



S E C ADVISORY

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The Commission has received numerous reports regarding the activities of an entity named **THE PHILIPPINES GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS ASSOCIATION (TPGSRA), INC./THE GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS CLUB**.

Based on the information gathered by the Commission, **THE PHILIPPINES GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS ASSOCIATION (TPGSRA), INC. /THE GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS CLUB** has been soliciting investments from the public disguised as "donations". The scheme is presented as follows:

1. Deposit or send donation amounting to Eight Thousand Pesos (P8,000.00) to the depository bank or any money padala outlets or to the program coordinator or directly to the Association and become the sponsor of someone wishing and needing a motorcycle. The "donor" is now qualified to be a recipient of a brand new and branded motorcycle.

2. Look for two (2) sponsors to do the first step as indicated above and receive a financial assistance amounting to Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) as down payment for the brand new and branded motorcycle.

3. The Association will continue assisting financially by paying the monthly dues in the amount of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) for the first two (2) months. In the event that the amount of down payment and monthly dues are greater than what has been provided, the donor will pay the excess amount. Furthermore, the Association will pay the monthly due for thirty-six (36) months depending on the number of donors and sponsors the donor will have in his/her group.

The public is hereby informed that based on the records of the Commission, **THE PHILIPPINES GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS ASSOCIATION (TPGSRA), INC./THE GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS CLUB** is registered with the Commission ONLY as a corporation under the Corporation Code of the Philippines but **NOT** authorized to offer, solicit, sell or distribute any investment/securities. Such activities require a Secondary License from the Commission and the securities or investment product should likewise be registered with SEC before they can be offered or sold to the public under Sections 8 and 12 of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC).

Those who act as salesmen, brokers, dealers, or agents of **THE PHILIPPINES GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS ASSOCIATION (TPGSRA), INC./THE GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS CLUB** in selling or convincing people to invest in the investment scheme being offered by **THE PHILIPPINES GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS ASSOCIATION (TPGSRA), INC./THE GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS CLUB** including doing solicitations or recruitment through the internet may likewise be prosecuted and held criminally liable under Section 28 of the SRC and penalized with a maximum fine of FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00) or a maximum penalty of TWENTY ONE (21) years imprisonment or BOTH pursuant to Section 73 of the SRC.

Accordingly, those who invite or recruit other people to join or invest in this venture or offer investment contracts or securities to the public may be held criminally liable or accordingly sanctioned or penalized, in accordance with the Supreme Court decision in the case of SEC vs. Oudine Santos (G. R. No. 195542, 19 March 2014).

Furthermore, the names of all those involved will be reported to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) so that the appropriate penalties and/or taxes be correspondingly assessed.

In view of the foregoing, the public is hereby advised to exercise self-restraint from investing their money into such high-yield, high-risk investment scheme and to take the necessary precaution in dealing with individuals representing the above-named entity.

Should you have any information about the business operations of **THE PHILIPPINES GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS ASSOCIATION (TPGSRA), INC. /THE GOOD SAMARITAN RIDERS CLUB**, please call the Enforcement and Investor Protection Department at telephone numbers 818-6047 or the SEC-Cebu Extension Office at Tel. No. (032) 253-5337 or (032) 253-6987.

For the guidance of the public.