

**27<sup>th</sup> South Luzon Area Business Conference (27<sup>th</sup> SOLABC)  
24-25 August 2018, Oriental Hotel, Legazpi City**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Ease of Doing Business**

1. RESOLUTION urging the Food and Drug Authority (FDA), with the help of Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Department of Health (DOH), to streamline the application for Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) and License to Operate (LTO) by upgrading the online system and electronic registration system, decentralizing licensing functions and procedures, fast-tracking the release of FDA-requested budget for automation and additional personnel from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and outsourcing the manpower for additional evaluators and inspectors to address the slow processing of application. RESOLVE FURTHER to rationalize proposed higher schedule of fees and charges that undermines the capacity of MSMEs under its jurisdiction. (27<sup>th</sup> SOLABC)
2. RESOLUTION requesting the Board of Investment (BOI) and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) in conducting a series of investment promotion seminars for local chapters of PCCI to equip the Local Chambers and the Local Investment Boards with skills and capabilities to craft investment promotion strategies and programs to attract local and foreign investors to invest in their localities. (PCCI-San Pablo)
3. RESOLUTION urging the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Local Government Units (LGU), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Department of Agriculture (DA) to improve data sharing of demographics through annual surveys so that private business can diversify on goods and services that are truly marketable or improve the marketability of existing locally developed goods and services especially in agribusiness. A system-wide inventory of business in all sectors in Rizal should lead to the development of metrics to help government planners, investors and/or educational institutions focus on what are existing and what more needs to exist. (PCCI Rizal)
4. RESOLUTION urging the Office of the President to revive and to make operational the municipal and provincial development councils. RESOLVED further to institutionalize PCCI local chambers as the business sector representatives in local strategic planning activities. (PCCI Rizal)

5. RESOLUTION urging the Social Security System (SSS) to re-implement the condonation of penalties on unremitted or delinquent contributions by employers. (Albay CCI)

### **Education**

6. RESOLUTION urging the Board of Investment (BOI), Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and TESDA to harmonize university, college, tecvoc schools and TESDA course offerings to meet the human resource requirements of industries. (PCCI-San Pablo)

### **Environment**

7. RESOLUTION urging the Department of Natural Resources (DENR) to review DENR Administrative Order No. 2016-08: Water Quality Guideline (WQG) and General Effluent Standards (GES) to take into consideration the compliance capacity of MSMEs.

### **Taxation**

8. RESOLUTION urging the Congress to reconsider in the Package 2 of Comprehensive Tax Reform Program or TRABAHO Bill the removal or withdrawal or drastic reduction of the existing fiscal incentives granted to qualified registered enterprises under the existing PEZA and BOI laws in order to continue the upward momentum of both local and inward foreign direct investments, maintain and increase gainful employment specially in the countryside, and for the country to continue to become competitive and attractive for business. (Laguna CCI)

### **Infrastructure / Transportation and Logistics**

9. RESOLUTION urging the National Government, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Transportation (DOTr) and Toll Regulatory Board to prioritize the construction and operation of SLEX Extensions from Toll Road 4 (Calamba City to Tayabas City) up to Toll Road 5 (Lucena City to Naga City) and Toll Road 6 (Naga City to Legaspi City to Port of Matnog, Sorsogon) also known as QueBEx that would connect the entire South Luzon, Bicol, and Eastern Visayas to Luzon and Mega Manila which can effectively bridge the market gap and open more economic benefits in the area. (Laguna CCI)
10. RESOLUTION urging the National Government and the Department of Transportation (DOTr), through the Philippine National Railway (PNR), to rehabilitate the existing railway line from Alabang to Calamba and provide passenger commuter trains to operate on the said route in order to alleviate the plight of the daily commuting public residing and working in both areas. (Laguna CCI)
11. RESOLUTION requesting the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) to allot a multibillion peso commercial soft loan financing fund available for local jeepney manufacturers and assemblers who will participate in the

DOTr's jeepney modernization program instead of importing the modern jeepneys from China. (Laguna CCI)

12. RESOLUTION requesting the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Philippine Airlines, Cebu Pacific, and other airlines to provide adequate and/or additional flights for the route Manila-Naga-Manila in order to unlock the tourism potential and bolster economic growth of both Metro Naga and Camarines Sur province. (Metro Naga CCI)
13. RESOLUTION urging the Local Government Units (LGUs) sharing jurisdiction on major thoroughfares to harmonize traffic regulations to facilitate accessibility and seamless connectivity. (PCCI Rizal)
14. RESOLUTION urging DOTr to fast track the construction of Bicol International Airport in Daraga to facilitate local and foreign tourist arrivals in the region.