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INSURANCE INDUSTRY SETS NEW RECORD HIGHS IN 2018

The insurance industry, once again, posted new record highs based on the preliminary reports as of end December 2018 submitted to the Insurance Commission, according to Insurance Commissioner Dennis B. Funa.

Commissioner Funa said that the insurance industry composed of the life insurance, non-life insurance, and mutual benefit association sectors posted new record highs in terms of assets, premium, net worth, and net income, marking 2018 as the new banner year for the industry, surpassing the previous highs recorded in 2017.

Based on the unaudited quarterly statistical report as of end 31 December 2018 submitted by all industry players, the industry's assets reached an all-time high of ₱1.58 trillion as of end of 2018 representing a 1.28% growth from the ₱1.56 trillion recorded as of end of 2017.

According to Commissioner Funa, "Despite the year-on-year slight decrease in the total assets of the life insurance sector, the industry's overall assets reached an all-time high. The life insurance sector maintains to hold bulk of the assets of the industry with ₱1.26 trillion in assets or 79.75% of the total assets of the industry, while the non-life insurance sector and MBA sectors shared the remaining 20.25% with ₱0.23 trillion and ₱0.09 trillion, respectively."

For the recent years, the industry posted the highest amount of premiums collected as of year-end 2018.

The insurance industry posted ₱290.15 billion in premium income as of end of fourth quarter of 2018, up by 11.67% from ₱259.82 billion reported during the same period in 2017.

The life insurance sector, which accounts for 78.79% of the premium income of the insurance industry, grew by 12.89% to ₱228.61 billion as of end 2018 from ₱202.50 billion as of end 2017.

"In 2018, 75% of the life insurance sector's premium income or ₱170.22 billion was generated from the sale of variable life insurance products, up by 14.33% from ₱148.88 billion in 2017 while premiums collected from traditional life insurance products increased by 8.91% to ₱58.40 billion from ₱53.62 billion," said Commissioner Funa.

The life insurance sector likewise reported a 10.78% year-on-year growth in new business annual premium equivalent.