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1. THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE FPI BUSINESS SUMMIT 2025



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ADVANCING PHILIPPINE MANUFACTURING
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2. FPI Summit: Celebrating 35 years of the Federation of Philippine Industries – By: FPI CE, Dr. Jesus Lim Arranza

There's a meaningful Tagalog saying: "Ang paalala ay gamot sa taong nakalimot," which translates to "a good reminder is the remedy for those who have forgotten."

Today's FPI Summit, attended by our newly elected officers, offers a valuable opportunity to reflect on the Federation's 35-year history. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the founding of the Federation of Philippine Industries three and a half decades ago, and to share some recollections from that period.

In 1991, the late President Corazon Aquino issued Executive Order No. 470, which lowered tariffs across the board while Congress was not in session. Several manufacturers impacted by this order, including members of the PCCI, united to contest the EO. We argued that the President could only make selective adjustments to tariff rates. Fortunately, because of our significant opposition to the EO, President Cory decided to withdraw the EO and submit it to Congress for further discussion.

Building on this success and recognizing the inherent conflicts between importers and manufacturers within the PCCI, we established a small group of manufacturers. We began meeting regularly at the Prince of Wales restaurant in Makati to plan our next steps.

This resulted in the establishment of the Federation of Philippine Industries. Herminigildo Zayco, a former governor of the BOI, was elected as the founding president, and I was voted as the vice president.

FPI's incorporators include Zayco

(representing TMAP), Arranza (CORA), Francisco Mongue (PULPAPEL), Rogelio Guadana (PABMA), Feliz Maramba Jr. (PAFMIL), Jeremias Menico (PCOPA), Maria Clara Lobregat (PCPF), Ernesto Cayetano (PEWMA), David Bonney (PAPM), Linda Chai (PSPA), Donald Dee (CGEPI), Greg Saguinsin (CONFED), Manuel Serrano (PAHRI), Hector Quesada (PPOGA), and Rustico Ignacio (FPFI).

During our battle against the Cory EO, certain members and officers of PCCI were unable to take a clear position due to the diverse composition of its members, which includes both importers and manufacturers. This is evidenced by documents showing their signatures under the FPI umbrella. This is the rationale why the FPI membership is composed of manufacturers only. But non-manufacturers can join as associate members.

One of FPI's main priorities is to combat and eliminate smuggling, and I was appointed as the leader of our anti-smuggling committee. Our campaign instilled fear in smugglers, particularly after government officials and private sector leaders began to support and promote our efforts.

Today, FPI is regarded as a straightforward organization because we practice what we preach. We take the concerns of individual companies seriously and actively engage with policymakers and government agencies to advocate for legislative and governance reforms that benefit domestic manufacturers. This includes efforts to reduce red tape and combat corruption.

(Continue reading: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2025/10/08/fpi-summit-celebrating-35-years-of-the-federation-of-philippine-industries/>)

3. Rice safeguards needed for survival - By: Ernesto M. Ordoñez

MANILA, Philippines — Since our rice industry is in a crisis, with our farmers losing their incomes as never before, the Department of Agriculture (DA) must now totally support the possibility of safeguards for our rice farmers' survival. This will enable our farmers to once again earn an income

as well as produce the rice we need for our own food security.

Last Sept. 2, the International Trade Committee of the public-private Philippine Council of Agriculture and Food (PCAF) unanimously approved the following

resolution: to restore immediately the current 15 percent tariff on imported rice to 35 percent, and explore a higher tariff rate to adequately protect our rice farmers.

The request for a Tariff Commission hearing on an increased rice tariff was likewise approved. However, Raul Montemayor of the Federation of Free Farmers (FFF) stated that this would take time. He suggested that other methods be used because our farmers were suffering too much.

Alyansa Agrikultura had previously written to the Tariff Commission for a hearing on raising the rice tariff. To date, there has been no positive response.

Last Sept. 29, Montemayor, acting as the FFF national manager, filed a petition for safeguard measures. He was joined by Argel Joseph Cabatbat, acting as the chair of the Magsasaka Partylist.

(Continue reading:
<https://business.inquirer.net/550614/rice-safeguards-needed-for-survival>)

4. FPI Board in action



Photos taken during the FPI Board meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025, 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Lopez Building Meralco Center, Ortigas Ave, Pasig, 1600 Metro Manila.

5. FPI Committees

Summit Committee



DTI Secretary Cris A. Roque attended the Federation of Philippine Industries Business Summit 2025, themed “Thriving Thru Turbulence: Advancing Philippine Manufacturing, Resilience & Growth.”

The Secretary highlighted the importance of strong collaboration between government and industry to drive growth and resilience in the local manufacturing sector, reaffirming DTI’s commitment to innovation, competitiveness, and inclusive partnerships.

The summit gathered government leaders, business executives, and key stakeholders to discuss strategies for advancing sustainable and globally competitive manufacturing. ([DTI Philippines - DTI Secretary Cris A. Roque attended the... | Facebook](#))

Product Standards



The Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) attended the Standards Committee coordination meeting with DTI-Fair Trade Group led by Atty. Jojo Jacob on 29 September 2025, 10:00 AM, 5th Floor Conference Room DTI Building (near corner of Gil Puyat and Makati Avenue).

The meeting covered discussions related to FPI's support in all DTI's actions on mandatory standard compliance and enforcement.

Environment



FPI-Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Initiative (LABRI) meeting was held last 30 September 2025, 3:30PM at the FPI Boardroom, Units 701 & 702, Atlanta Centre Condominium, #31 Annapolis St., Greenhills, San Juan City.

LABRI, a global NGO focused on reducing lead exposure, met with FPI to explore policy collaboration around the safe and legal recycling of used lead-acid batteries (ULABs) in the Philippines.

6. FPI in the news

BOC, FPI Forge Stronger Alliance Against Smuggling and Substandard Imports

To read/view the article: https://thegoodnewsph.com/boc-fpi-forge-stronger-alliance-against-smuggling-and-substandard-imports/?fbclid=IwY2xjawNVMfdleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETFnbkNCS1VsS3RDNzdNQ0ILAR4lhePU6RyzRh8_OxA-nNymLLzD8njZpdj03hri1isnfG2rLLHxIqHh5Zpeg_aem_rKakyNvCyIBRaLpDOP2IEA

DTI chief warns of import dumping due to US tariffs

To read/view the article: <https://malaya.com.ph/business/corporate/dti-chief-warns-of-import-dumping-due-to-us-tariffs/>

FPI calls on Philippines to be ready to act vs likely dumping of goods

To read/view the article: <https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2025/10/09/704318/fpi-calls-on-philippines-to-be-ready-to-act-vs-likely-dumping-of-goods/>

DTI: Temper prices of Noche Buena items

To read/view the article: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/10/09/business/top-business/dti-temper-prices-of-noche-buena-items/2197144>

Bid-rigging discouraged big firms from infra projects: Biz group

To read/view the article: <https://www.abs-cbn.com/news/business/2025/10/9/bid-rigging-discouraged-big-firms-from-infra-projects-biz-group-1018>

DTI Secretary Cris A. Roque joined industry leaders at the Federation of Philippine Industries Business Summit 2025, underscoring the importance of building a stronger and more resilient Philippine manufacturing sector. With the theme “Thriving Thru Turbulence,” the summit highlighted collaboration and innovation as key forces in advancing local industries and driving sustainable economic growth.

Watch: <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/17apfYaHQX/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

PH BIZ GROUP WELCOMES EFFORTS TO FIX PUBLIC BIDDING SYSTEM

Watch: <https://youtu.be/pMFWnVflicUE?t=900>

"Empowering local businesses means creating jobs, fueling spending, and driving real growth from the ground up. Strong companies build strong communities." - [go to 53:50](#)

Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHZwoUSA_KE&t=3229s

DTI seeks Customs' help vs. dumping of imported goods on PH

To read/view the article: <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/money/economy/961762/dti-imported-goods-dumping-trump-tariffs/story/>

DTI: Philippines must brace for influx of dumped goods

To read/view the article: <https://mb.com.ph/2025/10/08/dti-philippines-must-brace-for-influx-of-dumped-goods>

BOC chief underscores importance of digitalization to fight smuggling

To read/view the article: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1260581>

Cuff them: BOC, FPI forge anti-smuggling pact amid corruption crackdown

To read/view the article: <https://bilyonaryo.com/2025/10/08/cuff-them-boc-fpi-forge-anti-smuggling-pact-amid-corruption-crackdown/business/>

FPI, BOC agree to intensify anti-smuggling efforts

To read/view the article: <https://manilastandard.net/business/314652761/fpi-boc-agree-to-intensify-anti-smuggling-efforts.html>

Expert and Business Group: Strong Anti-Corruption Measures Needed for PH Stock Market Recovery

Watch: <https://youtu.be/qF33O6UMITw?t=3091>

FPI lauds gov't's intensified anti-corruption drive

Watch: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1MLe8dqdJr/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Bounty Fresh's Tennyson Chen shares big plans for The Bistro Group — Scale up and AI | ANC

Watch: <https://youtu.be/TOkpMmCdG50?si=NLKtgGp2L-bgTQee>

Rice safeguards needed for survival

To read/view the article: <https://business.inquirer.net/550614/rice-safeguards-needed-for-survival>

Safeguard duty on cement meant to protect jobs —CeMAP

To read/view the article: <https://insiderph.com/safeguard-duty-on-cement-meant-to-protect-jobs-cemap>

Consumer group protests cement tariff

To read/view the article: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2025/09/30/business/top-business/consumer-group-protests-cement-tariff/2191997>

Cement makers pushing for safeguard duty on imports

To read/view the article: <https://www.philstar.com/business/2025/09/30/2476285/cement-makers-pushing-safeguard-duty-imports>

Opportunities in PH Manufacturing | Business 360 - FPI Chairperson Elizabeth Lee talk about manufacturing, standards, smuggling, corruption and prospects for the industry

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45gmg7zmeN4>

We must manage our water resources

To read/view the article: <https://business.inquirer.net/549412/we-must-manage-our-water-resources>

7. Other news & announcements

Weak investment forces strategy shift to helping established businesses grow

— DTI | <https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2025/10/08/703905/weak-investment-forces-strategy-shift-to-helping-established-businesses-grow-dti/?amp>

DTI cracks down on ₱2M substandard building materials |

<https://thephilbiznews.com/2025/10/08/dti-cracks-down-on-substandard-construction-materials-worth-%E2%82%B12m/>

Pinatitibay ngayon ng gobyerno ang import control at quality checking lalo't inaasahang papasok ang mas maraming imported na produkto sa bansa dahil sa Trump tariffs.

Ang Pinoy industry stakeholders naman unti-unti na muling nagkakakumpiyansa dahil sa mga hakbang ng gobyerno kontra korapsyon. |

Watch: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Fef5782PR/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

DTI ramps up efforts to ensure quality, safety of construction materials |

<https://share.google/9q4vtqdAwn3jGFDry>

Customs bribery a major barrier to investment in Philippines — US report |

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2025/10/08/2478429/customs-bribery-major-barrier-investment-philippines-us-report>

DTI FTEB in Pampanga and FPI Summit in Bilyonaryo news, go to **1:14:00 |**

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ZXXlhX-ONbl?si=vp3KYm52oSvDmHle>

DTI flags two Pampanga hardware stores for selling substandard construction materials | <https://tribune.net.ph/2025/10/07/dti-flags-two-pampanga-hardware-stores-for-selling-substandard-construction-materials>

Join the PIDS Public Events in October 2025

- October 16 (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Chardonay by Astoria, Pasig City): [PIDS-UNICEF Book Launch: "Raising the Bar: Understanding and Solving Chronic Malnutrition in the Philippines"](#)

This event is in partnership with UNICEF Philippines and participation is by invitation only.

You may tune in live to the [PIDS](#), [SERP-P](#), and [UNICEF Philippines](#) Facebook pages for the livestream.

- October 21 (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Bukidnon State University, Malaybalay City, and via Zoom): [11th Mindanao Policy Research Forum: Harnessing AI for Smart Mindanao: People-Centered Governance](#)
Presenters: Usec. Janet M. Lopo, MinDA Executive Director, Dr. Aubrey D. Tabuga, PIDS Senior Research Fellow, and Dr. Sales G. Aribe, Jr., BukSU College of Technologies Department Head
Register here: <https://bit.ly/MPRF2025reg>
You may also tune in live to the [PIDS](#), [SERP-P](#), [MinDA](#), and [BukSU](#) Facebook pages for the livestream.

MPTC eyes P20-B bond offer for tollway projects, debt payment |
<https://www.bworldonline.com/corporate/2025/10/07/703323/mptc-eyes-p20-b-bond-offer-for-tollway-projects-debt-payment/>

Poll: BSP to keep policy rate on hold | <https://www.bworldonline.com/top-stories/2025/10/06/703068/poll-bsp-to-keep-policy-rate-on-hold/>

Missing governance: When every storm is both natural and moral disaster |
<https://www.bworldonline.com/opinion/2025/10/03/702565/missing-governance-when-every-storm-is-both-natural-and-moral-disaster/>

Maynilad earns Green Equity label, lowers IPO price ceiling to P15 per share |
<https://www.bworldonline.com/corporate/2025/10/02/702354/maynilad-earns-green-equity-label-lowers-ipo-price-ceiling-to-p15-per-share/>

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of Select ASEAN Economies, September 2025 |
<https://www.bworldonline.com/infographics/2025/10/02/702385/manufacturing-purchasing-managers-index-pmi-of-select-asean-economies-september-2025/>

LEDAC identifies 44 priority bills, including general tax amnesty and amendments to bank secrecy law |
https://www.bworldonline.com/top-stories/2025/10/01/702145/ledac-identifies-44-priority-bills-including-general-tax-amnesty-and-amendments-to-bank-secrecy-law/#google_vignette

DOF: Plastic tax to net ₱58 billion for gov't |
<https://mb.com.ph/2025/09/25/dof-plastic-tax-to-net-58-billion-for-govt?fbclid=IwB21leANDGB9jbGNrA0MYGGV4dG4DYWVtAjExAAEenBSI1EyayiGNCXEFuYS IkYVcJnMtmqPhUZJLqLrSjFJt-NBXeQQoR3D6XA aem G8cTXmsUcv7-QJHS8Os8wg>

BIR RR No. 25-2025 - Suspends the Implementation of the Requirement to Post a Bond under Section 160 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as Amended, for Importers and Manufacturers of Petroleum Products | [Full Text](#)

BIR RMC No. 91-2025 - Clarification on the Documentary Requirements for Business Registration Being Signed by the Assistant Corporate Secretary of a Corporation | [Full Text](#)

BIR RMC No. 90-2025 - Circularizing Republic Act No. 12253 Otherwise Known as the "Enhanced Fiscal Regime for Large-Scale Metallic Mining Act" | [Full Text](#) | [Annex A](#)

BIR RMC No. 89-2025 - Circularizing Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 96 dated September 19, 2025 of the Office of the President, Malacañang Palace | [Full Text](#) | [M.C. No. 96](#)

BIR RMC No. 88-2025 - Providing Extension of Deadlines for Filing, Payment of Taxes, and Submission of Documents Falling Due in October 2025 for Taxpayers Affected by the Recent Cebu Earthquake | [Full Text](#)

BIR RMC No. 87-2025 - Circularizing the Memorandum dated September 2, 2025 from the Civil Service Commission re: Prohibition Against Gambling During Office Hours | [Full Text](#)

BIR RMC No. 86-2025 - Circularizing Memorandum Circular No. 37, entitled "Directing the Urgent Implementation of the National Anti-Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorism Financing and Counter-Proliferation Financing Strategy 2023-2027, and Enjoining All Concerned Agencies to Fully Support and Actively Participate in the Conduct of Money Laundering/Terrorism Financing National Risk Assessment" | [Full Text](#) | [Annex A](#)

Gov't freezes P4B in assets tied to flood control scam | <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/govt-freezes-p4b-in-assets-tied-to-flood-control-scam/>

SEC orders asset valuer to explain Villar Land appraisal | <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/sec-orders-asset-valuer-to-explain-villar-land-appraisal/>

SEC offers capital market to agri-businesses for funding needs | <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/sec-offers-capital-market-to-agri-businesses-for-funding-needs/>

SEC grants first Philippine Green Equity label to Maynilad | <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/sec-grants-first-philippine-green-equity-label-to-maynilad/>

SEC clears Damosa Land's rental pool program, first under SEC RENT | <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/sec-clears-damosa-lands-rental-pool-program-first-under-sec-rent/>

FINANCIAL SECTOR FORUM COMPLETES FOURTH FINANCIAL CONGLOMERATE SUPERVISORY COLLEGE | <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/financial-sector-forum-completes-fourth-financial-conglomerate-supervisory-college/>

SEC launches first Green Equity Guidelines in Southeast Asia | <https://www.sec.gov.ph/pr-2025/sec-launches-first-green-equity-guidelines-in-southeast-asia/>

SEC Advisory: "RECOVERY" AND "ADVANCE-FEE RECOVERY SCAM" | <https://www.sec.gov.ph/advisories-2025/recovery-and-advance-fee-recovery-scam/>

New BOC Leadership Has Tackled Corruption Ahead of U.S. Report | <https://customs.gov.ph/new-boc-leadership-has-tackled-corruption-ahead-of-u-s-report/>

BOC Submits Reports to ICI | <https://customs.gov.ph/boc-submits-reports-to-ici/>

BOC Extends Aid to Earthquake-Hit Families in Cebu | <https://customs.gov.ph/boc-extends-aid-to-earthquake-hit-families-in-cebu/>

BOC Hauls 13 Discaya-Linked Luxury Vehicles into Custody After Customs Violations | <https://customs.gov.ph/boc-hauls-13-discaya-linked-luxury-vehicles-into-custody-after-customs-violations/>

**Fil-Chinese Federation President Victor Lim Backs Commissioner
Nepomuceno's Reforms |**

<https://customs.gov.ph/fil-chinese-federation-president-victor-lim-backs-commissioner-nepomucenos-reforms/>

20TH CONGRESS COMMITTEE HEARINGS/MEETINGS

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