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## 1. FPI Letter-Petition for an En Banc Administrative Rule/Resolution Restricting the Issuance by Lower Courts of TROs and Writs of Preliminary Injunction Against the Implementation and Enforcement of Mandatory Product Standards and Public Health Product Regulations (DTI/FDA)

 **FEDERATION OF PHILIPPINE INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
The Voice of Industry

April 17, 2026

**THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE**  
Supreme Court of the Philippines  
Padre Faura Street, Ermita, Manila

Through: The Office of the Clerk of Court / Office of the Chief Justice

Re: **Letter-Petition for an En Banc Administrative Rule/Resolution Restricting the Issuance by Lower Courts of TROs and Writs of Preliminary Injunction Against the Implementation and Enforcement of Mandatory Product Standards and Public Health Product Regulations (DTI / FDA)**

Your Honor:

The Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) respectfully submits this letter-petition requesting the Supreme Court, En Banc, to consider issuing an administrative resolution or promulgating a procedural rule that would prevent lower courts from issuing temporary restraining orders (TROs) and writs of preliminary injunction that restrain the lawful implementation and enforcement of mandatory product standards and related public safety regulations of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

FPI represents around 30 industry associations and close to 100 corporate members, composed of legitimate Filipino manufacturers and allied businesses committed to industrial development, consumer protection, and the fight against illicit trade. We fully support strong and consistent enforcement of product standards because these are designed to protect the consumers and the public in general from hazards, deception, and unfair trade practices—not to benefit any one importer or manufacturer, as both are equally bound to comply.

**Why this appeal is urgent**

We respectfully submit that current procedural practice has created a vulnerability that may be exploited by unscrupulous traders: the ability to obtain injunctive relief at the trial-court level that effectively places standards enforcement “on hold” nationwide. Given the number of trial courts across the country, parties inclined to evade compliance may engage in forum shopping and secure a TRO or preliminary injunction that neutralizes months—sometimes years—of technical work by expert agencies involving consultations, testing, and standards-setting.

This is not a theoretical concern. A concrete example is the long-running dispute involving the mandatory standards for flat glass, where injunctions issued by two Regional Trial Courts prevented the DTI from implementing the standard. Although one injunction was lifted, another remained effective for years, and the controversy even reached the Court of Appeals before it could be resolved. The case lasted for six-and-a-half years, a very long perilous period for the public because of the absence of standards. And even after the lifting, the government could not

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stop immediately the selling of substandard flat glass inventories that were brought into the country during the period of injunction. During the period when enforcement was restrained, the market was effectively exposed to the risk of substandard flat glass circulating without meaningful standards monitoring—despite flat glass being a critical construction material used in homes and buildings.

The public consequences of such injunctive delays can be devastating. In a country frequently struck by typhoons and earthquakes, the proliferation of substandard construction materials magnifies the risk of catastrophic injury and loss of life. Experts warn that “The Big One” is imminent; while no one can predict the exact moment, the larger question remains whether our buildings, houses, and other structures will withstand such a major event. A fundamental preparedness measure is ensuring that substandard construction materials are kept out of the market through consistent enforcement of government-mandated quality standards.

### **The legal and policy basis**

The State’s duty to protect consumers is clearly recognized in Republic Act No. 7394 (Consumer Act of the Philippines), which declares it State policy to protect consumer interests and welfare, including protection against hazards to health and safety and against deceptive, unfair, and unconscionable sales acts and practices. When a TRO or injunction stops the enforcement of a mandatory product standard, it effectively stops a regulatory measure adopted precisely to prevent harm.

### **Precedent: Injunction restriction in environmental cases**

We respectfully point to a compelling procedural precedent already established by this Honorable Court. Under the Rules of Procedure for Environmental Cases, the Court provides:

“SEC. 10. Prohibition against temporary restraining order (TRO) and preliminary injunction. – Except the Supreme Court, no court can issue a TRO or writ of preliminary injunction against lawful actions of government agencies that enforce environmental laws or prevent violations thereof.”

The rationale behind this rule—protecting the public interest from irreparable harm and recognizing the presumption of regularity in lawful government enforcement—applies with equal force to the enforcement of mandatory product standards and public health regulations. The threat posed by substandard products is likewise imminent, widespread, and potentially fatal, and the impact is national in scale because such products can be sold anywhere in the country once enforcement is restrained.

### **Our respectful request**

In light of the foregoing, we respectfully request the Supreme Court to consider an En Banc administrative issuance—whether an en banc resolution, administrative matter, or rule amendment—providing that:

1. Except the Supreme Court, no court shall issue a TRO or writ of preliminary injunction against lawful actions of the DTI and the FDA in implementing and enforcing mandatory product standards, conformity assessment requirements, product registration and

licensing, and related market surveillance and enforcement measures undertaken for consumer protection, public health, and public safety; and

2. Any challenge to such lawful actions be coursed through remedies that do not compromise public safety, with injunctive relief, if absolutely necessary, being available only upon a clear showing of exceptional circumstances and only at the level of the Supreme Court consistent with existing precedent.

### **Closing**


Your Honors, we respectfully submit that this safeguard is essential so that the vision of a Bagong Pilipinas does not become a marketplace of substandard products. Product standards exist to protect the public, and the State should not be unduly restrained from performing this duty through injunctive orders obtained at the trial-court level that can linger for years while risks to consumers continue to grow.

We thank the Honorable Court for its time and consideration and remain ready to provide any further information that may assist the Court in evaluating this policy recommendation.

Respectfully yours,

  
ELIZABETH H. LEE  
Chairperson

  
JOHN REINIER DIZON  
President

  
DR. JESUS L. ARRANZA  
Chairman Emeritus

## 2. The signatures we'll never see – By: FPI CE, Dr. Jesus Lim Arranza

I remember the exact moment I started to doubt the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee. It wasn't during the hearings themselves—those dramatic exchanges I followed on television, shaking my head at the staggering figures. It wasn't even when the first news broke about the flood control funds, money meant for dikes and drainage systems that apparently washed away into thin air.

No, my disappointment crystallized in April 2026, when I read that Chairman Lacson had suspended hearings indefinitely. Not because the investigation was complete. Not because justice had been served. But because they couldn't get enough signatures.

Eleven signatures. That's all it takes for a committee of 17 senators to issue a report. Eleven people to agree that the evidence gathered—the documents, the testimony, the paper trail of ghost projects and fictional flood control structures—deserves to see the light of plenary debate. As of mid-April 2026, only four had signed: Lacson, Hontiveros, Pangilinan, and Aquino.

Four.

Let that sink in. Seventeen senators sat through hearings, listened to witnesses, reviewed the evidence that allegedly implicates three of their own colleagues, and yet only four were willing to put their names on paper.

I am a taxpayer. My money flows into the national treasury. I watch roads crumble while new infrastructure projects are announced with fanfare. I pay for flood control systems that, apparently, exist mostly on paper. And now I am asked to accept that the people I elected to investigate this cannot muster the simple administrative act of signing a document?

The excuses feel like insults.

One senator says she won't sign unless

there is a “complete and thorough investigation” first. But the hearings happened. Witnesses testified. Evidence was presented. What she means, I suspect, is that the investigation didn't go far enough in directions she would have preferred—or perhaps went too far in directions that made her uncomfortable. Other majority senators reportedly found the draft report “weak” and “lacking,” preferring to introduce amendments on the floor. But the floor can only debate what the committee sends up. And the committee cannot send anything up because they won't sign.

How convenient.

There is even a rival minority report — 576 pages, I am told, produced in December 2025. Chairman Lacson dismissed it as having “no standing under Senate rules.” Whether he is correct or not, the very existence of competing reports tells me everything I need to know: this is not about truth-finding anymore. This is about positioning, about protection, about the unspoken code that binds senators to one another even when the public trust demands they break ranks.

The Philippine Constitution is not ambiguous. Article XI, Section 1 declares that “Public office is a public trust.”

Now I wonder whether our senators ever truly believed in their oath of office at all.

I respect the office. I respect the institution. But respect is not a suicide pact, and my patience as a concerned taxpayer is not infinite. When Chairman Lacson floats the idea of a “Chairman's Report” directly to the Ombudsman—bypassing the committee altogether—I feel a flicker of hope. At least the evidence might not rot in a folder somewhere. At least someone is trying. But the fact that this workaround is even necessary is a condemnation of the entire process. (Continue reading: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2026/04/29/the-signatures-well-never-see/>)

### 3. No to zero tariff on chicken, pork and corn – By: Ernesto M. Ordoñez

MANILA, Philippines — We must firmly reject the proposal of zero tariff for the critical products of chicken, pork and corn. This recommendation was first presented in a meeting with President Marcos to minimize inflation because of the Middle East crisis.

Last April 12, 18 agricultural-related organizations sent a letter to the President. They stated: “We seek your intervention in the proposed tariff reduction on imported pork, chicken and corn. The agriculture and fisheries sector is the most valuable sector, with serious consequences and impact on national food security, elevated hunger and rural livelihood.”

#### Chicken and corn

The present 40-percent tariff on corn was decided on with due diligence. An appropriate tariff is one that equates the price of an imported product with a locally produced one.

This achieves a level playing field. Tariffs that are too high would mean excessive local industry protection, resulting in unfairly high prices for consumers. Tariffs that are too low would mean that imported products would sell at a price below local production cost. The results are job losses and more poverty.

In a position paper submitted by Eliseo Jose Inciong, chair of the Urban Broiler Raisers Association and executive vice president of the Alyansa Agrikultura (AA), he documented the poultry picture.

As of last February, the landed cost of a whole chicken was \$1.12 per kilogram (kg). With the current 40-percent tariff and a P60:\$1 exchange rate, this translates to P94 per kg. At that time, the local farmgate price averaged P103 per kg. The import was cheaper than the local product.

If the 40-percent tariff is reduced to zero, the import price will decrease to P67 per kg. This is much lower than the current P103 per kg farm gate price. Considering

that production cost is P95 per kg, losses will be incurred, jobs lost and our food security threatened.

In the case of corn, a position paper was submitted by Leonardo Montemayor of the Federation of Free Farmers (FFF) and Argel Cabatbat of the Magsasaka Party List. It makes the same strong case against a zero tariff.

It stated: “Setting import tariffs on corn to zero would reduce the landed cost of corn by an average of P1.70 per kilo. Some two million corn farmers cultivating 2.3 million hectares stand to incur almost P12 billion in losses if farm gate prices drop by P1.70 per kilo as a result of the tariff cut.”

#### Disconnect

In considering tariff changes, we must recognize that there is a large disconnect between the imported and the farmgate prices on one hand and the retail price on the other hand. The farmgate price has to compete with the import price. But the retail price is often much higher than the farmgate and imported prices.

This is because the middleman margins are extremely large. This is due to market distortions, such as cartels, hoarding, collusion and multiple layers. Price is not determined by cost alone, but by supply and demand forces.

For example, the February chicken import price was P94, while the farmgate price was P103. But the retail price was P220.

In very many instances, armchair economists predicted that a significant tariff decrease would automatically result in an equally significant retail price decrease. This has been proven wrong. Producers suffered greatly, while consumers received little benefit because of the minimal retail price decreases. (To read/view the full article follow this link: <https://business.inquirer.net/587065/no-to-zero-tariff-on-chicken-pork-and-corn>)



## 4. FPI Committees

### Product Standards



Photos were taken during the FPI-DTI Meeting on Monday, 20 April 2026, DTI Makati City.

### Anti-Smuggling



21 April 2026 – FPI-BOC-IAS Division team TWG headed by Dir. Rey Joson. Working on the Federation's ITE program as representatives inside Customs. An alliance with BOC team to share Intelligence and data against smuggling: substandard, under valuation etc.

**Illicit Trade / Product Standards**







Photos were taken during the FPI press conference on Friday, 24 April 2026, 11AM, Centennial Rm., Club Filipino, Greenhills, San Juan City. The press conference focused on the Federation's appeal to the Supreme Court to stop lower courts from issuing TROs vs product standards.

## 5. FPI in the news

The signatures we'll never see | <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2026/04/29/the-signatures-well-never-see/>

**ASEAN SCIENCE DIPLOMATS ASSEMBLY: "A Decade of Science Diplomacy: Bridging Divides, Inspiring Lives" | May 18-20, 2026 Acacia Hotel, Alabang, Muntinlupa City | Registration Please register through the link:**  
<https://forms.gle/kuYd6asmWCweawh77>

**Jollibee brings the joy to the top of Vietnam's quick-service market |**  
<https://insiderph.com/jollibee-brings-the-joy-to-the-top-of-vietnams-quick-service-market>

**Foreign Investment, Inflation, and Global Risks Shape PH Business Outlook |**  
**Chris Nelson |** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcgXz6lrpM>

**PH builds world's largest solar battery farm in Luzon | ANC |**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6r18jWBlzk>

**Dangerous loophole: Why lower courts must stop blocking product standards |**  
<https://businessmirror.com.ph/2026/04/27/dangerous-loophole-why-lower-courts-must-stop-blocking-product-standards/>

**No to zero tariff on chicken, pork and corn |** <https://business.inquirer.net/587065/no-to-zero-tariff-on-chicken-pork-and-corn>

**FPI asks SC: Stop lower courts' TRO on product standards checks |**  
<https://businessmirror.com.ph/2026/04/25/fpi-asks-sc-stop-lower-courts-tro-on-product-standards-checks/>

**Manufacturers seek end to legal tactics delaying trade standards |**  
<https://mb.com.ph/2026/04/24/manufacturers-seek-end-to-legal-tactics-delaying-trade-standards>

**Federation of Philippine Industries, humiling sa Korte Suprema na higpitan ang pag-isyu ng TRO laban sa product standards |**  
<https://smnnewschannel.com/federation-of-philippine-industries-humiling-sa-korte-suprema-na-higpitan-ang-pag-isyu-ng-tro-laban-sa-product-standards/>

**Biz groups back extension of importer accreditation validity |**  
<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1273631>

**Business groups welcome BOC importer accreditation policy |**  
[https://portcalls.com/business-groups-welcome-boc-importer-accreditation-policy/#google\\_vignette](https://portcalls.com/business-groups-welcome-boc-importer-accreditation-policy/#google_vignette)

**PBBM: A calm captain steering the ship through the storm |**  
<https://businessmirror.com.ph/2026/04/22/pbbm-a-calm-captain-steering-the-ship-through-the-storm/>

**Industrialists call on gov't to protect revenue via smuggling crackdown |**  
[https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/04/21/744550/industrialists-call-on-govt-to-protect-revenue-via-smuggling-crackdown/#google\\_vignette](https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/04/21/744550/industrialists-call-on-govt-to-protect-revenue-via-smuggling-crackdown/#google_vignette)

**Curbing smuggling crucial at this time |**  
<https://www.manilatimes.net/2026/04/22/business/top-business/curbing-smuggling-crucial-at-this-time/2325275/amp>

**STEELASIA CELEBRATES THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY |**  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CByAnP2BH/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

**"MEN OF STEEL": A NEW GOLDEN AGE OF PH MANUFACTURING!?! |**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEi5EckQS9I>

**FPI: MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY CANNOT QUICKLY ADJUST TO PRICE SWINGS |** On #Business360, Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) chairperson Elizabeth Lee says the sector is not collapsing and remains in expansion territory, but firms are tightening operations through delayed capital spending, slower hiring, and cost cutting amid high fuel costs and supply pressures. | <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1DK1y2Nj3f/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



**FOOD PACKAGING COSTS UP | The manufacturing nausthylls tightening operations as it grapples with rising supply constraints and cost pressures linked to global energy volatility.**

**On #Business360, Federation of Philippine Industries Chairperson Elizabeth H. Lee says the impact is most severe in energy-intensive sectors, including food packaging materials. | <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1BdsTRKuhm/?mibextid=wwXlfr>**

**PH SEEN AT A COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE VS. ASEAN PEERS DISADVANTAGE |**

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**Industry group calls for stronger anti-smuggling efforts as global risks heighten | [https://manilastandard.net/business/314729956/industry-group-calls-for-stronger-anti-smuggling-efforts-as-global-risks-heighten.html#google\\_vignette](https://manilastandard.net/business/314729956/industry-group-calls-for-stronger-anti-smuggling-efforts-as-global-risks-heighten.html#google_vignette)**

**FPI pushes vigilance as Customs loosens import rules |**

**<https://businessmirror.com.ph/2026/04/21/fpi-pushes-vigilance-as-customs-loosens-import-rules/>**

**FPI supports BOC initiatives amid global supply shocks, urges unified action vs smuggling | [https://logisticsnews.ph/2026/04/21/fpi-supports-boc-initiatives-amid-global-supply-shocks-urges-unified-action-vs-smuggling/?fbclid=IwDGRjcART5X1leHRuA2FibQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEeK9RYVVgDE8rGBRjsrNQ6DrhYHDVArSK0Cnl1wJqMEJ5nNB17mvyTXQGbJLA\\_aem\\_R5vzBba-Rn1Km1G3smW2rg](https://logisticsnews.ph/2026/04/21/fpi-supports-boc-initiatives-amid-global-supply-shocks-urges-unified-action-vs-smuggling/?fbclid=IwDGRjcART5X1leHRuA2FibQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEeK9RYVVgDE8rGBRjsrNQ6DrhYHDVArSK0Cnl1wJqMEJ5nNB17mvyTXQGbJLA_aem_R5vzBba-Rn1Km1G3smW2rg)**

**[https://logisticsnews.ph/2026/04/21/fpi-supports-boc-initiatives-amid-global-supply-shocks-urges-unified-action-vs-smuggling/?fbclid=IwDGRjcART5X1leHRuA2FibQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEeK9RYVVgDE8rGBRjsrNQ6DrhYHDVArSK0Cnl1wJqMEJ5nNB17mvyTXQGbJLA\\_aem\\_R5vzBba-Rn1Km1G3smW2rg](https://logisticsnews.ph/2026/04/21/fpi-supports-boc-initiatives-amid-global-supply-shocks-urges-unified-action-vs-smuggling/?fbclid=IwDGRjcART5X1leHRuA2FibQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEeK9RYVVgDE8rGBRjsrNQ6DrhYHDVArSK0Cnl1wJqMEJ5nNB17mvyTXQGbJLA_aem_R5vzBba-Rn1Km1G3smW2rg)**

**PH factories squeezed as logistics costs rise up to 30% — FPI |**

**[https://bilyonaryo.com/2026/04/17/ph-factories-squeezed-as-logistics-costs-rise-up-to-30-fpi/headlines/?fbclid=IwDGRjcARQNdfleHRuA2FibQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEeBIEJ9wDiHB1B6T9byL22iq8qXTIiJ-CTMKLI5BDAPcTf7XR5IStWR\\_cns8Y\\_aem\\_ncLKpSUVTU-417ITuy4Qzg](https://bilyonaryo.com/2026/04/17/ph-factories-squeezed-as-logistics-costs-rise-up-to-30-fpi/headlines/?fbclid=IwDGRjcARQNdfleHRuA2FibQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEeBIEJ9wDiHB1B6T9byL22iq8qXTIiJ-CTMKLI5BDAPcTf7XR5IStWR_cns8Y_aem_ncLKpSUVTU-417ITuy4Qzg)**

**Beth Lee on Manufacturing Risks as Recovery Weakens | Business 360 |**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRD-nQ8CVEw>**

**FPI: MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY CANNOT QUICKLY ADJUST TO PRICE SWINGS | <https://www.facebook.com/reel/2194370128083841>**

**Beth Lee on Manufacturing Risks as Recovery Weakens | Business 360 |**

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**PH manufacturers urge continued operation of Gokongwei's petrochemical plant in Batangas | [https://logisticsnews.ph/2026/04/16/ph-manufacturers-urge-continued-operation-of-gokongweis-petrochemical-plant-in-batangas/?fbclid=IwY2xjawRONjleHRuA2FibQIxMABicmlkETF2RGI5bnZhr25tRmpyekJWc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDq5MgABHh6Bhy2IPk5lc4zAg\\_WWAQNC1BKqtgl5pW9Varr1-HazMn3Y-7xLXktesP-k\\_aem\\_8WPi5c5hmzCLwaB6DeN\\_fQ](https://logisticsnews.ph/2026/04/16/ph-manufacturers-urge-continued-operation-of-gokongweis-petrochemical-plant-in-batangas/?fbclid=IwY2xjawRONjleHRuA2FibQIxMABicmlkETF2RGI5bnZhr25tRmpyekJWc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDq5MgABHh6Bhy2IPk5lc4zAg_WWAQNC1BKqtgl5pW9Varr1-HazMn3Y-7xLXktesP-k_aem_8WPi5c5hmzCLwaB6DeN_fQ)**

**[https://logisticsnews.ph/2026/04/16/ph-manufacturers-urge-continued-operation-of-gokongweis-petrochemical-plant-in-batangas/?fbclid=IwY2xjawRONjleHRuA2FibQIxMABicmlkETF2RGI5bnZhr25tRmpyekJWc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDq5MgABHh6Bhy2IPk5lc4zAg\\_WWAQNC1BKqtgl5pW9Varr1-HazMn3Y-7xLXktesP-k\\_aem\\_8WPi5c5hmzCLwaB6DeN\\_fQ](https://logisticsnews.ph/2026/04/16/ph-manufacturers-urge-continued-operation-of-gokongweis-petrochemical-plant-in-batangas/?fbclid=IwY2xjawRONjleHRuA2FibQIxMABicmlkETF2RGI5bnZhr25tRmpyekJWc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDq5MgABHh6Bhy2IPk5lc4zAg_WWAQNC1BKqtgl5pW9Varr1-HazMn3Y-7xLXktesP-k_aem_8WPi5c5hmzCLwaB6DeN_fQ)**

## 6. Other news & announcements

Join the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) Public Events in May 2026:

- a) May 14 (9:00 AM - 11:30 AM | via Zoom): [How Can We Make Electricity More Affordable and the Power Grid More Reliable?](#) | Register here: <https://bit.ly/pidsevent051426> | You may also tune in live to the [PIDS](#) and [SERP-P](#) Facebook pages for the livestream.
- b) May 28 (9:00 AM - 11:30 AM | via Zoom): [Lost in Transition: How Language Gaps and Shifts Affect Student Learning](#) | Register here: <https://bit.ly/pidsevent052826> | You may also tune in live to the [PIDS](#) and [SERP-P](#) Facebook pages for the livestream.

Trouble in Ayala? | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtqUHPTJw6w>

History in the making | <https://www.philstar.com/business/2026/04/27/2523760/history-making>

Invigorating manufacturing | <https://opinion.inquirer.net/191346/invigorating-manufacturing>

**BOC's Reform Extending the Validity of Importer Accreditation to 3 Years Gains More Support from Various Business Groups** | <https://customs.gov.ph/bocs-reform-extending-the-validity-of-importer-accreditation-to-3-years-gains-more-support-from-various-business-groups/>

**PLDT first telco in Asean to deploy latest agentic AI** | <https://www.philstar.com/business/2026/04/24/2523090/pldt-first-telco-asean-deploy-latest-agentic-ai>

**Shanghai scientists unveil flexible 'fiber chip' in Nature** | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMLqjJHKA5I>

**Our manufacturing handicap** | <https://opinion.inquirer.net/191189/our-manufacturing-handicap>

**Ayala Land Suspends Laorean Residences Project Amid Rising Costs** | **Business Brief** | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L158lbvQqsI>

**Register - BusinessWorld Economic Forum - ADVANCING THE ASEAN AGENDA: TURNING REGIONAL VISION TO CORPORATE ACTION** | <https://businessworlddecoforum.helixpay.ph/>

**Philippines, Canada to finalize text for FTA in July** | <https://www.bworldonline.com/top-stories/2026/04/20/743953/philippines-canada-to-finalize-text-for-fta-in-july/>

**Philippines, US to build industrial hub to strengthen supply chain security** | <https://www.bworldonline.com/top-stories/2026/04/17/743628/philippines-us-to-build-industrial-hub-to-strengthen-supply-chain-security/>

**BREAKING: Business leader slams govt policy decisions in the oil industry** | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9UKj4MI6Vo>

**War-driven costs force construction giant EEI to halt new projects, revisit contracts | ANC | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69wAAoNuZjw>**

**Fiscal policy at the frontline: responding to the Iran war shock | <https://www.bworldonline.com/opinion/2026/04/17/743470/fiscal-policy-at-the-frontline-responding-to-the-iran-war-shock/>**

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