

University of the Philippines Diliman
DATA PROTECTION TEAM

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Reference No. DPT 18-24

FOR : **[Redacted]**
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SUBJECT : **Request for Confirmation on the Applicability of the Scope of
the Data Privacy Act of 2012 to the University of the Philippines**

Dear [Redacted]:

The Data Protection Team views that the University of the Philippines is not exempt *per se* from the Scope of the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

The Supreme Court ruled that “the term public authority refers to a person in authority” (*People v. Rodil*, G.R. No. L-35156, November 20, 1981). The case of *People v. Mendoza* (G.R. No. L-39275, December 20, 1933) defines a “person in authority” as follows:

“Article 152 of the Revised Penal Code defines a person in authority as follows:

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