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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, DEPARMENTS, BUREAUS, AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS; AND STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

SUBJECT : Anti-Fixer Campaign

Republic Act No. 9485, "An Act to Improve Efficiency in the Delivery of Government Service to the Public by Reducing Bureaucratic Red Tape, Preventing Graft and Corruption, And Providing Penalties Therefor" together with its Implementing Rules and Regulations which aim to expedite transactions in government, has defined **fixer** as "*Any individual whether or not officially involved in the operation of a government office or agency who has access to people working therein, and whether or not in collusion with them, facilitates speedy completion of transactions for pecuniary gain or any other advantage or consideration*", and **fixing** as "*An act that involves undue facilitation of transactions for pecuniary gain or any other advantage or consideration*".

The same act has recognized fixing and/or collusion with fixers in consideration of economic and/or other advantage as a major offense with the penalty of dismissal, perpetual disqualification from public service and imprisonment. We aim to see tangible results, including several fixers charged and some major government offices cleared of them by January next year.

To ensure wide dissemination of the abovementioned provisions, and in accordance with Section 7 of RA 9485 which requires the head of office or agency to be primarily responsible for the implementation of this law, you are hereby enjoined to conduct a massive information campaign against fixers and fixing by posting, among other modes of information dissemination, the said provisions against fixers and the act of fixing, and taking into account the penalties involved, at the most conspicuous places.

The transacting public should also be encouraged to report acts of fixing by providing the Text Hotline of the Office of the Ombudsman at 0926-6994703; Telephone Hotline, 9274102 and 9272404; or through TextCSC at 0917-8398272 and its Telephone Hotline, 9320111, the following information:

- Name of fixer
- Name and location of office
- Date and type of transaction (example: license, tax payment, permit)

This circular shall take effect immediately.


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Chairman

December 8, 2008