

FOREWORD

This is a revised issue of the 2000 Compilation of Laws Relating to Graft and Corruption. The basic purpose of printing this compilation is to make said basic laws accessible to all and to serve as the principal reference material among the investigators, prosecutors, officials and employees of the Office of the Ombudsman, other government employees, private practitioners and even concerned non-governmental organizations. This compilation, since its first *crude* printing in the early 90's, has outgrown its initial intended use and modest objectives. Thus, the compilation now serves as a guidebook to the various Corruption Prevention Units (CPUs), Junior Graft-Watch Units (JGUs), non-governmental organizations, and to members of the academe involved in anti-corruption efforts and good governance.

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