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RE: Pulse Asia's July 2005 Nationwide Survey
on the SONA, Presidential Performance and Trust Ratings, and
Gloriagate and Jueteng issues

Pulse Asia is pleased to share with you some findings on **the SONA, Presidential Performance and Trust Ratings, and Gloriagate and Jueteng issues** taken from the July 2005 *Ulat ng Bayan* nationwide survey.

In the interest of disseminating information relating to Filipinos' perceptions, opinions, sentiments, and attitudes relating to current developments in the country, we request you to assist us in helping inform the public.

Using multistage probability sampling to identify 1,200 representative adults 18 years old and above, Pulse Asia's nationwide survey has a plus or minus 3 percentage points error margin at the 95% confidence level. . At the same 95% confidence level, subnational figures/estimates for each of the geographic areas covered by the survey (i.e., Metro Manila, the rest of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao) have an error margin of plus or minus 6 percentage points. **Face-to-face field interviews** for the survey were conducted from July 2 to 14, 2005.

The survey period caught the resignation of ten cabinet members who asked President Gloria Arroyo to resign from office; similar calls for her resignation from former President Corazon C. Aquino, the Makati Business Club, and members of the Liberal Party, among others; the issuance of the CBCP statement that did not call for the President's resignation but advised her not to dismiss such a call; the big July 13 anti-Arroyo rally held in Makati; and congressional hearings on jueteng and the Garcillano tapes, among other developments. Also captured was the departure of the President's husband and son, Mr. Jose Miguel Arroyo and Rep. Juan Miguel Arroyo, respectively. The last interview was conducted on July 14, 2005, two days before a pro-Arroyo rally was held in Luneta Park.

The survey's sampling design and questionnaire are the full responsibility of Pulse Asia's pool of academic experts and no religious, political, economic, or any other form of partisanship has been allowed to influence the survey design, the findings generated by the actual surveys or the subsequent analysis of survey findings. (Those interested in further technical details concerning the survey's questionnaire and sampling design may request Pulse Asia in writing for fuller details, including copies of the pre-tested questions actually used.)

Pulse Asia undertakes the *Ulat ng Bayan* survey series on its own without any party singularly commissioning the research effort.

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- A. Almost six in ten Filipinos (59%) report awareness of the President's previous state of the nation addresses (SONAs). A big plurality (44%) of those who are aware express the opinion that these past SONAs were not truthful while only 18% believe otherwise and 38% are undecided. As regards President Arroyo's forthcoming speech on 25 July 2005, nearly the same number say that the SONA would likely be not truthful (45%) or are ambivalent on the issue (42%). Only 13% expect the President to deliver a SONA that would reflect the country's actual state of affairs.

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS (SONA) PROBES

July 2 - 14, 2005 / Philippines
(Column Percent)

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS PROBES	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
Awareness of past State Of the Nation Address of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (Base: Total interviews)								
Yes	59	82	58	57	48	77	63	47
No	41	18	42	43	52	23	37	53
Truthfulness of Past State Of The Nation Address Of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (Base: Aware of the President Gloria's SONA in the past)								
Truthful	18	12	13	30	22	21	17	19
Undecided	38	32	41	42	34	31	39	40
Not Truthful	44	56	46	28	43	48	45	41
Truthfulness Of The Forthcoming State Of the Nation Address of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (Base: Aware of the President Gloria's SONA in the past)								
Truthful	13	8	8	30	15	18	14	11
Undecided	42	36	44	43	39	33	42	43
Not Truthful	45	56	48	27	46	49	44	46

Q143. Kayo ba ay nakarinig na o nakabasa na sa anumang nakaraang Ulat sa Bayan o SONA ni Pangulong Arroyo?

Q144. Sa inyong palagay, ang mga nakaraang Ulat sa Bayan o SONA ba ni Pangulong Arroyo ay ...?

Q145. [SA MGA SUMAGOT NG OO] Sa inyong palagay, ang darating bang 2005 Ulat sa Bayan o SONA ni Pangulong Arroyo ay malamang na maging ...?

Notes: (1) % Truthful= % Mostly Truthful plus % Truthful; % Not Truthful= % Mostly Not Truthful plus %Not Truthful

(2) *Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding off or to Don't Know and Refuse responses.

B. In July 2005, President Gloria Arroyo records her lowest approval and trust ratings since becoming president in January 2001.

- Only 19% of Filipinos currently express approval of presidential performance while a considerable majority (58%) is outrightly critical and 22% are ambivalent on the matter. The President's performance ratings are generally constant across socio-economic classes. Across geographic areas, Visayans approve most of the President (38%) while Metro Manilans (68%) and Mindanaoans (69%) are most critical. This 38% approval rate of the President among Visayans has declined appreciably from the highest approval rating she obtained from them (67% in June 2004 and March 2001).
- Between June and July 2005, the level of disapproval for the President's performance goes up by 12 percentage points, rising by a significant 25 percentage points in Mindanao. Even in the Visayas, where the President's disapproval rating is lowest (37%), the level of disapproval is 6 percentage points higher relative to the June 2005 figure, although this change is not large enough to be statistically significant.

**COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE RATINGS OF
PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**

October 2004 to July 2005 / Philippines
(Row Percent)

Demographic variables	Approve				Undecided				Disapprove			
	Oct 04	Mar 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Oct 04	Mar 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Oct 04	Mar 05	Jun 05	Jul 05
Total Philippines	41	38	25	19	25	27	28	22	34	34	46	58
NCR	31	23	19	15	28	32	22	17	41	44	59	68
Balance Luzon	38	34	18	14	25	31	30	26	37	34	51	60
Visayas	53	52	40	38	23	17	29	25	24	30	31	37
Mindanao	43	45	28	14	25	24	28	17	32	32	44	69
Class ABC	39	36	31	22	26	31	21	21	35	32	49	55
TOTAL D	39	38	24	19	27	27	30	23	34	35	45	58
D1 (owns res'l lot)	37	39	26	18	27	28	28	26	36	33	45	56
D2 (does not own res'l lot)	43	37	22	21	27	25	33	18	29	38	46	61
E	46	40	25	19	20	25	27	21	34	34	48	60

- A record 59% of Filipinos now distrust President Arroyo while only 17% express trust in her and 24% are undecided. Mindanaoans (67%) and Metro Manilans (72%) give the President her highest distrust rating. Again, it is in the Visayas where the President enjoys her highest trust rating (31%). However, even in the Visayas, the level of trust is marginally lower than the level of distrust (37%).
- The President's current distrust rating is 6 percentage points higher than the figure recorded in June 2005. The level of distrust goes up by double-digit margins in Metro Manila (+12 percentage points) and in Mindanao (+15 percentage points).

COMPARATIVE TRUST RATINGS OF PRESIDENT GLORIA ARROYO

October 2004 to July 2005 / Philippines
(Row Percent)

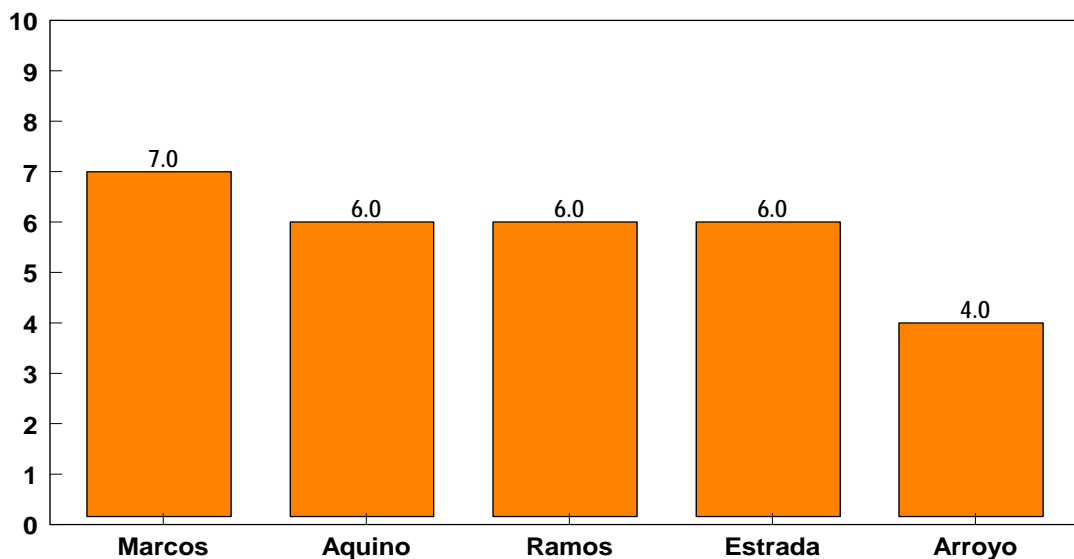
Demographic variables	Big Trust					Undecided					Small/No trust				
	Oct 04	Nov 04	Mar 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Oct 04	Nov 04	Mar 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Oct 04	Nov 04	Mar 05	Jun 05	Jul 05
Total Philippines	37	30	35	20	17	33	31	32	27	24	30	39	33	53	59
NCR	23	24	19	17	12	31	31	35	23	16	46	45	46	60	72
Balance Luzon	33	25	27	14	15	35	34	36	28	25	31	41	36	57	60
Visayas	49	42	54	30	31	33	33	23	32	31	19	26	23	38	37
Mindanao	41	32	41	23	11	29	25	28	25	21	30	43	30	52	67
Class ABC	31	30	34	28	21	31	34	38	22	18	38	36	27	50	61
TOTAL D	36	27	36	19	16	33	33	30	26	24	31	40	34	54	60
D1 (owns res'l lot)	33	27	36	21	17	33	33	32	27	24	33	40	32	52	59
D2 (does not own res'l lot)	41	27	35	17	15	32	34	27	25	24	27	39	37	58	61
E	40	35	32	17	17	33	26	34	32	26	27	39	34	50	56

C. President Arroyo obtains the lowest overall performance rating among the country's five most recent presidents when rated on six issues: politically stabilizing the country, promoting economic growth, reducing corruption in government, reducing criminality, helping the poor and fighting the rapid increase in prices of goods and services.

- President Arroyo obtains an overall median performance rating of 4.0 on a scale of 0 (lowest) to 10 (highest), indicating that half of Filipino adults give her a performance rating of at most 4. The corresponding overall median performance rating of her three predecessors (former Presidents Corazon C. Aquino, Fidel V. Ramos and Joseph E. Estrada) is 6.0, while that of former President Ferdinand E. Marcos is 7.0.

COMPARATIVE OVERALL MEDIAN PRESIDENTIAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS

July 2 - 14, 2005 / Philippines
(Median)



D. First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo and Pampanga Representative Juan Miguel Arroyo post even higher distrust ratings than the President (70% and 64%, respectively vis-à-vis 59%). Between June and July 2005, the level of distrust for the First Gentleman increases by 8 percentage points while that for Representative Arroyo remains practically unchanged. At present, a small minority of Filipinos say they trust First Gentleman Arroyo (8%) and Representative Arroyo (11%). As previously noted, the survey period included the departure of Mr. Jose Miguel Arroyo and Rep. Juan Miguel Arroyo to begin an indefinite and voluntary stay abroad amidst allegations of their involvement in jueteng payoffs made during investigations at the Senate.

**COMPARATIVE TRUST RATINGS OF
FIRST GENTLEMAN JOSE MIGUEL T. ARROYO**
June and July 2005 / Philippines
(Row Percent)

Demographic variables	Big Trust		Undecided		Small Trust	
	Jun 05	Jul 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Jun 05	Jul 05
Total Philippines	8	8	28	22	62	70
NCR	5	4	14	14	80	81
Balance Luzon	7	4	27	20	65	76
Visayas	11	18	33	22	50	59
Mindanao	12	8	32	29	56	63
Class ABC	12	3	19	18	69	77
TOTAL D	9	7	26	22	63	70
D1 (owns res'l lot)	8	6	25	25	65	69
D2 (does not own res'l lot)	11	8	27	19	61	73
E	5	10	34	21	59	69

**COMPARATIVE TRUST RATINGS OF
2ND DIST. PAMPANGA CONG. JUAN MIGUEL ARROYO**
June and July 2005 / Philippines
(Row Percent)

Demographic variables	Big Trust		Undecided		Small Trust	
	Jun 05	Jul 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Jun 05	Jul 05
Total Philippines	9	11	28	25	61	64
NCR	5	5	20	20	74	74
Balance Luzon	7	9	26	24	66	67
Visayas	12	20	35	25	43	53
Mindanao	12	11	29	29	59	60
Class ABC	8	8	21	21	69	70
TOTAL D	9	11	27	23	62	66
D1 (owns res'l lot)	8	11	24	23	65	66
D2 (does not own res'l lot)	10	10	32	23	59	67
E	9	12	30	29	57	58

Notes: (1) % Big Trust = % Very Big Trust plus % Big Trust ; % Small Trust = % Small Trust plus Very Small Trust

- E. An overwhelming majority of Filipinos (87%) reports having heard or read something about the alleged involvement of government officials in jueteng. Awareness is high across the country (from 78% in the Visayas to 98% in Metro Manila). Meanwhile, 71% believe these allegations to be true --- higher than the 64% expressing the same sentiment in June 2005. The increase may be attributed in part to the revelations made by several witnesses in the on-going Senate investigations into jueteng operations. On the other hand, a marginal 4% think that these allegations are not true.

AWARENESS OF ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN JUETENG

June and July 2005 / Philippines
(Column Percent)

INTRO: In the newspapers, radio and TV are numerous news and discussions now about jueteng. There are many allegations that some local and national government officials – be they civilian, military or police – are involved and benefit from this illegal gambling game.								
Awareness of alleged involvement of government officials in jueteng (Base: Total Interviews, 100%)		LOCATION				CLASS		
			BAL					
	<u>RP</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>LUZ</u>	<u>VIS</u>	<u>MIN</u>	<u>ABC</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>
Yes								
July 2005	87	98	93	78	79	95	91	80
June 2005	90	99	94	80	86	98	90	88
No								
July 2005	13	2	7	22	21	5	9	20
June 2005	10	1	6	20	14	2	10	12

Sa diyaryo, radyo at tv ay maraming balita at talakayan ngayon tungkol sa isyu ng jueteng. Maraming alegasyon na kasangkot at nakikinabang sa iligal na sugal na ito ang ilang matataas na opisyal ng pamahalaang lokal at nasyonal, maging sila man ay sibilyan, militar o pulis.

Q. Kayo ba ay may nabasa o narinig na tungkol sa mga alegasyong ito?

TRUTHFULNESS OF ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN JUETENG

June and July 2005 / Philippines
(Column Percent)

TRUTHFULNESS OF ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN JUETENG (Base: Total Interviews, 100%)		LOCATION				CLASS		
			BAL					
	<u>RP</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>LUZ</u>	<u>VIS</u>	<u>MIN</u>	<u>ABC</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>
True								
July 2005	71	84	72	65	67	83	74	65
June 2005	64	76	70	49	57	76	64	60
Undecided								
July 2005	24	14	26	24	27	16	22	30
June 2005	31	21	28	42	34	21	31	34
Not True								
July 2005	4	2	2	11	6	1	4	5
June 2005	5	3	2	8	9	3	5	7

Q. Sa inyong opinyon, ang mga alegasyon ba ng pagkakasangkot at pakikinabang sa jueteng ng mga matataas na opisyal ng pamahalaan ay ... (SHOWCARD)?

Notes: (1) % True = % Definitely True plus % Probably True; % Not True = % Probably Not True plus % Definitely Not True.
(2) Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding off or to Don't Know and Refuse responses.

F. Most Filipinos appear to have made up their mind one way or the other regarding the reported involvement in jueteng operations of some members of President Arroyo's family since a low 3% express indecision on the matter. A big majority (81%) believes that members of the President's family are involved in jueteng while 16% holds the opposite view. Even in the Visayas, a majority (62%) believes that some members of the President's family are involved in and benefit from jueteng.

INVOLVEMENT OF PRESIDENT ARROYO'S FAMILY IN JUETENG

July 2 - 14, 2005 / Philippines
(Column Percent)

INVOLVEMENT OF PRESIDENT ARROYO'S FAMILY IN JUETENG (Base: Total Interviews, 100%)	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BAL LUZ	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
NO ONE in Pres. Arroyo's family is involved and benefits from jueteng								
July 2005	16	11	13	34	11	13	17	16
June 2005	19	12	15	28	22	15	17	23
UNDECIDED								
July 2005	3	2	3	4	2	4	3	2
June 2005	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	3
THERE ARE those in Pres. Arroyo's family that are involved and benefit from jueteng								
July 2005	81	87	84	62	87	83	80	82
June 2005	78	85	81	68	75	81	79	74

Q. May mga naniniwala na maging ilang miyembro ng pamilya ni Pangulong Arroyo ay kasangkot at nakikinabang din sa jueteng. Mayroon namang hindi naniniwala na kumukupkop at nakikinabang sa jueteng ang sinumang miyembro ng pamilya ng Pangulo. Sa dalawang paniniwalang ito, alin ang higit na malapit sa sarili ninyong paniniwala?

G. Adding to the President's woes is the survey's finding that 52% of Filipinos think that after admitting to talking to a COMELEC official during the canvassing of votes in the May 2004 elections, the most appropriate thing for the President to do is to resign. This belief is held by a near to a considerable majority of those in the different geographic areas (54% to 59%) and socio-economic classes (46% to 54%) except again in the Visayas where a plurality (38%) thinks the President should focus more on state matters. However, nearly the same percentage of Visayans (30%) believes the President should resign.

At the national level, the President's focusing on state matters is preferred by 19% of Filipinos --- nearly the same percentage that favors leaving it up to Congress whether to undertake legal procedures against the President, including the filing of impeachment charges against her. The President's taking a leave of absence is a measure favored by 11% of the population.

Note that the creation of a truth commission is not included in the choice set for this question.

The people's sentiments regarding President Arroyo's remaining in office are virtually unchanged since June 2005 when 48% agreed to the statement that President Arroyo should not continue to serve as president of the country. But in November 2004 lower percentage (31%) agreed to this statement.

MEASURE THE PRESIDENT SHOULD TAKE AFTER ADMITTING THE RECORDING INCIDENT

July 2 - 14, 2005 / Philippines
(Column Percent)

Now that the President has admitted that she talked to a COMELEC official in the recording, what do you think the President should do? Choose one only. (Base: Total Interviews, 100%)	LOCATION					CLASS		
	RP	NCR	BAL			ABC	D	E
			LUZ	VIS	MIN			
Resign	52	58	59	30	54	46	51	54
Focus more on state matters	19	17	14	38	14	24	18	20
Leave to Congress the undertaking of any legal procedure concerning this case such as impeachment of the President	18	20	15	22	20	24	20	14
Take a leave from her duties and reflect on the mistake she made	11	5	12	10	12	5	10	12

Q203. Ngayong umamin na ang Presidente na siya ay nakipagusap sa isang COMELEC official sa rekording, ano sa inyong palagay ang karapat dapat gawin ng Presidente? Pumili ng isa lamang.

**MISCELLANEOUS PROBES:
AGREEMENT / DISAGREEMENT WITH TEST STATEMENT
PGMA TO CONTINUE AS PRESIDENT OR RESIGN**

November 2004 and June 2005 / Philippines
(Row Percent)

TEST STATEMENT	Agree	Undecided	Disagree
<u>PGMA TO CONTINUE AS PRESIDENT OR RESIGN</u> President Arroyo should not continue to serve as President of the Philippines.			
June 2005	48	25	26
November 2004	31	29	39

Babasahin namin ngayon sa inyo ang ilang mga pangungusap. Maaari bang sa bawat isa sa mga pangungusap na ito ay pakisabi lamang kung kayo ay lubos na sumasang-ayon, sumasang-ayon, hindi masabi ngayon kung sumasang-ayon o hindi sumasang-ayon, hindi sumasang-ayon o lubos na hindi sumasang-ayon?

Question: ST0506

Q102. Dapat ay magbitiw sa tungkulin o mag-resign na si P1 presidente Arroyo bilang Presidente ng Pilipinas.

Question: ST0411

Q67. Dapat ay magpatuloy manungkulan si Presidente Arroyo bilang Presidente ng Pilipinas

Notes: (1) % Agree = % Very Much Agree plus % Agree; % Disagree = % Disagree plus % Very Much Disagree

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