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OIC – Head, Disclosure Department

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Attention: **Ms. Kathlene Anne F. Famadico**
OIC - Issuer Compliance and Disclosure Department (ICDD)

Ladies and Gentleman:

We wish to advise that BDO Unibank, Inc. will be releasing to the press the attached statement re: *“Japan’s 3rd biggest regional bank chooses BDO as partner.”*

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MA. CECILIA S. SANTOS
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Encl.: a/s

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PRESS RELEASE

Japan's 3rd biggest regional bank chooses BDO as partner

JAPAN'S third largest regional bank, Bank of Fukuoka, Ltd. (BoF), has chosen BDO Unibank as its partner-bank in the Philippines to service the needs of its clients should they decide to expand their business or set up shops here.

The partnership, sealed through a memorandum of understanding (MoU), is a milestone for BDO as no Japanese Regional Bank (JRB) in the Kyushu region has aligned with any Philippine bank in the past. The region accounts for almost 10% of Japan's GDP and total population and one of the major centers of production for the automotive, integrated circuits, agriculture and food industries. It is home to the Fukuoka Prefecture where BoF is based.

Founded in 1942, BoF has 170 branches and representative offices in Dalian, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Taipei, Bangkok, Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City and New York.

Since 2013, BDO has sealed agreements with several JRBs strategically situated in the various prefectures of the world's third largest economy. These JRBs are serving as conduits of their clients which are currently doing business in the Philippines or eyeing the country as their next business hub.

Said undertakings were considered a byproduct of the previous MoU entered into by BDO with the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) essentially promoting the development and strengthening of a framework to support Japanese mid-tier companies as well as SMEs through JRBs.

BDO has an established Japan Desk dedicated to service Japanese companies operating in the country, as well as provide the retail requirements of Japanese customers.

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About BDO

BDO is a full-service universal bank which provides a wide range of corporate and retail banking services. These services include traditional loan and deposit products, as well as treasury, trust banking, investment banking, private banking, rural banking, cash management, leasing and finance, remittance, insurance, retail cash cards and credit card services.

BDO has the country's largest distribution network, with close to 1,200 consolidated operating branches and over 4,000 ATMs nationwide. It also has 26 overseas remittance and representative offices (including one full-service branch in Hong Kong) in Asia, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

BDO ranked as the largest bank in terms of total assets, loans, deposits and trust funds under management based on published statements of condition as of December 31, 2017. For more information, please visit www.bdo.com.ph.

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