MEMORANDUM

To         ALL BIR OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
           ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

From       LANEE CUI DAVID
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Subject    EMAIL ALERT ADVISORY ON PHISHING

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           Commissioner of Internal Revenue

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There have been reports of BIR email phishing. Phishing is an attempt to acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details (and sometimes, indirectly, money) by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.

Certain taxpayers received an email that apparently emanated from the BIR. They were asked to click on the link, re-directing them to a fraud website that sought out their username and password. This is a phishing scam. BIR will never ask users to log-in their accounts on BIR Electronic Services through embedded links.

Please be cautious of unsolicited email and/or other forms of communication requiring you to provide confidential or personal information.

The sample phishing email is attached for your information.

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