require the use of the TIN were discussed. One of the proposals is the mandatory use of the TIN in banking transactions, such as opening of bank accounts, entering into loan agreements/contracts, purchases of checks and other banking transactions.

The mandatory use of the TIN in other business transactions was also considered, and these include transactions with credit card companies, brokerage firms, insurance companies and airline and shipping companies. The elevation of the TIN card to the status of a "discount card" (like Rewards Plus) was also discussed.

To effect the mandatory use of the TIN in the identified business transactions, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the BAP and the Philippine Retailers Association will be prepared. To serve as the legal basis of the MOAs, a new Executive Order (EO) will also be drafted to expand the coverage of EO No. 98 (mandating all government agencies to require the use of the TIN in government transactions).

Raffle promo winners receive prizes

By Raul Agcaolili

A SICKLY CHILD FROM Sta. Mesa, Manila is now assured of better and sustained medical attention after her mother, Dina Gafud, received her P 2 Million cash prize from Commissioner Dakila Fonacier during the Bureau's flag-raising ceremony held on January 14.

Ms. Gafud won the 1st prize in the grand raffle draw of the Bureau's "Humingi ng Resibo, Milyun-Milyon Pa Rin ang Panalo" held at the SM City Food Court on December 10. The two other grand prize winners, who are now P 1 Million and P 750,000 richer, are Ana Zenia Aligno and Rosalie Echaves, respectively.

Ms. Gafud, a nurse, plans to deposit



RAFFLE PROMO WINNERS. CIR Dakila Fonacier and DCIR Oscar Sevilla pose with the grand prize winners of the Bureau's "Humingi ng Resibo, Milyun-Milyon Pa Rin ang Panalo" raffle promo after the awarding ceremony held at the BIR National Office on Jan. 14.

her P 2 Million cash prize in a bank, with a portion of it going to a trust fund for her daughter. Ms. Aligno, a physician, will use her winnings to renovate her clinic in Cebu. Ms. Echavez, a bank employee, will invest part of her winnings in a business and deposit the rest in a bank.

BIR implements Task Force initiatives for 2001

TO HELP THE BIR GENERATE more revenues amidst the country's prevailing economic crisis, several Task Force initiatives were being undertaken under close supervision of top BIR officials.

One such initiative is the identification and prosecution of high-profile tax cases, particularly those involving doctors, basketball players, contractors and industries under the control of the Bureau of Food and Drugs.

A Task Force is also working on the matching of the BIR registration database with the Mayor's Permit List to determine non-filers and potential registrants. The third party information being provided by the Bureau of Customs and the Securities and

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Iloilo crowns Miss BIR 2000



MISS BIR 2000. Crowned Miss BIR 2000 Ma. Evie Girlie Entrata (seated) of RDO 72 - Roxas City poses with the other winners of the contest: (L-R) Rachel Jereos, Ma. Consuelo Ledesma, Alicia Catague (2nd runner-up), Josephine Bogo, Theresa Valle, Gina Nama (1st runner-up) and Janet Abada.

By Estrelisa Sanson



RR 11, ILOILO CITY – The first time the entire region got together for a Christmas Party, a Search for Miss BIR 2000 was conducted.

With no specific standards or qualifications set for the search, contestants of all sizes, shapes, status and looks joined the contest, to the delight of everyone.

Each of the five district offices and divisions of the region was represented in the contest.

Crowned as Miss BIR 2000 was Ma. Evie Girlie Entrata of RDO 72 – Roxas City, who

also won the “Best in Gown” and “Best in Interview” awards.

The other winners are: Gina Nama of RDO 71- Kalibo Aklan - first runner-up, “Miss Photogenic” and “Miss Close-Up Smile”; Rachel Jereos of RDO 73 - San Jose, Antique - “Darling of the Crowd”; Theresa Valle of RDO 74- Iloilo City - “Darling of the Production Staff”; and Alicia Catague of RDO 75 - Zarraga, Iloilo - “Best in Talent.”

Ma. Consuelo Ledesma, Josephine Bogo and Janet Abada, all from the Regional Office, were awarded “Miss Sunsilks,” “Miss Friendship” and “Miss Ponds,” respectively.

Legaspi’s raffle promo winners known



REGIONAL DRAW. Director Rene Aguas of RR 10 calls on shoppers to drop their receipt-entries for the “Humingi ng Resibo, Milyun-Milyon Pa Rin ang Panalo” raffle promo before drawing the major prizes.

By Rita Palmiano



RR 10, Legaspi City – Regional Director Rene Aguas led the regional draw of the “Humingi ng Resibo, Milyun-Milyon Pa Rin ang Panalo” raffle promo held at the Liberty Commercial Center in Legaspi City.

First prize winner Amy Red of Legaspi City won P 100,000, while Fe Tayas of

Camarines Sur and Rosemarie Naeza of Camarines Norte got the P 50,000 and P 30,000 second and third prize, respectively.

Also present during the draw were Asst. Regional Director Carmen Orpiada; all the Revenue District Officers and Division Chiefs of the region; and the Raffle Committee who determined the qualified entries.

Baguio City has a new lady millionaire

By Boron Martinez



RR 2, BAGUIO CITY – A lady from Camarines Norte became an instant millionaire during the Luzon Area Draw of the “Humingi ng Resibo, Milyun-Milyon Pa Rin ang Panalo” raffle promo held in Burnham Park, Baguio City on December 1.

Chona Candido of Camarines Norte bagged the P 1 Million grand prize, while Ludivina Esmundo of Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija and Michael Tumlad of Sta. Cruz, Laguna won the P750,000 and P 500,000 second and third

prizes, respectively.

RR 2 Regional Director Marcelino Ramos spearheaded the Area Draw. Other Luzon Regional Directors who came to support the event were: Dante Canullas of RR 1-Calasiao, Pangasinan; Celestina Gonzales of RR 3-Tugue-garao, Cagayan; Ruben Buenaventura of RR 9-San Pablo City and Rene Aguas of RR 10-Legaspi City.

Director Ramos expressed his appreciation to everyone who supported the Bureau’s raffle promo, particularly the Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Baguio City Chapter.

ITS RELEASE STRATEGY

ITS BACK-END SYSTEM	FUNCTIONALITIES/FEATURES	RELEASE SCHEDULE			
		MAKATI	LTS-Reg.	LTS-ET	LTDO
Release 1: ARS-Accounts Receivable	1.0 Converted AR Cases; Systems-generated FAN; Installment Plan	Sept. 29,'00	Nov. 6,'00	Nov. 6,'00	N/A
	1.1 Systems-generated AR Cases; Installment Plan	Oct. 22,'00	Dec. 6,'00	Dec. 6,'00	Feb. 1,'01
Release 2: AUD-Taxpayer Profiling using NOMIS	2.0 RDO-specific implementation; Potential registrants/ Invalid TIN from BOC; Specific audit request; Letters of Authority/Audit Notice; Audit w/o Return, Estate/ Donors and Tax Fraud; Audit becomes AR	Nov. 27,'00	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2.1 LT-specific implementation; Invalid TIN cases from BOC; Specific audit request; Letters of Authority/Audit Notice	N/A	Jan. 17,'01	Mar. 1,'01	Mar. 1,'01
	2.2 Automated TVN; Automated Office Audit Notice; Protested Cases	Mar. 15,'01	May 2,'01	May 30,'01	May 30,'01
	2.3 Documentary Stamp Tax (Account Halt for Multiple Returns)	Mar. 15,'01	May 2,'01	May 30,'01	May 30,'01
Release 3: TCR-Issuance of TCC/TDM	3.0 Centralized Issuance at CPD; System-generated TDM; Previously issued TCCs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3.1 Decentralized issuance of TDM at RDOs; New Manual claims; Converted TCC; Manual Audit	Jan. 31,'01	Feb. 28,'01	May 30,'01	May 30,'01
	3.2 Processing of TCC (using Audit and Case Monitoring Systems)	Mar. 15,'01	May 2,'01	May 30,'01	May 30,'01
Release 4: NOMIS-Management Reporting thru EIS	4.0 Registration and Collection Statistical planning and reporting	Jan. 2,'01	Dec. 12,'00	Dec. 12,'00	Apr. 2,'01
	4.1 Returns and Cases Statistical planning and reporting; New Statistical Reports; Zonal Valuation	Apr. 2,'01	Apr. 2,'01	Apr. 2,'01	Apr. 2,'01
Release 5: TRS-Income and Withholding Tax Verification	5.0 Automatic upload of Alphalist; Data entry of non-automated Alphalist; Agent alphalist vs. Agent Monthly Withholding Tax	Jan. 31,'01	Feb. 28,'01	Feb. 28,'01	May 30,'01
	5.1 Data entry of non-1700 Certificate; Agent Alphalist vs. non-1700 Certificates	Mar. 15,'01	May 2,'01	May 30,'01	May 30,'01
	5.2 Data entry of 1700 Certificates; Agent Alphalist vs. 1700 Certificates	May 2,'01	N/A	N/A	N/A
Release 6: TCR- Issuance of Refunds	6.0 Decentralized issuance at RDOs; Conversion of TCC to Refunds; Refunds issuance (system-generated TRN); Refunds reconciliation; Manual Audit	Jan. 31,'01	Feb. 28,'01	May 30,'01	May 30,'01
	6.1 Processing of refunds (using Audit and Case Monitoring Systems)	Mar. 15,'01	May 2,'01	May 30,'01	May 30,'01
Release 7: AUD-Selective Audit using AIF	7.0 Audit Criteria using AIF	May 15,'01	May 15,'01	May 15,'01	May 30,'01

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Exchange Commission are also being utilized to identify potential registrants.

In the area of tax enforcement, a Task Force is also working on the suspension of business operations and closure of business establishments found to have violated the provisions of the Tax Code. Establishments registered with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority are also being investigated.

Finally, a Task Force was also created to gather data and statistics, as well as study and evaluate the tax potentials of certain industries, namely: telecommunication; pre-paid

card providers; manufacturers of semi-conductor devices and other electronic components; banks,

financing and pre-need companies; and airlines and shipping companies. *(By Elen Capili)*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

Actg. ACIR Milagros V. Regalado	Jan. 08	Asst. Chief Rosita S. Celis	Jan. 05
ACIR Melchor S. Ramos	Jan. 12	Actg. ARDO Melchor V. Pe Benito	Jan. 05
RDC Head Victoria C. De Leon	Jan. 03	OIC, Asst. Chief Nuzar N. Balatero	Jan. 05
Asst. Chief Tocod R. Botawan	Jan. 01	Actg. RDO Romeo A. Bacong	Jan. 07
Actg. ARDO Salic U. Tagoranao	Jan. 01	OIC, ARDO Hospicio M. Luna	Jan. 07
Chief Jesus C. Sandoval	Jan. 02	RDO Rosalie U. Sarthou	Jan. 08
Chief Estelita V. Datu	Jan. 02	Actg. Chief Ma. Monina B. Tjongson	Jan. 08
Chief Agnes P. Zafe	Jan. 02	Actg. RDO Honorato R. Organo	Jan. 09
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ARDO Armando R. Rosimo	Jan. 04	ARDO Abusammah S. Lajarado	Jan. 15



New Revenue Issuances

RR No. 10-2000 Amends further RR No. 2-98 and 3-98 relative to the exemption of monetized leave credits and the enumeration of “de minimis” benefits which are exempt from income tax on compensation and from fringe benefits tax

RR No. 11-2000 Prescribes the registration and filing of income tax returns and payment of income tax, if any, of marginal income earners with gross sales/receipts not exceeding P 100,000.00 during any twelve-month period

RR No. 12-2000 Extends further the deadline for the accreditation of tax agents previously set under RR No. 15-99, as amended, to February 28, 2001

RR No. 13-2000 Implements Section 34(B) of the Tax Code of 1997 on the requirements for deductibility of interest expense from the gross income of a taxpayer

RR No. 14-2000 Amends RR No. 13-99 relative to the sale, exchange or disposition by a natural person, of his “principal residence”

RMO No. 55-2000 Defines the new composition of the Committee to Supervise the Printing of Specialized Accountable Forms

RMO No. 56-2000 Amends the schedule of suggested compromise penalties relating to compliance requirements on the printing, possession, use and issuance of sales or commercial invoices

RMO No. 57-2000 Prescribes the guidelines in the implementation of the administrative sanction of suspension and temporary closure of business

Six top officials took oath of office

By Raul Agcaoili

UPON THE recommendation of Commissioner Dakila Fonacier, six (6) BIR officials were either promoted to a higher position, or finally confirmed to their designated positions, when they took their oath of office before Finance Secretary Jose Pardo on January 4.

Virginia Trinidad, Nora Tamayo and Norma Lipana were sworn in as BIR Assistant Commissioners for the Large Taxpayers Service, Assessment Service and Finan-



OATH TAKING. Finance Secretary Jose Pardo (4th from R) administers the oath of office of six top BIR officials, namely: (from L-R) HREA Domingo Alvarez, ACIR Nora Tamayo, HREA Aida Simborio, ACIR Virginia Trinidad, ACIR Norma Lipana and HREA Erlinda Simple. Witnessing the event is CIR Dakila Fonacier (extreme R).

cial and Administrative Service, respectively.

Sworn in as Head Revenue Executive Assistants are Erlinda Simple of the Taxpayer Assistance Service; Domingo

Alvarez of the Inspection Service; and Aida Simborio of the Commissioner’s Office (acting concurrently as Chief of the Taxpayers Information and Education Division).

BIR implements new ITS release strategy

By Minnie Quintos

THE RELEASE OF THE Integrated Tax System (ITS) back-end capabilities will now be done in phases.

With a phased approach in the release of the functionalities per capability, the personnel in the pilot sites will be in a better position to manage and perform the new tasks expected of them as a result of computerization.

Last January 31, the following functionalities per specified capability were rolled-out in RR 8 – Makati: 1) under issuance of TCC/TDM

capability – decentralized issuance of TDM at RDOs; new manual claims; converted TCC; and manual audit; 2) under Income and Withholding Tax Verification capability – automatic upload of alphalist; data entry of non-automated alphalist; and agent monthly withholding tax; and 3) under Issuance of Refunds capability – decentralized issuance at RDOs; conversion of TCC to refunds; refunds issuance (system-generated TRN); refunds reconciliation; and manual audit.

The details of the

Release Strategy are presented in page 3.



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