



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Finance  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**  
1099 Manila

**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **ALL BOC EMPLOYEES**  
SUBJECT : **NORMS OF CONDUCT ON SIMPLE LIVING**  
DATE : 23 February 2017

In order to address the public's perception of the lavish lifestyles of civil servants in the Bureau of Customs (BOC), **ALL BOC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, as well as their families**; are reminded to lead modest lives and refrain from indulging in extravagant and/or ostentatious display of wealth in any form.

Pursuant to Section 1, Article XI of the 1987 PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION, to wit:

"Section 1. Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives."

In the same vein, par. (A) (h) of Section 4 of Republic Act No. 6713 also known as "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees", states:

"Section 4. Norms of Conduct of Public Officials and Employees. - (A) Every public official and employee shall observe the following as standards of personal conduct in the discharge and execution of official duties:

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(h) Simple living. - **Public officials and employees and their families shall lead modest lives appropriate to their positions and income. They shall not indulge in extravagant or ostentatious display of wealth in any form.** (emphasis supplied)

For your strict compliance.

  
**NICANOR E. FAELDON**  
Commissioner



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