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TO :

ALL JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT OF FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT :

NATIONAL JUDGEMENT DAY PROGRAM ON 16 NOVEMBER 2015

On the occasion of the 40 th Anniversary of the Office of the Court Administrator, and in view of the continuing efforts to decongest court dockets and jail facilities, a National Judgment Day Program shall be conducted on 16 November 2015, Monday, by all first and second level courts nationwide.

In line with this, you are hereby DIRECTED to immediately conduct an inventory of cases, especially those involving detention prisoners, and set them for hearing on 16 November 2015, with the objective of terminating these cases pursuant to existing laws and rules. This directive, however, should not prevent any court from promulgating judgments or releasing detention prisoners on an earlier date when warranted by circumstances.

All courts are further DIRECTED to submit a tentative calendar of cases that will be heard on said date not later than 30 October 2015, through your respective Executive Judges who shall forward the same to this Office via e-mail at

nationaljudgmentday@sc.judiciary. gov .ph

Moreover, proper notices should be timely sent to the parties and counsels, the Prosecutors, and Public Attorney's Office lawyers.

At the end of the National Judgment Day, all courts shall submit a report on the program, using the form attached as Annex A, to their respective Executive Judges. All Executive Judges shall then forward the reports through the above e-mail address, together with a summary report using the form attached as Annex B. They are further instructed to ensure the compliance of courts within their supervision with this directive.

For strict compliance.

1 September 2015

(SGD.) JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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