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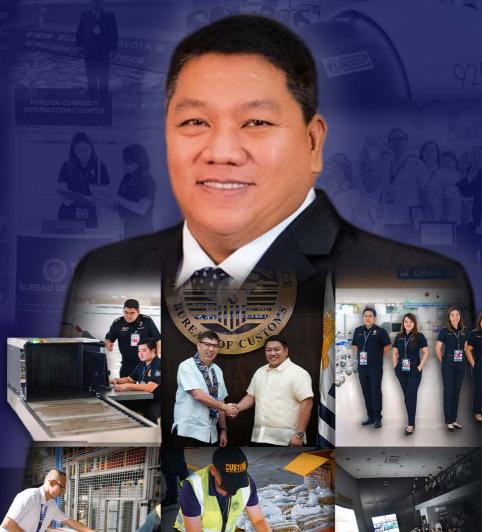
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PART 1:

REVENUE COLLECTION

MIDYEAR

Actual Collection

₱455.518 B

Target Collection

₱442.621 B

BOC Exceeds Midyear Revenue Target, Collects ₱455.518 Billion



The Bureau of Customs (BOC) exceeded its revenue collection target for the first half of 2024, accumulating a total of ₱455.518 billion from January to June. This achievement surpasses the midyear target of ₱442.621 billion by 2.91%, equivalent to ₱12.897 billion, according to the Bureau of Treasury report.

The midyear collection marks a notable 5.10% increase, amounting to ₱22.085 billion compared to the same period last year. For June alone, the BOC collected ₱74.623 billion, surpassing the monthly target by 0.20% or ₱149 million. It maintains a streak of six consecutive months of exceeding revenue goals, which in part is attributed to the strict monitoring and collection of deferred payments of government importations.



SURPLUS ₱12.897 B or 2.91%

Notable additional revenue collected includes ₱1.750 billion from post-clearance audit findings and voluntary disclosures, ₱88.118 million from public auction proceeds at various ports, and a significant contribution of ₱5.706 billion from the Tax Expenditure Fund, all of which helped the Bureau meet its target.

Commissioner Bienvenido Y. Rubio attributes the unprecedented revenue performance for the first half of 2024 to the collective efforts of the men and women of the Bureau, enhanced valuation methods, and the ongoing digitization and modernization of BOC systems.

"This achievement is a testament to the BOC's commitment to deliver efficient revenue collection and combat illicit trade activities," remarked Commissioner Rubio. "Our efforts not only strengthen fiscal stability but also support crucial national development initiatives, including infrastructure projects, education, healthcare, and national security enhancements."

The BOC remains steadfast in its mission to sustain economic growth and prosperity for all Filipinos through continued innovation and vigilant enforcement.

COLLECTION GROWTH
MIDYEAR 2023 VS
MIDYEAR 2024

₱22.085 B or 5.10%

PART 2:

TRADE FACILITATION



Reflecting on a remarkable mid-year of achievements, the BOC has made significant progress by creating new programs and systems focused on delivering a more efficient and responsive framework for managing trade and customs operations.



milestones Among momentous this year is the establishment of the Customs Industry Consultative and Advisory Council (CICAC) on February 13, 2024. This consultative body is built to address current and emerging Customs industry concerns, promoting mutual understanding, and reinforcing collaborative efforts between the BOC and its industry partners.

As of June 30, the Central CICAC has 25 member organizations and companies, all of which have signed a Manifesto of Support for the BOC. Additionally, 117 organizations and stakeholders are active members of the 17 District CICACs and have also signed the Manifesto of Support. Since it started, the Council has successfully conducted four meetings, where key issues such as customs procedures, trade facilitation, and regulatory compliance were discussed. These meetings have led to actionable recommendations and collaborative efforts to streamline processes and enhance transparency within the BOC.

At the 33rd ASEAN Directors-General of Customs Meeting in June 2024, in Phu Quoc, Vietnam, Commissioner Rubio introduced CICAC and encouraged other ASEAN countries to establish similar bodies to enhance Customs reachability, accessibility, and transparency. This best practice was warmly received, fostering collaboration and mutual improvement in customs administration across the region.





In a bid to boost operational efficiency, streamline processes, and enhance service delivery, the BOC has partnered with LandBank of the Philippines through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on March 4, 2024, to utilize Link.BizPortal for the digital payment of miscellaneous fees.

To further bolster competitiveness and adapt to global standards, the Bureau engaged in international activities, including the successful e-Phyto certificate exchange between the Philippines and Indonesia at the 67th Meeting of the Working Group on Technical Matters for the ASEAN Single Window. This achievement makes the Philippines the third country among the 10 ASEAN Member States to exchange e-Phyto certificates.

To ensure a smooth and continuous customs process and operations,

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ordered the BOC to set up 24/7 operations to handle the influx of ships into the country.

In response, the BOC quickly adopted a 24-hour shifting schedule following a careful evaluation of its capacity to handle the surge in maritime arrivals and improve shipment operations. Its pilot implementation was conducted on June 13, 2024.

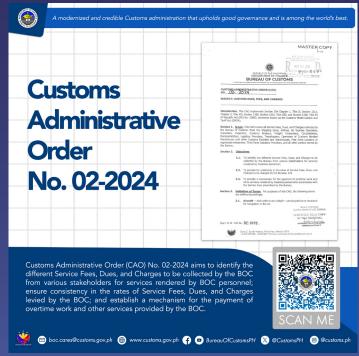




On May 11,2024, the BOC issued Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 02-2024 to standardize service fees, dues, and charges for stakeholders, including shipping lines, airlines, and importers. This regulation, which took effect on June 10 of the current year, is designed to ensure transparency and efficiency in the BOC's fee structures.

BOC and DICT also completed the roll out of the e-Travel Customs System at international airports in May, enabling online completion of electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF) and electronic Currencies Declaration Form (e-CDF) up to 72 hours before flights. Passengers must present their passport and e-Travel QR Code for clearance.

Through these comprehensive measures, the BOC continues to set a high standard for trade facilitation and uphold its mission to support a more efficient and responsive customs administration.



PART 3:

BORDER PROTECTION



BOC Sets New Milestone in Anti-Smuggling Efforts for First Half of 2024

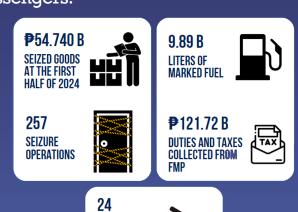
Embarking on an eventful journey to combat smuggling in all forms, the BOC has clinched important victories, including record-breaking seizures of illegal goods, successful confiscations of contraband, and strengthened enforcement strategies to uphold the integrity of Philippine trade and customs regulations.

In the first six months of 2024, the BOC recorded 257 seizure operations, securing ₱54.740 billion worth of smuggled goods. This figure was achieved through the intensified campaign against illicit trade practices that pose serious harm to the country's national and economic interests.

From January 1 to June 30, 2024, the BOC marked 9.89 billion liters of fuel, generating \$\frac{1}{2}1.72\$ billion in duties and taxes under the Fuel Marking Program (FMP). This achievement resulted from enhanced monitoring and stringent oversight of the movement of petroleum products, ensuring accurate revenue collection and preventing illicit activities across our borders.

Promoting transparency and accountability, the Legal Service of the Bureau has filed 24 criminal cases against respondents involved in smuggling operations, demonstrating the BOC's commitment in upholding trade regulations. Moreover, during the first half of this year, the Bureau was able to secure four (4) convictions, from the cases filed during the previous years, for violations of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, and other related customs laws.

The BOC has also made a significant advancement in airport security installing premium scanning machines at key international airports early this year. The deployment of two Rapiscan CT Hand-Carried Baggage Scanners 920CT), (Model: two Rapiscan Checked-in Baggage Scanners (Model: RTT110), and three Tek84 Intercept Body Scanners underscores the BOC's steadfast commitment to enhancing the detection of illicit items and ensuring the safety of passengers.



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One of the year's significant achievements came on April 29, 2024, when the BOC was honored with an award from the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) for its unwavering dedication in safeguarding Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). The BOC's efforts resulted in the seizure of ₱25.37 billion worth of counterfeit goods out of ₱26.9 billion seized by member agencies of the National Committee on IPR in 2023.

In a strong show of commitment in preventing the proliferation of illicit tobacco in local markets, the BOC-Port of Zamboanga led a public condemnation event where \$\partial 595\$ million worth of smuggled cigarettes were destroyed.

Additionally, the BOC bolstered regional and international cooperation in cross-border security by actively participating in international forums to advance trade security measures.

A prime example of this is when Commissioner Bienvenido Y. Rubio was invited to be a panelist at the World Customs Organization Asia/Pacific (WCO-A/P) Regional High-Level Roundtable on

Strengthening Data/Intelligence Analysis and Regional Cooperation.

Commissioner Rubio emphasized in his presentation the Bureau's firm stance to fiaht smuggling in all forms. historic celebrated achievement: The BOC recorded the highest-ever seizure of PhP41.583 billion of smuggled goods in the history of the Philippine Bureau of Customs.

Through these initiatives and active participation in international forums, the BOC has not only achieved significant victories but has also set new standards for trade security and customs operations, reinforcing its role as a guardian of the nation's economic interests.



PART 4:

UPLIFT EMPLOYEE WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT



BOC Invests in Uplifting Employee Welfare and Professional Growth in the First Six Months of 2024



In its unwavering commitment in championing employee welfare and development, the BOC has implemented various strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing the professional growth and well-being of its employees.

As of the end of June, the BOC has promoted 139 employees, hired 132 new staff, and transferred 12, emphasizing its commitment to organizational efficiency.

As part of its 122nd Founding Anniversary celebration in February 2024, the BOC held several activities to boost the employee morale and promote employees' health and wellness, including honoring the retirees with service awards, granting of loyalty awards to those who have been dedicating more than 40 years in service during a flag raising ceremony, and providing complimentary facial and skin analyses, body analysis checks, and eye examinations.

In May 2024, consistent with the Bureau's commitment in fostering employees' well-being, the BOC launched the Employees Wellness Day with a kick-off of the Commissioner's Cup 2024, the official sports fest of the Bureau, conduct of Stress Management Seminar, and provision of blood chemistry tests, vaccines for flu pneumonia, and HPV, free eye check-ups, body scans, facial and body treatments.

The BOC also engaged in humanitarian efforts by participating in blood-letting programs with the Philippine Red Cross (PRC). Additionally, the Bureau received an award from the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) and PRC for their exceptional dedication in processing and releasing COVID-19 vaccines, PPE, and essential commodities during the pandemic.

In light of optimizing personnel skills and capabilities, 187 Learning and Development Programs have been executed, comprising 37 international seminars attended by the BOC, 83 programs in partnership with other government agencies, and 67 sessions conducted internally by the BOC.

Among the targeted training competency-building activities includes the World Customs Organization Regional Workshop on Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy, which offered a comprehensive discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions for the participants aimed enhancing regional and global approaches on handling intellectual property violations.

Locally, the Bureau actively participated in training sessions to enhance employee skills for better service delivery. A key example is the Basic Course on Revenue Collection, which provided newly designated employees with essential knowledge on revenue collection processes and statistical reporting.

As of June 30, 2024, 14 Collection Districts and six (6) stand-alone offices of Bureau have been awarded ISO 9001:2015 certification, indicating their adherence to the stringent quality management standards set by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

The first half of 2024 was also marked with the distribution of rewards and incentives to eligible BOC officials and employees relative to the agency's 2018 revenue collection performance for CY 2018, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9335, commonly known as the Attrition Act of 2005.

These efforts collectively highlight the BOC's strong adherence in fostering a supportive and growth-oriented environment for its employees.

NEWLY HIRED, PROMOTED, AND TRANSFERRED

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