



## Countdown: 45 days to the 8<sup>TH</sup> FPI Golf Classic Tournament

Only 45 days remain before the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual FPI Golf Tournament kicks off on March 22, 2010 at the Tagaytay Midlands Golf Course, Tagaytay City. Player reservations are now open on a first-come-first-served basis. The registration fee is Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00) and covers the cost of the green fee, golf cart for two people, caddie fee, buffet lunch, raffle ticket and giveaway items. There are major hole-in-one prizes that will be announced later.

To arrange for reservations, interested golf players may contact Caren Manzenares or Jojit Yap of the FPI Secretariat at tel. nos. 722-3409, 584-9642 & 727-4359; or through the following e-mails: fpi@fpi.ph, fpi@philonline.com, fpi@pltdsl.net and fpi.secretariat@gmail.com.

The tournament is organized by the FPI Golf Committee composed of its Chair Ramon Agustines of Philippine Association of Battery Manufacturers, currently also FPI Assistant Treasurer; Committee Vice Chair George Chua of Arms Corporation of the Philippines, also FPI Vice President for Corporate members and Treasurer; and the following committee members: FPI Director Jose Alvarez of Philippine Phosphate Fertilizer Corporation; FPI President Jesus Lim Arranza of Coconut Oil Refiners Association; Claro Arriola of the Textile Mills Association of the Philippines; FPI Vice President for Manufacturing Renato Ermita of AGC Flat Glass Philippines, Inc.; Ernie Hernandez of Well Advertising & Marketing Agency, Inc; Dr. Pedro M. Lopez of the Food Exporters Organization of the Philippines; FPI Director Chris J. Nelson of Philip Morris; FPI Director/Ways and Means Chair Henry Tañedo of the Tin Can Makers Association of the Philippines; FPI Director Edwin Umali of Mabuhay Vinyl Corporation; and FPI Director Abeto Uy of Philippine Steel Holdings Corp.

## Early-Bird Sponsors of the 8<sup>TH</sup> FPI Golf Classic Tournament

As of today, the following companies have already confirmed their sponsorship of the golf tournament:

1. AGC Flat Glass Phils, Inc.
2. Arms Corporation of the Philippines
3. CIIF Oil Mills Group
4. Ginebra San Miguel Premium Gin
5. Glass Asia Glazing Corporation
6. Mabuhay Vinyl Corporation
7. Manila Electric Company (Meralco)
8. Norkis Group of Companies
9. Oriental and Motolite Marketing Corporation
10. Philsteel Holdings Corporation
11. San Miguel Corporation
12. SL Agritech Corporation
13. SteelAsia Manufacturing Corporation
14. Universal Motors Corporation

## Surplus goods exchange/materials corner for FPI members in Tambuli

The Tambuli newsletter will begin posting advertisements of surplus goods/materials for exchange among FPI members at discounted or lower prices. FPI members who have such goods/materials are thus encouraged to place their advertisements in the Tambuli newsletter through the following e-mails: fpi@fpi.ph, fpi@philonline.com, fpi@pldtdsl.net and fpi.secretariat@gmail.com.

## Tariff Commission Hearings

Pursuant to Sections 401 and 402 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines (TCCP) of 1978 (Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended), the Tariff Commission (TC) will conduct public hearings on the following: (1) review of EO 262 "Modifying the Nomenclature and Rates of Duty on Motor Vehicles under Section 104 of the TCCP; (2) reduction of the rates of duty on plastic resins to zero percent; and (3) Comprehensive Tariff Review to set the tariff structure for 2011-2015 on products falling under Chapters 1-97 of the TCCP.

The schedules of the said public hearings, which will be held at the TC Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philippine Heart Center Building, East Avenue, Quezon City, are indicated below:

Date	Time	Product Coverage
08 February 2010	9:00 A.M.	Section 401 Requests  (1) Review of EO 262 – various motor vehicle parts and accessories (2) Reduction of MFN tariff rates to zero percent on polymers of: ethylene (39.01), propylene (39.02), styrene (39.03), vinyl chloride or other halogenated olefins (39.04)  Comprehensive Tariff Review – Chapters 1-24: Agriculture and Food Products
09 February 2010	9:00 A.M.	Comprehensive Tariff Review – Chapters 25-40: Chemicals and Allied Products
10 February 2010	9:00 A.M.	Comprehensive Tariff Review – Chapters 41-64: Leather, Wood, Paper, Textiles and Footwear
11 February 2010	9:00 A.M.	Comprehensive Tariff Review – Chapters 65-83: Metals and Non-Metal Products
12 February 2010	9:00 A.M.	Comprehensive Tariff Review – Chapters 84-97: Machinery, Transport and Miscellaneous Manufactured Products

## Customs Matters/Issuances

### Customs Issuances

**CMO 01-2010:** This Order makes reference to Executive Order No. 691, which temporarily modifies the rates of import duty on crude petroleum oils and refined petroleum products under Section 104 of the Tariffs and Customs Code of the Philippines of 1978 (P.D. No. 1464), as amended.

**CMO 02-2010:** This Order provides for the rules and regulations strengthening the functions of the Export Coordination Division (ECD) under the Office of the Assessment Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG).

**CMO 03-2010:** This Order provides for the creation of the Certificate of Payment Encoding and Verification Unit (CPEVU) in order to effectively implement Section 5.2 of Customs Administrative Order 08-2007 on the proper description of imported motor vehicles for customs valuation purposes, facilitate the processing and issuance of the certificate of clearance for imported parts and components of motor vehicles, ensure that only legally imported or auctioned off motor vehicles are registered with the Land Transportation Office and enhance the collection of government revenue from subject importations.

**CMC 20-2010:** This Circular invalidates several Certificates of Origin Form D issued by the Bureau of Import Administration, Department of Foreign Trade of Thailand, to wit:

<b>C.O. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Consignee</b>	<b>Exporter</b>	<b>Invoice No.</b>
014121	19 May 2009	Sta. Rosa Farm Products Corporation	AMPOL Food Processing Ltd. Thailand	E900073
ID2009-0004367	29 January 2009	UNILVER Philippines	Thai Daizo Aerosol Co.	SE-09-01-034
035321	2 November 2009	Stiefel Philippines, Inc.	Stiefel Laboratories, Thailand	23/10
022459	23 July 2009	Handyware Philippines, Inc.	Eiamheng Tapioca Starch Industry Co	109/09
025982	18 August 2009	Handyware Philippines, Inc.	Eiamheng Tapioca Starch Industry Co.	112/09

In view of the above, Customs officials were directed not to honor the above Certificates of Origin for purposes of claiming preferential tariff treatment under the ASEAN Common Effective Preferential Tariff Scheme (CEPT-AFTA) and to demand additional customs duties based on MFN rates from the importers, in case preferential tariffs have already been granted.

Copies of the above issuances may be obtained from the FPI Secretariat at tel. nos. +632 722-3409 and +632 584-9642.

### **CBW Applications**

During the meeting of the Customs Bonded Warehouse (CBW) Committee last February 5, 2010 at the Conference Room of the Office of the Deputy Customs Commissioner (AOCG), the CBW applications of the following companies were noted: (a) BNL Industrial Manufacturing Co., which imports used clothing for conversion into industrial rugs, for renewal of license to operate its CBW No. M-1198; (b) FTN Garments, DEA Han Apparel, EASTRO Apparel and Quick Step Apparel, all importers of fabrics and accessories, for renewal of license to operate their respective CBWs; FDCP Inc., based in General Santos City and importer of tinplates/DIA Ends for the manufacture of sanitized tin cans, for renewal of license to operate CBW No. 54.

**The FPI Secretariat**