



***FPI elects new Officers and Directors for 2025-2027***

The Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) is pleased to announce the **election of its Officers and Board of Directors** for the term **2025-2027**.

We extend our warm congratulations to the following newly elected leaders and look forward to their guidance and commitment in advancing the interests of Philippine industries, thus:

***FPI OFFICERS 2025-2027***

Position	Officers
Chairman Emeritus	<b>JESUS LIM ARRANZA</b>
Chairman	<b>ELIZABETH H. LEE</b>
President	<b>JOHN REINIER H. DIZON</b>
Executive Vice-President	<b>PABLO L. LOBREGAT</b>
VP for Manufacturing: <i>Food &amp; Beverages</i> <i>Non-food</i>	<b>GARETH MCGEOWN</b> <b>GREGORY J. CHAN</b>
Vice-President for Agriculture	<b>RAMON Y. UY</b>
Vice-President for Corporation Members	<b>CHRIS J. NELSON</b>
Treasurer	<b>PETER T. QUINTANA</b>
Corporate Secretary	<b>ROBERTO F. BATUNGBACAL</b>

***FPI DIRECTORS 2025-2027***

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION	CORPORATION
<b>JOHN REINIER H. DIZON, CEMAP</b>	<b>ROBERTO F. BATUNGBACAL, STEELASIA</b>
<b>PATRICK HENRY C. GO, APMP</b>	<b>GIJS DE BEST, PMFTC INC.</b>
<b>ELIZABETH H. LEE, CORA</b>	<b>GREGORY J. CHAN, SANYOSEIKI</b>
<b>PABLO L. LOBREGAT, PSMA</b>	<b>REYNALDO Y. GO, COLUMBIA FOODS</b>
<b>JESUS R. MONTEMAYOR, PABMA</b>	<b>GARETH MCGEOWN, COCA-COLA</b>
<b>PETER T. QUINTANA, PPIA</b>	<b>CHRIS J. NELSON, ASIA BREWERY</b>
<b>WELLINGTON Y. TONG, PSRMA</b>	<b>MANUEL V. PANGILINAN, MERALCO</b>
<b>RAMON Y. UY, PWPA</b>	

## *Join the PIDS Public Events in July 2025*

The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) is inviting FPI members to attend its July events that will tackle challenges and solutions in our education system.

- 1) July 17 (Thursday), 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM via Zoom
  - a. The first study, “[Financial Sustainability of Higher Education Institutions in the Philippines](#),” authored by PIDS Senior Research Fellow Dr. Connie Bayudan-Dacuycuy, University of the Philippines Diliman Assistant Professor Dr. Herisadel Flores, and De La Salle University Professor Dr. Arnel Onesimo Uy, offers a deep dive into funding gaps, risks, and institutional strategies. It recommends critical reforms—from policy incentives and transnational education to financial resilience plans and smarter revenue streams—to help HEIs survive and thrive.
  - b. The second study, “[HEIGHTS-IE: Higher Education Institutions Generating Holistic and Transferable Solutions—Innovation Ecosystems, Philippines](#),” led by PIDS Senior Research Fellow Dr. Francis Mark Quimba with former Research Analyst Abigail Andrada, and Supervising Research Specialist Mark Anthony Barral, maps the roles of HEIs in the agribusiness innovation ecosystem in Central Visayas. It highlights promising models, institutional bottlenecks, and the need for stronger linkages, updated IP policies, and innovation hubs that respond to regional needs and sustainability goals.

Whether you are in education, government, or industry, this webinar will offer relevant policy insights in transforming HEIs as catalysts of sustainable development and innovation.

Register now at <https://bit.ly/pidsevent071725>.

Catch the livestream on the [PIDS](#) and [SERP-P](#) Facebook pages.

Get a head start by reading the studies in advance: <https://bit.ly/pidsdp2024-24> and <https://bit.ly/pidsdp2024-25>.

- 2) July 22, 2025 (Tuesday), from 9:00 AM to 12:00 NN, at PUP Sta. Mesa, Manila, and via Zoom, for the 10th installment of the Socioeconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) Knowledge-Sharing Forum

This milestone event will feature policy-relevant studies on education governance, showcasing how research insights can shape reforms and address long-standing gaps in the Philippine education system. It also serves as a platform for SERP-P partner institutions to showcase their latest work and strengthen collaboration across the research community.

Managed by PIDS, SERP-P is a digital repository of over 7,000 development studies contributed by 70 partner institutions – from universities and think tank to government and international organizations.

To join the knowledge-sharing forum, register now at <https://bit.ly/pidsevent072225>. Please note that onsite slots require manual approval.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and shape policies that matter. Catch the livestream on the [PIDS](#), [SERP-P](#), and [PUP](#) Facebook pages.

### ***New Customs Commissioner Officially Assumes Post***

Marking a new chapter for the Bureau of Customs (BOC), newly appointed Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno formally assumed office on Tuesday, 01 July 2025.

Commissioner Nepomuceno brings to the BOC years of experience in public service, having previously held key leadership roles including Executive Director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and Undersecretary of the Office of Civil Defense.

Prior to his current appointment, former Office of Civil Defense Undersecretary served the BOC as Deputy Commissioner of the Enforcement Group from 2013 to 2017 and as Assistant Commissioner from 2017 to 2018. His extensive experience in enforcement and leadership, coupled with his background in public administration, is anticipated to support the BOC's continued evolution into modern and credible customs administration, while reinforcing its institutional reform and enforcement priorities.

Commissioner Nepomuceno reaffirmed his full commitment to President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.'s directives, focusing on the agency's core mandates: boosting revenue collection, facilitating legitimate trade, combating smuggling, and fostering a professional and integrity-driven workforce.

As Commissioner Nepomuceno officially takes the helm, the BOC stands poised to further strengthen its role as a key institution in revenue collection, trade facilitation, border protection, and public service delivery— anchored on professionalism, transparency, and integrity.

To read/download BOC Media Release: “New Customs Commissioner Officially Assumes Post”, kindly follow this link: <https://customs.gov.ph/new-customs-commissioner-officially-assumes-post/>.

### ***SEC Requests For Comments on the Exposure Draft of the Memorandum Circular on the Guidelines on the Compliances of One Person Corporations (OPCs)***

The Commission hereby requests comments and/or inputs on the attached draft Memorandum Circular on the Guidelines on the Compliance of One Person Corporations (OPCs).

The written comments on the exposure draft must be submitted to the Company Registration and Monitoring Department (CRMD) via electronic mail at [crmd\\_monitoring@sec.gov.ph](mailto:crmd_monitoring@sec.gov.ph) on or before 11 July 2025.

To read/download SEC Notice: “Request For Comments on the Exposure Draft of the Memorandum Circular on the Guidelines on the Compliances of One Person Corporations (OPCs)”, kindly follow this link: <https://www.sec.gov.ph/notices/request-for-comments-on-the-exposure-draft-of-the-memorandum-circular-on-the-guidelines-on-the-compliances-of-one-person-corporations-opcs/>.

### ***SEC opens Public Assistance and Complaints Desk***

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has established a physical helpdesk that will cater to public inquiries and concerns in a bid to streamline processes and improve the efficiency of its services.

The Commission on July 1 officially opened the Public Assistance and Complaints Desk (PACD) on the ground floor of the SEC Headquarters. This will handle on-site client inquiries, feedback and complaints, facilitating public consultation and providing prompt responses to stakeholders’ concerns, inline with Anti-Red Tape Authority standards.

“The opening of PACD demonstrates the Commission’s commitment to advancing the ease of doing business in the Philippines as we provide the public with greater transparency and access to our services,” SEC Chairperson Francis Lim said.

“Vital in earning the public’s trust and confidence in the SEC is the provision of quality and faster services. As we directly engage with clients through the helpdesk, we hope to encourage more businesses to register with the SEC and tap the capital market for growth,” he added.

The launch of the helpdesk is in compliance with the Republic Act No. 11032, or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, and its implementing rules and regulations which require government agencies to establish PACDs in their respective offices to provide consultation and advice to their clients.

The PACD shall be operational even during breaktime and special lanes shall be provided for senior citizens, pregnant women, and persons with disabilities.

Aside from the physical helpdesk, the public may still contact the Commission for inquiries through the call center hotline at 02-5322-7696. They may also contact SEC departments and offices directly via email for specific transactions or lodge a request at [imessagemo.sec.gov.ph](mailto:imessagemo.sec.gov.ph) for further concerns.

To read/download SEC Press Release: “SEC opens Public Assistance and Complaints Desk”, kindly follow this link: <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/sec-opens-public-assistance-and-complaints-desk/>.

***BIR RMO No. 32-2025 - Creation, Modification and Dropping of Alphanumeric Tax Code (ATC) of Selected Revenue Source under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 12214 (Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act) and R.A. No. 11491 (Bayanihan to Recover as One Act)***

The Order's objective is to facilitate the proper identification and monitoring of payment for percentage tax pursuant to the issuance of Republic Act No. 12214, otherwise known as Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act and R.A. 11494 (Bayanihan to Recover as One Act), the following ATCs are hereby created, modified and dropped.

To read/download RMO No. 32-2025, kindly follow this link: <https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/RMO%20No.%2032-2025.pdf>.

***Prepared by the FPI Secretariat***

***“That in all things God may be glorified”***