

Ayala Corp. board clears up to P25-billion issuance of preferred shares



AYALA CORP.'s board of directors approved the issuance of preferred nonvoting shares up to P15 billion with an oversubscription option of P10 billion more, it announced on Thursday.

In a regulatory filing, the listed diversified conglomerate said the issuance's base amount is between P10 billion and P15 billion, which could bring up to P25 billion including the oversubscription.

The matter will be subject to regulatory requirements and will be presented to its stockholders for approval at their annual stockholders' meeting, which is set on April 28.

"Appropriate disclosures shall be made once the terms have been finalized," the company said.

Meanwhile, the company's board also amended its audit committee charter to align with the

requirements of the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard and Integrated Corporate Governance Report to reflect existing practices.

Its sustainability committee charter will also be amended to update the sustainability panel's roles and responsibilities.

Shares in Ayala Corp. fell by 1.64% to P10.50 to close at P630.50 apiece. — **Adrian H. Halili**

DICT considers extended SIM registration deadline

THE Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is looking at extending the deadline for registering SIM (subscriber identity module) cards as the latest tally has reached only about a quarter of the total subscribers nationwide.

In its latest count, the agency said the total registered subscribers reached 41.47 million, which is only 24.54% of the country's 168.98 million subscribers.

"DICT is looking at the possibility of an extension," DICT Undersecretary for Public Affairs and Foreign Relations Anna Mae Y. Lamentillo said in a Viber message.

When asked how long the department is planning to extend the deadline, Ms. Lamentillo said that it is still under deliberation.

"The DICT has the prerogative to extend the SIM Registration process for another 120 days. We are still deliberating on the matter. Now we're focused on increasing the number of registrants before the April 26 deadline," she added.

The total number is consolidated from the data reported by local public



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telecommunication entities or PTEs: Smart Communications, Inc., Globe Telecom, Inc., and DITO Telecommunity Corp.

The breakdown provided by the DICT showed that Smart registered a total of 21.12 million SIM cards which is 31.05% of its around 68 million subscribers; Globe recorded 17.21 million or 19.58% of its 87,873,936 subscribers; and DITO reported 3.15 million or 24.02% of its 13.11 million subscribers.

Globe said that it will be setting up SIM card registration booths across 54 locations nationwide from March 7 to 10.

"[This is] in support of the seventh round of the SIM registration assistance initiative of the National

Telecommunications Commission," the company said.

For this week, Globe will be setting up booths in 11 provinces in Luzon, four provinces in the Visayas, and nine provinces in Mindanao.

"With our SIM registration booths deployed across the country, we hope to make the registration process as easy and convenient as possible for everyone. We encourage our customers to visit these locations and comply with the government mandate before the deadline," said Globe Channel Management Group Head Cleo Celeste Santos.

Meanwhile, the DICT is advising the public to register their SIM cards with their respective PTEs and be vigilant as they complete the registration process.

It added that the public must only register through the official links of PTEs, which are smart.com.ph/simreg or simreg.smart.com.ph for Smart users; new.globe.com.ph/simreg for Globe users; and digital.dito.ph/pto/download/app for DITO users. — **Justine Irish D. Tabile**

Ready to break the code. (From L-R) SM Supermalls President Steven T. Tan joins Philippine Commission on Women Executive Director Atty. Kristine Yuzon-Chaves, Philippine Vice President Sara Z. Duterte, UN Resident Coordinator Mr. Gustavo Gonzalez, and UN Women Philippines DaCountry Programme Manager Ms. Lenlen Mesina during the International Women's Day event at the SM Aura Premier Samsung Hall. Joining them are NEDA Undersecretary Rosemarie Edillion and Congresswoman Geraldine Roman, Chairperson of the House Committee on Women and Gender Equality. The whole day event titled "Breaking the Code: Equality for All Through Technology and Innovation" puts the spotlight on bridging the digital gender gap and promoting equality for girls and women in digital education and technology sectors.

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Interested PSPs may participate in the bid by purchasing the Terms of Reference (TOR) starting on **08 March 2023** at the BCDA Corporate Center, 2/F Bonifacio Technology Center, 31st Street corner 2nd Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City for a non-refundable fee of **Php75,000.00**, payable to BCDA in the form of cash or Manager's/Cashier's Check. An electronic copy of the TOR will be made available online at www.bcdagov.ph/bids.

A Pre-Bid Conference shall be held on **24 March 2023, 10:00 A.M.** at the BCDA Corporate Office in Taguig City. The final date of submission of the Bid Document, Eligibility Requirements and Financial Proposal shall be on **21 April 2023, 12:00 Noon**, at the BCDA Office in the 2/F Bonifacio Technology Center, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Philippines.

This bidding is being administered by the BCDA Asset Disposition Program Committee (ADP-Com), and any questions shall be addressed to the ADP-Com Chairperson. For additional queries you may get in touch with the Secretariat at nos. **+632-8575-1765 / 045-499-8617** or through email at nccsolar_adpcom@bcdagov.ph.



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