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## 1. 54 days to go: FPI Business Summit 2025

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## **2. When govt corruption undermines private sector efforts to plug revenue leakages - By FPI CE, Dr. Jesus Lim Arranza**

For decades, the Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) has been waging an unrelenting battle against smuggling and other forms of illicit trade. Its officers and members have devoted time, resources, and expertise to this cause—not for personal gain, but to help the government protect revenues and promote fair competition.

Under existing laws, we are entitled to rewards for the cases we helped build and resolve. Yet we never asked for them. This is a civic duty, not a profit-making venture, and the pursuit of this crusade without letup proves our sincerity and integrity in this difficult fight against smuggling and other illicit trade.

This is why we are deeply disheartened by the flurry of corruption reports that have dominated the news in recent weeks—allegations involving lawmakers, the Department of Public Works and Highways, and other government officials. These stories strike at the heart of the very mission FPI has been advancing: a transparent, rules-based system where public funds and government authority are used to uplift, not exploit, the Filipino people. (To continue reading, follow this link: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2025/08/13/when-govt-corruption-undermines-private-sector-efforts-to-plug-revenue-leakages/>)

## **3. Cement makers rely on govt procurement, 'Tatak Pinoy' appeal - By Irma Isip**

Two laws —Tatak Pinoy Act and New Government Procurement Reform Act — will help spur the recovery of the cement industry, according to the Cement Manufacturers Association of the Philippines (CEMAP).

This was the industry position presented by CEMAP President John Reinier during the 71st Asia Cement Producers Amity Club (ACPAC), held last week in Manila.

Dizon, also the conference chairman stated that under those laws, government is bound to give preference and priority to locally made goods and services in government procurement.

CEMAP expressed hope growth will be driven by public infrastructure which accounts for 40 percent of cement consumption.

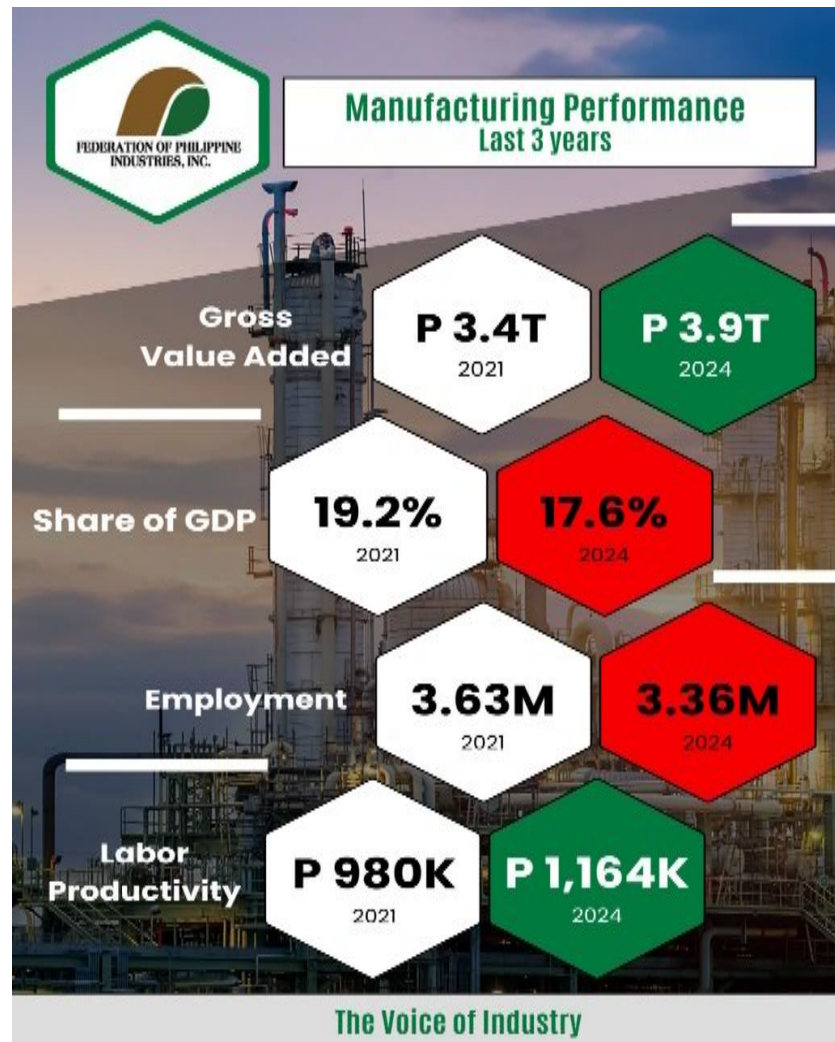
“The implementation of Tatak Pinoy Act and New Government Procurement Reform Act is

being done in phases to allow adjustments and ensure a whole-of-nation, a whole-of-government approach that will empower domestic enterprises. This support from the government is crucial for the sustainable development and recovery of the domestic cement industry,” the paper stated.

While the report did not indicate projections for the year, it noted that the total installed domestic capacity of 51 million metric tons per annum (MTPA) of cement is well above the estimated demand of 35 MTPA.

“Cement demand growth has also been sluggish due in part to high interest rates, delays in government projects, and high vacancy rates of condominiums and office building,” the report added. (To continue reading, follow this link: <https://malaya.com.ph/business/corporate/cement-makers-rely-on-govt-procurement-tatak-pinoy-appeal/>)

#### 4. Manufacturing Performance: Last 3 years



#### Halfway Through the Administration: Manufacturing Gains Strength

In just three years, manufacturing output rose from ₱3.4 trillion to ₱3.9 trillion and productivity jumped 19% from ₱980K to ₱1.164M per worker — showing stronger capabilities and higher value creation. The task ahead: build on these gains to grow our GDP share and create more quality jobs for Filipinos.

#### 5. Other news & announcements

##### Interim appointment of FPI Secretariat OIC

The Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) announces the resignation of Atty. Rufino “Jun” Margate, Jr. as Consultant following decades of committed service to the Federation and the Philippine industry sector.

As former Secretary General, Atty. Margate, Jr. has played a vital role in advancing FPI’s mission and advocating for the welfare of Filipino industries. His decades-long leadership, legal expertise, and institutional knowledge have been instrumental in strengthening the organization and its impact.

In the interim, Ms. Shelly Manto has been designated as Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the FPI

Secretariat. Ms. Manto concurrently serves as FPI's Accounting Officer and brings with her an MBA and extensive experience in finance and operations. Her commitment and capabilities will ensure the continuity of FPI's work and support to its members during this transition.

Let us all extend our warmest wishes to Atty. Jun Margate's continued success in his future endeavors. We also wish Ms. Shelly Manto all the best as she takes on her new role as FPI Officer-in-Charge.

### **Breaking the chains of political dynasties: A call to action for the 20th Congress - By FPI CE, Dr. Jesus Lim Arranza**

<https://businessmirror.com.ph/2025/05/21/breaking-the-chains-of-political-dynasties-a-call-to-action-for-the-20th-congress/>

### **Use cacao as a model for agriculture roadmaps**

<https://business.inquirer.net/541187/use-cacao-as-a-model-for-agriculture-roadmaps>

### **Impunity, accountability and the Supreme Court**

To read view the article: "Impunity, accountability and the Supreme Court", kindly follow this link: <https://business.inquirer.net/540144/impunity-accountability-and-the-Supreme-Court>.

### **SEIPI: US tariff threat could 'crush' Philippine chip industry**

To read view the article: "SEIPI: US tariff threat could 'crush' Philippine chip industry", kindly follow this link: <https://mb.com.ph/2025/08/11/seipi-us-tariff-threat-could-crush-philippine-chip-industry>.

### **Beyond 100% tariffs: From risk to resilient trade**

To read view the article: "Beyond 100% tariffs: From risk to resilient trade", kindly follow this link: <https://www.bworldonline.com/opinion/2025/08/11/690485/beyond-100-tariffs-from-risk-to-resilient-trade/>.

### **BOC Zamboanga Seizes ₱25.81M Worth of Smuggled Goods, Including 4 Vehicles Utilized for its Illicit Transport**

To read view the article: "BOC Zamboanga Seizes ₱25.81M Worth of Smuggled Goods, Including 4 Vehicles Utilized for its Illicit Transport", kindly follow this link: <https://customs.gov.ph/boc-zamboanga-seizes-%e2%82%b131-92m-worth-of-smuggled-goods-4-vehicles-utilized-for-its-illicit-transport/>.

### **BOC Resolute in Enforcing 60-Day Rice Import Suspension to Protect Local Rice Industry**

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### **NEW E-MAIL OFMSRD – Markets and Securities Regulation Department-Securities Registration Division (MSRD-SRD)**

To read view the SEC Notice: "NEW E-MAIL OFMSRD – Markets and Securities Regulation Department-Securities Registration Division (MSRD-SRD)", kindly follow this link: <https://www.sec.gov.ph/notices-2025/new-e-mail-of-msrd-srd/>.

### **SUBMISSION OF SECONDARY REPORTS THROUGH [ictdsubmission@sec.gov.ph](mailto:ictdsubmission@sec.gov.ph)**

To read view the SEC Notice: "SUBMISSION OF SECONDARY REPORTS THROUGH [ictdsubmission@sec.gov.ph](mailto:ictdsubmission@sec.gov.ph)", kindly follow this link: <https://www.sec.gov.ph/notices-2025/submission-of-secondary-reports-through-ictdsubmissionsec-gov-ph/>.

### **UNREGISTERED CRYPTO PLATFORMS CONTINUE TO TARGET FILIPINOS —SEC TO ENFORCE SANCTIONS AGAINST VIOLATORS**

To read view the SEC Advisory: "UNREGISTERED CRYPTO PLATFORMS CONTINUE TO TARGET



FILIPINOS —SEC TO ENFORCE SANCTIONS AGAINST VIOLATORS”, kindly follow this link: <https://www.sec.gov.ph/advisories-2025/unregistered-crypto-platforms-continue-to-target-filipinos-sec-to-enforce-sanctions-against-violatorsthe-securities-and-exchange-commission-sec-warns-the-public-against-engaging-with/>.

**SEC MC No. 10, series of 2025 - REPEAL OF THE RULES ALLOWING THE TRADING OF “B” SHARES ON THE REGULAR BOARD AND REQUIRING BUYERS TO ACCEPT EITHER “B” OR “A” CERTIFICATES**

To read view the SEC MC No. 10, series of 2025, kindly follow this link: <https://www.sec.gov.ph/mc-2025/sec-mc-no-10-series-of-2025repeal-of-the-rules-allowing-the-trading-of-b-shares-on-the-regular-board-and-requiring-buyers-to-accept-either-b-or-a-certificates/>.

**SEC directs declassification of common shares**

To read view the SEC Press Release: “SEC directs declassification of common shares”, kindly follow this link: <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/sec-directs-declassification-of-common-shares/>

**SEC warns public against unregistered crypto-asset service providers**

To read view the SEC Press Release: “SEC warns public against unregistered crypto-asset service providers”, kindly follow this link: <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/sec-warns-public-against-unregistered-crypto-asset-service-providers/>.

**SEC drafts rules on PFRS adoption for sustainability reports**

To read view the SEC Press Release: “SEC drafts rules on PFRS adoption for sustainability reports”, kindly follow this link: <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/sec-drafts-rules-on-pfrs-adoption-for-sustainability-reports/>.

**BIR RR No. 18-2025** - Amending Pertinent Provisions of Revenue Regulations No. 25-2003, as Amended, to Implement Section 149 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as Further Amended Under Section 18 of Republic Act No. 12214, Otherwise Known as the "Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act" | [Full Text](#)

**BIR RR No. 19-2025** - Implementing the Documentary Stamp Tax (DST) Rate Adjustments and Amendments to the Documents and Papers Not Subject to DST Under Republic Act No. 12214, Otherwise Known as the "Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act" | [Full Text](#)

**BIR RR No. 20-2025** - Implementing the Rate Adjustment of Stock Transaction Tax (STT) and the Imposition of the STT on the Sale of Exchange of Domestic Shares of Stocks and Other Securities Listed and Traded Through a Foreign Stock Exchange Under Section 17 of Republic Act No. 12214, Otherwise Known as the "Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act" | [Full Text](#)

**BIR RR No. 21-2025** - Implementing the Amendments Introduced by Republic Act No. 12214, Otherwise Known as the "Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act" on Sections 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 32, 34, 38, 39 and 42 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as Amended | [Full Text](#)

**BIR RR No. 22-2025** - Further Amending Pertinent Provisions of Revenue Regulations 17-2011 to Implement Section 9 of Republic Act (RA) No. 12214, Otherwise Known as the "Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act", on Additional Deduction of Qualified Employer's Actual Contributions Made to Personal Equity and Retirement Account (PERA) Under RA No. 9505, Otherwise Known as the "PERA Act of 2008" | [Full Text](#)

**BIR RMO No. 33-2025** - Amending Revenue Memorandum Order No. 26-2025 on Modification of Alphanumeric Tax Code (ATC) of Selected Revenue Source under Republic Act No. 12066, otherwise known as Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Maximize Opportunities for Reinventing the Economy (CREATE MORE) Act | [Full Text](#)

**BIR RMO No. 34-2025** - Guidelines and Procedures Regarding Requests for Issuance of a

Certified True Copy of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue's Decision on an Administrative Appeal Against a Final Decision on Disputed Assessment and on a Denial of the Claims for Refund of Value-Added Tax and Excise Tax under Sections 112 (C) and 135-A of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended by Republic Act No. 12066, under the Jurisdiction of the Appellate Division | [Full Text](#)

**BIR RMO No. 35-2025** - Modification of Alphanumeric Tax Code (ATC) of Selected Revenue Source under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 12214 (Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act) | [Full Text](#)

## **20TH CONGRESS COMMITTEE HEARINGS/MEETINGS**

- [Senate of the Philippines Committee Hearings/Meetings](#)
- [House of Representatives Committee Meetings](#)