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INSURANCE INDUSTRY SEES IMPROVED H1 PERFORMANCE

Insurance Commissioner Dennis B. Funa announced that the insurance industry continues on a momentum of strong growth from the first quarter, posting an increase of 11.15% in premium income for the first half of 2017.

“Based on the unaudited financial statements submitted to the Insurance Commission, the insurance industry reported a total premium income of Php117.29 billion for the first half of 2017, an increase of 11.15% from the Php105.52 billion during the same period last year,” said Commissioner Funa.

“It should be recalled that during the first half of 2016, the insurance sector experienced a 9.11% decline in premium income to Php105.52 billion from P116.11 billion posted during the same period in 2015. This year, however, the insurance industry posted a positive growth in terms of premiums generated as early as the first half of the year,” added Commissioner Funa.

Commissioner Funa likewise noted that all the sectors of the insurance industry posted a positive growth in terms of premium income.

The life sector posted an increase of 10.46% in terms of premium income from Php82.20 billion during the first half of 2016 to Php90.79 billion of the same period this year.

According to Commissioner Funa, “The increase in the premium income of the life insurance sector can be attributed to the 3.05% and 13.69% growth in premiums generated from the sale of both traditional life insurance and variable life insurance, respectively.”

He said that, “The increase in premiums generated from the sale of traditional life products was brought about by the remarkable increase in its single premiums and first year premiums. For variable life insurance products, on the other hand, while there is a slight decrease in single premiums, there were significant increases in its first year and renewal premiums.”

The non-life aggregate net premiums written increased by 12.78% to Php22.20 billion as of end-June 2017 from Php19.69 billion of the same comparable period last year.

“Similar to the performance in the first quarter of this year, the non-life insurance sector continues to post significant increases in terms of net premiums written in the motor car and fire lines which remain to comprise the majority of the total net premiums written,” said Commissioner Funa.

On the other hand, the mutual benefit associations sector, reported a total contribution of Php4.29 billion as of end of first half of this year, up by 18.03%, from Php3.64 billion of the same period last year.

On the financial side, Commissioner Funa announced that the insurance industry likewise posted a positive growth.

The industry’s total assets expanded by 14.78% as of end-June to Php1.48 trillion from Php1.29 trillion of the same period last year. Total liabilities, on the other hand, stood at Php1.17 trillion as of end-June, which is 13.86% higher than Php1.03 trillion during the comparable period last year.

The insurance industry’s total net worth stood Php310.74 billion as of end of the first half of 2017, up by 18.37%, from Php262.51 billion of the same period in 2016.

Considering the significant increases in the paid-up capital of several companies, the insurance industry posted a 15.42% increase in total paid-up capital from Php42.55 billion as of end-June 2016 to Php49.10 billion this year.


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