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FPI ELECTS NEW OFFICERS & COMMITTEE HEAD FOR 2018-2020

The Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) elected the new set of Board of Directors during its Annual Membership Meeting last March 09, 2018, as follows:

FPI Board of Directors representing the *INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS*, in alphabetical order: JESUS LIM ARRANZA; JIMMY H. CU; LUNA CUN UY GO; JESUS R. MONTEMAYOR; PETER T. QUINTANA; DANTE C. SANTOS; HENRY A. TAÑEDO; and V. FRANCISCO VARUA.

FPI Directors representing the *CORPORATION MEMBERS*, also in alphabetical order: TENNYSON G. CHEN; LAWRENCE CHEW; GEORGE S. CHUA; ADRIAN S. CRISTOBAL; CHRIS J. NELSON; WASHINGTON FABRICIO GARCIA PONCE; and OSCAR S. REYES.

FPI Secretary General ATTY. RUFINO M. MARGATE, JR. shared that during the organizational meeting held last Wednesday April 11, 2018, the following officers and Chairperson for the various committees were elected to hold office for 2018-2020, to wit:

FPI OFFICERS:

Position	
Chairman Emeritus	Meneleo J. Carlos, Jr.
Vice-President Emeritus	Arsenio N. Tanco
Chairman	Jesus Lim Arranza
President	George S. Chua
Executive Vice-President	Jesus R. Montemayor
Vice-President for Manufacturing	Jimmy H. Cu
Vice-President for Agriculture	V. Francisco Varua
Vice-President for Corporation Members	Chris J. Nelson
Treasurer	Henry A. Tañedo
Corporate Secretary	Elizabeth H. Lee

FPI COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Committee/Position	
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Academe

Chairman	Meneleo J. Carlos, Jr.
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Anti-Smuggling

Chairman	Jesus Lim Arranza
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Buy Pinoy Buy Local

Chairman	Arsenio N. Tanco
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Competition Policy

Chairman	Jesus R. Montemayor
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Construction Materials Group

Chairman	Ramon Y. Uy
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Environment

Chairman	Peter T. Quintana
Vice-Chairman	Dr. Edgardo G. Alabastro

Food and Agro-Industry

Chairman	Tennyson G. Chen
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Industry Policy/Road Map

Chairman	George S. Chua
Co-Chairman	Adrian S. Cristobal

Intellectual Property Rights/Product Standards

Chairman	Adrian S. Cristobal
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International Trade Policy

Chairman	Fabricio Ponce
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Labor and Productivity

Chairman	Luna Go Cun Uy So
Co-Chairman	Fabricio Ponce

Legislative Affairs

Chairman	Jesus R. Montemayor
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Logistics

Chairman	Alberto D. Lina
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Management

Chairman	Henry A. Tañedo
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Membership

Chairman	Jesus R. Montemayor
Co-Chairman for Manufacturing	Jimmy H. Cu
Co-Chairman for Agriculture	V. Francisco Varua
Co-Chairman for Corporation	Chris J. Nelson

Power and Energy

Chairman	Oscar S. Reyes
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Public Relations Office

Chairman	Lawrence Chew
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Sustainable Development

Chairman	Ernesto M. Ordoñez
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Ways and Means

Chairman	Chris J. Nelson
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FPI Members who may wish to take active part in the abovementioned Committees are enjoined to coordinate with the Secretariat for proper notification of upcoming meetings.

ILO: TRAVERA Survey Validation Workshop – 23 April 2018

The Federation of Philippine Industries is being invited by the International Labour Organization (ILO) - Manila to attend the Trade and Value Chains in Employment-Rich Activities (TRAVERA) Survey Validation Workshop, ***on Monday, 23 April 2018, 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. which will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Makati City.***

The TRAVERA Enterprise Survey will particularly cover exporting firms, big manufacturers and processors, small businesses, and farmers' enterprises that are engaged in the non-traditional coconut export sectors of virgin coconut oil (VCO), coco sugar and coco coir.

The survey will be carried out by the Resources, Environment and Economics Center for Studies, Inc. (REECS). The results of the said survey will then form the basis for the ILO STRENGTHEN Project and its tripartite constituents and social partners to come up with policy recommendations and actions on how the export value chains, skills needs and working conditions in these non-traditional coconut export sectors (VCO, coco sugar and coco coir) could be further enhanced and upgraded towards not only export competitiveness but most importantly, the promotion of decent work and labour standards, and the improvement of the welfare of coconut farmers and workers.

Interested FPI members may coordinate with Mr Bryan Millares Balco, National Project Coordinator, ILO at telephone numbers (+63) 580.9952 or 580.9900.

ProPak Asia 2018 Visitor Invitation - 13-16 June 2018, BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand

The members of the Federation of Philippine Industries are being invited by the UBM Asia (Thailand) Co., Ltd. to attend the ProPak Asia 2018 – The 26th International Processing and Packaging Technology Event for Asia that is supported by their region authorities and associations. This will take place from ***13-16 June 2018, BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand***.

ProPak Asia 2018 will expand into new halls at BITEC giving exhibitors the chance to expand, display more machines and for new exhibitors to join the show. ProPak Asia 2018 will include 8 industry zones for Processing Technology, Packaging Technology, Drink Technology, Pharmaceutical Technology, Lab & Test, Materials, Coding, Marking & Labelling, Cold Chain, Logistics & Warehousing and Printing making it easier for buyers and sellers to meet and develop great business together.

Interested FPI members may coordinate to Mrs. Kanhipack at telephone number +66 (0) 2 036.0500 Ext. 725 or email her at kanhipack.p@ubm.com

Additional Duties and Taxes in government's favor recommended by the FPI ITEs to BOC

For the month of March 2018, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) had shown/referred a total of **2,875** entries to the Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) – Industry Technical Experts (ITEs). Of these entries, the FPI-ITEs, based on their respective expertise on the product and current reference & global market values, discovered as well as identified deficiencies, discrepancies and technical smuggling, - and correspondingly recommended to the Bureau of Customs (BOC) an estimated additional duties and taxes of **PhP10,562,207.00** in favor of the government, as follows:

Total No. of Entries Shown or referred by the Bureau of Customs to FPI-ITEs	With Discrepancies	Without Discrepancies	Estimated Additional Duties and Taxes in favor of the government recommended by the FPI-ITEs for BOC's consideration
POM - 963	28	935	PhP3,219,662.00
MICP - 1,912	40	1,872	PhP7,342,545.00
TOTAL : 2,875	68	2,807	PhP10,562,207.00

Please take note that it is the Bureau of Customs' (BOC) concerned personnels that have total control on the assignment or referral of import entries, which should have been supposedly shown to FPI-ITEs for technical scrutiny and recommendation. The FPI has no knowledge nor has been formally informed by the BOC of the actual total number of importations for the said month which supposedly are subject to monitoring as of press time. Moreover, FPI is not likewise formally advised if these recommendations have been followed by BOC personnel. Thus, the number of entries herein shown is limited and merely represents only those submitted to FPI-ITEs for technical perusal and recommendation.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE HEARING

Senate

Monday, April 16		
Committee/Sub-Committee	Time & Venue	Agenda
Agriculture and Food joint with Ways and Means; and Finance	9:00 A.M. Sen. C.M. Recto Room Sen. J.P. Laurel Room 2/F Right Wing, Senate	P.S. Res. No. 685 - State of Operations of the National Dairy Authority S. Nos. 144 and 1344 - Philippine Native Animal Development Act S. No.1758 - Livestock Industry Development Act
Energy	9:00 A.M. Sen. G.T. Pecson Room 2/F Right Wing, Senate	P.S. Res. No. 695 - Status of Electrification in the Country
Tuesday, April 17		
Committee/Sub-Committee	Time & Venue	Agenda
Environment and Natural Resources joint with Tourism; Finance; and Local Government	1:00 P.M. Sen. C.M. Recto Room Sen. J.P. Laurel Room 2/F Right Wing, Senate	P.S. Res. No. 313 - Zero Tourism Waste Policy P.S. Res. No. 393 - Degradation and Pollution of Prime Island Beach Destinations P.S. Res. No. 633 - Severe Pollution in Boracay P.S. Res. No. 640 - Non-Compliance with the Environmental Laws, Rules and Regulations by Numerous Boracay Establishments P.S. Res. No. 646 - Procedures for the Approval and Monitoring of Environmentally Critical Projects P.S. Res. No. 14 - Environmental Laws Compliance Taking into consideration: S. No. 327 - Coastal Environment Program Act S. No. 423 - Integrated Coastal Management Act S. No. 471 - Sustainable Development and Use of the Island of Boracay S. No. 593 - National Coastal Clean-Up Day S. No. 1687 - Sustainable Coastal Tourism Act S. No. 1756 - Boracay Island Council

House of Representatives

MONDAY • 16-APRIL-2018

Committee/Sub-Committee

Time and Venue

MINDANAO AFFAIRS (Technical Working Group)

01:30 PM

Spkrs. Aquino/ Makalintal Hall 2/F SWA Bldg.

[Agenda](#)

Briefing by concerned government agencies on increasing the budget allocations for Mindanao

TUESDAY • 17-APRIL-2018

Committee/Sub-Committee

Time and Venue

MINDANAO AFFAIRS (Technical Working Group)

10:00 AM

Spkrs. Aquino/ Makalintal Hall 2/F SWA Bldg.

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Briefing by concerned government agencies on increasing the budget allocations for Mindanao

WEDNESDAY • 18-APRIL-2018

Committee/Sub-Committee

Time and Venue

MINDANAO AFFAIRS (Technical Working Group)

10:00 AM

Spkrs. Aquino/ Makalintal Hall 2/F SWA Bldg.

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Prepared by the FPI Secretariat