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PNP Chief, Director General Panfilo M Lacson today reminded all police personnel to remain guided by the PNP Code of Professional Conduct and Ethical Standards specially during these "challenging times."

"The Code translates into several principles our loyalty to the Philippine Constitution and the laws of the land. it is basic bible, so to speak," Lacson said.

The PNP Chief was guest of honor during the launching ceremony in Greenhills of the Police Assistance Booth Project jointly undertaken by the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) under Director Edgar Aglipay and the Philippine Retailers Association (PRA) headed by Roberto Claudio.

In his remarks, Lacson enumerated at least four of the 15 norms of professional conduct under the Code which policemen should "reflect on during these times."

These are, Commitment to democracy, Non-partisanship, respect for human rights, and Obedience to superiors.

"Politics is never our business. Policing is our only way of life. To those who cannot make the distinction, you are better off without the police uniform, insignia and rank," Lacson emphasized.

He also pointed out that the PNP "should protect human dignity and uphold human rights of all persons, both the accuser and the accused, be it in a court of law or in the parliament of the streets."

The PNP Chief also reminded all policemen that "the basic freedom of expression and assembly, be it in the Internet or in the streets, is a democratic right to be respected by all of us."

This he said even as he issued an order authorizing the release of hazardous duty allowance to all police personnel, mostly women, assigned to Civil Disturbance Management duties during rallies.

Lacson's message, in effect, brushed-off all speculations about the standpoint of the PNP leadership in the midst of the recent political developments in the country.

His declaration of the PNP's allegiance to the Constitution and obedience to lawful orders of superiors is a consistent reiteration of earlier pronouncements echoed down to all line unit commanders.

"We will uphold the Constitution, support the Government and follow orders from the duly constituted authority - the Commander-in-Chief," Lacson said.

The PNP Chief also took time to react to wild accusations of his alleged involvement in political propaganda efforts.

"As Chief PNP, it is not one of my duties to be a writer, much less a distribution of white papers. In all humility, I have to accept the fact that writing fancy papers is not one of my talents," Lacson said.