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### **DIRECTOR GENERAL PANFILO M LACSON**

Chief, Philippine National Police

I am pleased to announce the neutralization of a big-time gunrunning syndicate engaged in the smuggling of firearms.

Presented before you are the suspected leaders of the syndicate Mr. Wen-Wo Tseng and Mr. Shih-Jung Lee, both from Taiwan.

They were arrested along with nine (9) Filipino boatcrew members in Subic, Zambales this morning by combined operatives from the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, Traffic Management Group, Maritime Group and the Philippine Center for Transnational Crime while loading into a fishing boat some 91 different types of high-powered firearms and about 10,000 rounds of assorted ammunition.

Our information indicates that this transnational syndicate has been using this modus operandi to ship out firearms from the country to unknown destinations.

This firearms haul is a boost to the efforts of the PNP in ridding the country of loose guns in the hands of syndicates and other unauthorized persons.

Meanwhile, the suspects will be charged for violation of Presidential Decree 1866 for Illegal Possession of Firearms.

I would like to extend my commendation to the police units involved in this operation namely, the NCR and 3rd Regional Offices of the CIDG, the 3rd Regional Traffic Management Office, the PCTC, the 3rd Regional Maritime Office, and the Subic Police Office.

Thank you.