



Public Symposium on Economic Integration and Nation Building

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of ASEAN, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Philippine Mission to ASEAN of the Philippine Government and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in tandem with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) will hold a Public Symposium on AEC and Economic Integration and Nation Building. This by invitation symposium will be held on September 21, 2017 at Marco Polo, Ortigas, Metro Manila.

National Quality Infrastructure (NQI): Catalyst for Global Competitiveness Forum

The members of the Federation of Philippine Industries are being invited by the Philippine Metrology, Standards, Testing and Quality (PhilMSTQ), Inc. to attend the **1st National Forum on NQI on Friday, 22 September 2017, 8:30am-4:30pm at the Occupational Safety & Health Center, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City.**

The objective of the Forum is to bring together the various NQI stakeholders, make them aware of the development in the Philippine infrastructure for quality and get them to take part in its strengthening. Said forum intends to enlighten participants on the state of the Philippine NQI: where we are now, what still needs to be done and how they can take part in strengthening it. An added feature of this event is a presentation on ISO/IEC DIS 17025:2016 – General Requirements for Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories.

A registration fee of PhP1,000 (Industry/Private) and PhP800 (Gov't/Academe) for PhilMSTQ Members while PhP1,500 (Industry/Private) and PhP1,200 (Gov't/Academe) for Non-Members.

For more information, FPI Members may get in touch with Mr. Jonathan Cabaltera of the National Competitiveness Council (NCC) at telephone number (632) 890.4861 or mobile 0915.264.3348

16th FPI Golf Classic, February 09, 2018

The 16th Annual FPI Golf Tournament will be held on February 09, 2018 (Friday) at the Tagaytay Midlands Golf Course, Tagaytay City. Senior executives from the country's Top 1,000 Corporations are expected to play in this tournament and get the chance to compete with their fellow industrialists and guests on the golf course.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE HEARING

Senate

Tuesday, September 19		
Committee/Sub-Committee	Time & Venue	Agenda
Blue Ribbon	9:00 A.M. Session Hall 2/F Left Wing, Senate	P.S. Res. No. 425 – The P6.4 Billion worth of shabu shipment from China, on the possible malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance of the Bureau of Customs officials and employees Privilege Speech of Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson titled, “KITA KITA” (Sa Customs), delivered on August 23, 2017
Thursday, September 21		
Committee/Sub-Committee	Time & Venue	Agenda
Energy joint with Public Services; and Ways and Means	9:00 A.M. Committee Room No. 1 2/F Core C, Senate	S. No. 1188, 1388 and 1058 - Recoverable/Allowable System Loss Act

House of Representatives

18-SEPTEMBER-2017 • MONDAY

Committee/Sub-Committee	Time and Venue
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (Technical Working Group) Agenda Technical Working Group meeting of Group 4 to deliberate on Articles XI, XII, XIII, XIV, and XV of the 1987 Constitution	01:00 PM Spkr. Zulueta Hall 2/F SWA Bldg.

19-SEPTEMBER-2017 • TUESDAY

Committee/Sub-Committee	Time and Venue
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY Agenda Briefing by the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (PCAARRD-DOST), Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), and the Biotechnology Coalition of the Philippines (Biotech) on their plans, projects and programs	10:30 AM Conf. Rooms 7&8 RVM Bldg.
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD (Technical Working Group) Agenda Technical Working Group meeting on: HB 4018 – Providing free insurance premium for farmers under the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation,	01:00 PM Conf. Rooms 1&2 RVM Bldg.

amending for the purpose RA 8178, as amended, otherwise known as the Agricultural Tariffication Act (Rep. Peter ‘Sr. Pedro’ Unabia)

HB 4904 – Amending RA 8178 and PD 4, as amended, or the law creating the National Grains Authority and appropriating funds therefor (Rep. Arthur Yap)

HBs 5023 & 6190 – Placing safety nets for Filipino rice producers by imposing tariffs in lieu of quantitative restrictions (QR) on rice imports, directing tariff collections from rice imports to projects and programs that enhance rice productivity and increase farmers’ incomes (Reps. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Rico Geron)

HB 5326 – Strengthening rice self-sufficiency, directing all proceeds from rice importations and auctions of smuggled rice to rice production support projects and programs (Rep. Leonila Cecilia Chavez)

HBs 5433 & 5443 – Replacing quantitative import restrictions on rice with tariffs and creating the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund, amending for this purpose RA 8178 (Rep. Jose Panganiban Jr. and Deputy Speaker Sharon Garin)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (Technical Working Group) 01:30 PM
[Agenda](#) Spkr. Zulueta Hall 2/F SWA Bldg.

Technical Working Group meeting of Group 2 to deliberate on Articles III, IV, V, VIII, IX, and XVII of the 1987 Constitution and a proposed Article on Bill of Duties

20-SEPTEMBER-2017 • WEDNESDAY

Committee/Sub-Committee Time and Venue
ECOLOGY 09:00 AM
[Agenda](#) Conf. Rooms 1&2 RVM Bldg.

HB 2286 – Repealing Section 20 of RA 8749, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 and amending pertinent provisions of RA 9003, also known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (Rep. Carlito Marquez)

HBs 769 & 1827 – Amending Section 46 of RA 8749, to shift liability for smoke belching from the driver to the owner of the motor vehicle (Reps. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar and Alfredo Vargas III)

Privilege Speech 42 – On the improper implementation of the emission testing provision of the RA 8749 (Rep. Harlin Neil Abayon III)

LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES 09:30 AM
[Agenda](#) Spkr. Yñiguez Hall 1/F SWA Bldg.

HB 4555 – Granting the Lanao del Norte Electric Cooperative a franchise to construct, operate and maintain a distribution system for the conveyance of electric power to the end-users in all the municipalities of the Province of Lanao del Norte (Rep. Mohamad Khalid Dimaporo)

Presentation and approval of the technical working group (TWG) recommendations on the Internal Rules of the Committee

WAYS AND MEANS 09:30 AM
[Agenda](#) R. R. Andaya Hall 2/F Main Bldg.

Substitute Bill to HBs 133 & 177 - Ensuring the preservation and management of protected areas, amending for the purpose RA 7586, otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992 (Reps. Rodel Batocabe and Josephine Ramirez-Sato)

HB 1616 - Exempting the system loss charge component in the sale of electricity by distribution companies and electric cooperatives from the coverage of the value added tax, amending for the purpose Section 109 (1) of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), as amended (Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate)

AGRARIAN REFORM 01:00 PM
[Agenda](#) Conf. Rooms 1&2 RVM Bldg.

HB 5487 – Rationalizing the requirements imposed by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) regarding land registration (Speaker Pantaleon ‘Bebot’ Alvarez)

GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION jt. w/ PUBLIC WORKS &
HIGHWAYS

01:30 PM

Spkr. Villar Hall 1/F SWA Bldg.

Agenda

HB 2457 – Rationalizing the resource management of the water sector, creating the Department of Water, Sewage and Sanitation (Rep. Arthur Yap)

HB 4995 – Creating the Department of Water Resources and Services and appropriating funds therefor (Rep. Estrellita Suansing)

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