

**27<sup>th</sup> Visayas Area Business Conference (27<sup>th</sup> VABC)  
30-31 August 2018, L' Fisher Hotel, Bacolod 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.
2. RESOLUTION requesting the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to coordinate with the National Government to speed up the formulation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Ease of Doing Business Act. (Cebu CCI)

**Tourism**

3. RESOLUTION urging local government units (LGUs) to include in their organizational structure a permanent position for Local Economic and Investment Promotion Officers (LEIPOs). RESOLVE FURTHER to conduct capacity building training for LEIPOs and planning officers on business development and investment promotion.
4. RESOLUTION requesting the Department of Tourism (DOT) to assist in the establishment of the Technical Working Group and Management Board by providing technical assistance and funding support for meetings and capacity building activities. (PCCI – Eastern Visayas).

**Agriculture**

5. RESOLUTION endorsing the preparation of a feasibility study / integrated development plan for the Rice and Road Project to the Department of Agriculture (DA) in coordination with the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Central Office, and the inclusion to the Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD) projects of DA. (MBCCI)
6. RESOLUTION urging the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) to enhance the competitiveness of the Philippine sugar industry vis a vis ASEAN in order to bring down the cost of refined sugar in the domestic retail market, which is currently the highest in

ASEAN at P60-65 per kilo compared to P23-25 per kilo. RESOLVE FURTHER to allow domestic processors, particularly the members of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), Philippine Exporters Confederation (PhilExport) and the Philippine Food Exporters and Processors Organization, Inc. (PhilFoodEx), the importation of 50 percent or an initial 100,000 metric tons of the total requirement of the domestic food processors to cushion the effect of high cost of domestic sugar.

7. RESOLUTION enjoining the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) to monitor the import price versus selling price of rice as a basic commodity in the country. RESOLVE FURTHER to advocate to the Office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines to abolish the National Food Authority (NFA) and pave the way for the free market economy to dictate the price of grains such as rice. (Cebu CCI)

### **Environment**

8. RESOLUTION endorsing the creation of a Panay River Basin Integrated Development Plan for a more disaster-resilient and climate change adaptive province. The development plan is to serve as a guide for the sustainable production of aquaculture and marine products and high value crops. It is also expected to aid in the attainment of the country's rice production target. (PCCI – Capiz)
9. RESOLUTION endorsing the request for funding from either the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) or the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for the immediate conduct of the Feasibility Study for the Waste Water Treatment Facility for Panglao Island, Bohol. (Bohol CCI)

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

10. RESOLUTION endorsing the complete funding of the Kalibo Circumferential Road (KCR) and bridges: the release of the Php 130M funding for the completion of the construction of KCR from New Washington to Pook and the by-pass road from Tigayon to Jaime Cardinal Sin. (PCCI – Aklan)
11. RESOLUTION endorsing the Batan Port Zone Project to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Philippine Port Authority (PPA) for the preparation of feasibility study / integrated development plan, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Transportation (DOTr). (PCCI – Aklan)
12. RESOLUTION endorsing the Bacolod Silay Airport Development, Operations, and Maintenance Project through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement to the Department of Transportation (DOTr) Central Office, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) Central Office, and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) Head Office for appropriate action. (MBCCI)

13. RESOLUTION endorsing the Bacong Airport and Seaport Development Projects to the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA). RESOLVE FURTHER to urge the DOTr Central Office for the immediate release of the Php 600M to the LGU of Bacong for the airport lot acquisition, and request the PPA to fast-track the conduct of the Bacong Seaport Feasibility Study. (NOCCI)
14. RESOLUTION endorsing the immediate conduct of the Cebu-Negros Link Bridge feasibility study by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). (NOCCI)
15. RESOLUTION urging the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) to create the 10-year master plan for the Tacloban Airport and other airports in Eastern Visayas. (PCCI – Eastern Visayas)
16. RESOLUTION requesting the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to fast track the implementation of the San Juanico Bridge asphalt overlay project for completion by December 2018. (PCCI – Eastern Visayas)
17. RESOLUTION requesting the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to expedite the funding release for the repainting of the San Juanico Bridge and ensure the completion within the first quarter of 2019. (PCCI – Eastern Visayas)

#### **Urban Development**

18. RESOLUTION requesting the Office of the President, the Department of Finance (DOF), and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to include the Leyte Ecological Industrial Zone (LEIZ) as one of its top priorities in the Build Build Build program to fast-track enhanced economic growth in the less-developed areas of the country, specifically Leyte where poverty incidence is high.

#### **Housing**

19. RESOLUTION urgently requesting the National Housing Authority (NHA) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to complete the housing, basic utilities, and social service facilities of the Tacloban North resettlement site for the informal settlers located at the airport expansion site. (PCCI – Eastern Visayas)