

ADVISORY

Subject: FAKE ACCOUNTS USING SEC CHAIRPERSON EMILIO B. AQUINO'S NAME ON VIBER AND OTHER MESSAGING APPS

It has come to the attention of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that certain individuals have been using the name and picture of SEC Chairperson Emilio B. Aquino in messaging applications such as Viber.

The SEC warns the public against entertaining messages purportedly sent by Chairperson Aquino, or any other persons claiming to be employees of, or connected with, the Office of the Chairperson and other units of the Commission, to solicit favors.

The officials and employees of the SEC adhere to the highest standards of conduct and ethics for public servants. The Office of the Chairperson will never solicit and accept favors especially from persons supervised and regulated by the Commission.

The SEC advises the public to transact only through its official communication channels. The official email addresses and phone numbers of the Commission are posted on its website at <https://www.sec.gov.ph/contact-us/#gsc.tab=0>.

The SEC also encourages the public to report persons representing themselves as employees of, or connected with, the Commission and promising preferential treatment or advantages in their transactions with the Commission for personal gain, at epd@sec.gov.ph or (02) 8818-6047.

For the information and guidance of the public.

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