



## **Benjamin E. Diokno**

Secretary - Department of Finance

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Dr. Diokno is the Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF). Prior to his appointment as fiscal chief, he served as Governor of the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* (BSP) from 2019 to 2022. Under his leadership, the Philippine Central Bank was among the first to respond to the pandemic and deploy decisive measures to cushion the adverse impact of the pandemic and pave the road to recovery. Before taking charge of monetary affairs, he served as Budget Secretary under three presidents where he pursued expansionary fiscal policy to finance investments to human capital development and public infrastructure.

As Finance Secretary, Sec. Diokno seeks to rally the economic team to achieve three broad development goals by 2028: reduce the deficit-to-GDP ratio to pre-pandemic rates, bring down poverty incidence to single-digit, and achieve upper-middle-income economy status by the end of the Marcos administration. Sec. Diokno seeks to go beyond headline economic expansion and achieve a brand of inclusive and sustainable growth with equity.