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### **P491.793 M WORTH OF CONFISCATED DANGEROUS DRUGS DESTROYED**

Confiscated dangerous drugs worth of P491,793,179.00 were destroyed today (Tuesday, Nov. 4) by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in a burning ceremony held at the Integrated Waste Management Facility in Barangay Aguado, Trece Martires City, Cavite.

Destroyed were 195,746.25 grams (195.746 kilograms) of shabu worth P489,365,625.00; 1,989.77 grams (1.989 kg) of marijuana worth P397,954.00; and 1,014.80 grams (1.014 kg) of ephedrine worth P2,029,600.00.

Ephedrine is a precursor, the main ingredient in the manufacture of methamphetamine hydrochloride, or popularly known as shabu.

The destroyed dangerous drugs cover a total of 511 cases filed in court by the PDEA and other law enforcement agencies.

"The objective of this activity is to demonstrate to the public that the government has a built-in process of disposing dangerous drugs seized or confiscated from drug syndicates," said Undersecretary Anselmo S. Avenido Jr., PDEA Director General.

He added that the destruction of the dangerous drugs in public would help erase perception that confiscated dangerous drugs are being recycled or sold back in the streets.

Present during the burning ceremony were members of the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) headed by PDEA Director General Anselmo S. Avenido Jr.; representatives of the Congressional Oversight Committee on Dangerous Drugs; persons or groups

required by law to be present; and local officials of Trece Martires City and the Province of Cavite.

### **5th burning**

This is the fifth time that a big volume of confiscated, seized or surrendered dangerous drugs were destroyed under Republic Act 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, to be undertaken by the PDEA, the lead agency in the revitalized national anti-drug campaign.

Drugs in small volume are destroyed or burned immediately in respective localities based on the orders of the courts concerned.

"The burning of confiscated, seized or surrendered dangerous drugs is being conducted once a week or as often as necessary in compliance with the order of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, depending on the court orders and the accumulated weight of drugs available for destruction at any given time," Avenido explained.

### **First 4 burnings**

The first burning of big volume of dangerous drugs was held on October 10, 2002 at the Integrated Waste Management Facility in Barangay Puting Lupa, Calamba City, Laguna. Destroyed were 204.8 kilograms of shabu worth P409,600,000.00 and 112 kilos of marijuana worth P2,800,000.00, or a total of P412,400,000.00 worth of confiscated dangerous drugs.

The second, third and fourth burnings were all held in the Cavite facility.

Destroyed in the second burning held on July 26, 2003 were dangerous drugs valued at P1,202,174,117.50 broken down into the following: 594.34 kilograms of shabu worth P1,188,680,000.00 and 539.764 kilograms of marijuana worth P13,494,117.50; and other illegal drugs.

In the third burning held on August 5, 2003, dangerous drugs worth P619,948,640.00 were destroyed: 99.302 kilograms of shabu worth P198,604,640.00; 263.340 kilograms of ephedrine valued at P421,344,000.00; and other illegal drugs.

In the fourth burning held on August 19,2003, dangerous drugs worth P81,078,656.25 were destroyed: 40.509 kilograms of shabu worth P81,019,740.00; 1.018 kilograms of marijuana worth P25,460.25; 24 grams of ephedrine worth P31,200.00; 100 morphine tablets worth P2,100.00; and two bottles of Phentermine Hydrochloride worth P156.

**PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
RECAPITULATION  
October 30,2003**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VOLUME/WEIGHT</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
<b>Shabu (gms)</b>	<b>195,746.25</b>	<b>489,656,625.00</b>
<b>Marijuana (gms)</b>	<b>1,989.77</b>	<b>397,954.00</b>
<b>Ephedrine (gms)</b>	<b>1,014.80</b>	<b>2,029,600.00</b>
<b>Total Value of Drugs Destroyed</b>		<b>491,793,179.00</b>
<b>Number of Criminal Cases Involved</b>		<b>511</b>