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BOC NOW AN ISLAND OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, RECOGNIZED AS GOLD TRAILBLAZER AWARDEE IN THE PGS FINAL STAGE

In pursuit of transforming and reforming the Bureau of Customs, its processes and services, the BOC enrolled to the 4-Stage Performance Governance System (PGS) of the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) in 2019.

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BOC COLLECTS P65.7B IN APRIL, RECORDS HIGHEST MONTHLY COLLECTION OF P70B IN MARCH

Aligned with its primary mandate to collect lawful revenues for the country, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) collected a total of P65.7 billion against its P54.9 billion April 2022 target collection, posting a surplus of P10.769 billion or 19.6%. Based on the preliminary report from the BOC-Financial Service, 14 out of the 17 collection districts hit the target

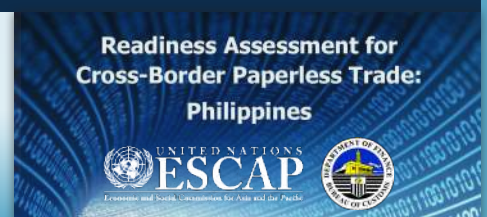
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BOC COMPLETES THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN IN IMPLEMENTING THE PAPERLESS TRADE AGREEMENT

The Bureau of Customs officially submitted the report on the "Readiness Assessment for Cross-Border Paperless Trade: The Philippines" on March 01, 2022, to fulfill its obligation as a member party to the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA).

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BOC LAUNCHES 16 TRACE DETECTION SYSTEM

To consistently intensify its border protection capabilities against the entry of illegal drugs, the Bureau of Customs, through the Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), launches 16 units of Trace Detection System (TDS) which shall be deployed in various ports nationwide from April to May 2022.

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MAKABAGONG ADUANA



**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
REVENUE COLLECTION**

MARCH 2022

APRIL 2022

P72.727 B (↑22.6%)

P65.7 B (↑19.6%)

P57.69 Billion - Target Collection
P13.037 Billion - Surplus

P54.9 Billion - Target Collection
P10.769 billion - Surplus

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- namely the Ports of San Fernando, Port of Manila, MICP, Batangas, Legaspi, Iloilo, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Zamboanga, Davao, Subic, Clark, Aparri, and Limay.

Last March, the Bureau recorded its highest monthly revenue collection in history with P70B collection for the period. The collection performance is attributed to the improved valuation, intensified enforcement against illegal importations, and the improved compliance by traders to customs laws.

BOC MARKS 4.724-BILLION LITERS OF FUEL, COLLECTS P60.15-B IN REVENUE FOR 1ST QUARTER OF 2022



Aligned with its thrust to curb illicit trade and collect rightful duties and taxes for the government, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) has marked 4.724-Billion liters of equivalent to P60.15 billion duties and taxes for the 1st quarter of 2022. With this, the total marked gasoline, diesel, and kerosene from September 2019 to March 2022 were 39.316 billion liters equivalent to P374.13 billion in duties and taxes.

Diesel comprises 60.51% of the total volume marked, followed by Gasoline with 38.97% and Kerosene with 0.52% of marked volume. As to location, 73.66% of the marking was in Luzon, 20.9% in Mindanao, and 5.44% in the Visayas.

The Bureau recorded 28 oil firms that are now marking since the first actual marking in September 2019.

Also aligned with the Program, the BOC and the BIR seized a total of 93,043.80 liters of diesel, 18,839.00 liters of kerosene, and seized two (2) units of tank trucks carrying unmarked fuel with an estimated value of P13,357,405.29. Tanks of 12 retail stations and 2 private companies where BOC found these unmarked fuels were likewise sealed and recommended for filing criminal cases.

BOC COLLECTS P534 MILLION ADDITIONAL REVENUES THROUGH POST CLEARANCE AUDIT IN 1ST QUARTER OF 2022

In its bid to collect additional lawful revenues through post clearance audit, the Bureau of Customs through the Post Clearance Audit Group (PCAG) reports its 1st quarter accomplishment on additional revenue collections for the period January to March 2022.

In its report, the PCAG highlighted its successful collection of additional revenues from January to March 2022 amounting to P498,881,807.90 from the 39 Prior Disclosure Program (PDP) Applications and P35,410,355.15 as part of the 59 Audit Notice Letters (ANL) issued. To date, the group managed to collect a running total additional revenue of P534,292,163.05.

Furthermore, the BOC is expecting to collect additional revenues in the total amount of Php 12.932 billion from the enforcement of 54 demand letters arising from post clearance audits conducted in 2019, 2020, and 2021 which have become final and executory for failure of the audited importers to contest the same.



BOC COMPLETES THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN IN IMPLEMENTING THE PAPERLESS TRADE AGREEMENT DECLARATION DOCUMENT WITH ASEAN

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The report is co-published by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Philippine Bureau of Customs (BOC).

It contains the legal and technical assessment of the Philippines' readiness for cross-border paperless trade based on the series of consultations and workshops conducted by the UNESCAP experts and the National Single Window – Technical Working Group (NSW-TWG) officials. In coordination with the BOC Planning and Policy Research Division (PPRD) and BOC External Affairs Office (EAO), excellent inputs were shared by the private sector through interviews and subsequent communications. These sessions helped BOC and UNESCAP identify potential legal and technical gaps, highlight essential legal areas that may support engagement in cross-border paperless trade, design framework, and the need to raise awareness.

With the availability of a functioning National Single Window (NSW) in exchanging cross-border documents with the ASEAN Member States (AMS), ongoing digitalization of clearance processes, and intergovernmental coordination mechanisms are being worked out.

The report is now published at: <https://www.unescap.org/kp/2022/readiness-assessment-cross-border-paperless-trade-philippines>.



BOC CONCLUDES THE 3-DAY NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION WORKSHOP ON THE AEO PROGRAM, E-COMMERCE, AND INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT



During the 3rd day of the National Trade Facilitation Workshop on April 4-6, 2022, which was co-organized by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) in cooperation with the ARISE Plus Philippines Project, discussions with the Philippine Trade Regulatory Government Agencies (TRGAs) and private stakeholders on the implementation of the Integrated Risk Management (IRM) were conducted. This is in response to the clamor of the trading community for greater transparency and a holistic approach to implementing risk management, and the need for BOC to implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

The discussions on the value proposition of integrated risk management (IRM) in adopting a compliance measurement strategy, and supporting BOC's risk targeting and profiling activities were led by Mr. Dennis C. Pantastico, National Consultant from the ARISE Plus Philippines Project through the International Trade Center (ITC), a joint agency of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations (UN). Strategies for coordinated intervention and leveraging the use of modern technology through master data management were also covered during the IRM session. This allowed the participants to gain a deeper understanding of an appropriate IRM design framework anchored on access to data and inter-agency information sharing that will proactively identify and treat threats, greater transparency, and enhance BOC and TRGAs governance standards.

1ST CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE PHILIPPINE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE: BRINGING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR PERSPECTIVES TOGETHER ON THE TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) held the 1st Capacity-Building Workshop last April 7-8, 2022. This two-day workshop was jointly organized with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) under the ambit of the ARISE Plus Philippines, a 4-year EU-funded project aimed at strengthening inclusive economic growth in the Philippines, through improved international trade performance, competitiveness, and economic integration.

With the theme "Bringing Private and Public Sector Perspectives Together on the Trade Facilitation Agreement", this Workshop brought together the Secretariat and members of the Philippines Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC), as well as private sector representatives to facilitate a coordinated approach in the implementation of trade facilitation initiatives.

The training modules are designed in helping the participants understand the conditions, potential benefits, and practical use of each of the measures of the World Trade Organization – Trade Facilitation Agreement (WTO-TFA) were facilitated by Ms. Alina Fetisova and Mr. Agustin Baret of the International Trade Centre, including Ms. Maes Alconcel of the ARISE Plus Philippines Project. It allowed a collaborative intervention in developing and strengthening the skills, processes, and resources of the PTFC, thereby equipping them with the necessary means to contribute to the implementation and monitoring of trade facilitation reforms.





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After two and a half years, the bureau today, April 20, 2022, led by Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, passed the Institutionalization Stage or the fourth and final stage of the PGS Pathway with a GOLD Governance Trailblazer Award, the highest PGS award.

Since its enrolment in November 2019 and after sequential revalidas, the BOC consistently bagged the highest award or the Gold Governance Trailblazer awards as it passed the 1st Stage "Initiation Stage", the 2nd Stage "Compliance Stage", the 3rd Stage "Proficiency Stage, and finally the 4th Stage "Institutionalization Stage" of the PGS.

The PGS is a significant tool of good governance reform promoting the efficient delivery of services and the establishment of a positive climate for market institutions. It also calls for effective, sustained, and systematic contributions from individuals and institutions for the common good of their institution or community and of the Philippines as well as the long term development of the Filipino. During the Institutionalization

Revalida organized by the ISA, Commissioner Guerrero shared the Bureau's Transformation Journey throughout the years - building a new foundation of trust and awareness for its stakeholders and the general public through reformed efforts, towards creating a transparent, responsive and world-class customs administration.

Furthermore, Commissioner Guerrero presented the scorecards of the BOC which have proven the breakthrough financial results and high social impact of the programs implemented and accomplishments achieved, as well as its plans to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the transformed and reformed programs and systems.

All these programs are anchored on its primary mandates on border protection, revenue collection and trade facilitation, as well as the modernization of its processes and values reformation of its people. These include automation of 82% or 139 out of the 170 Customs Processes from only 38% in 2019; the implementation of trade facilitation measures and improvement in its performance

as reflected in the World Customs Organization (WCO) Implementation Maturity Assessment of 85.08% rating; accomplishments in seizure of P63.5B worth of various smuggled goods, P7.2B illegal drugs, and 1.9B agricultural products; the implementation of fuel marking program which contributed P374.13B revenue from duties and taxes collected, among others.

The Institutionalization Status was granted after the successful audit review of the bureau's performance for at least two years of implementing its PGS strategy and Institutionalization Revalida.

The BOC was commended by the Revalida panelists for the overall Revalida performance. Among the members of the panel were Guillermo Luz, ISA Trustee, Asec. Greg Pineda, Assistant Secretary of Regional Development Group-NEDA, Asec. Mary Jean Pacheco, Assistant Secretary of DTI, Kenneth Isaiah Abante, Managing Director for Practice and Partnerships of WeSolve Foundation, Inc. and Eduardo Anthony G. Mariño, Deputy Treasurer of Bureau of Treasury.



BOC SHOWCASES ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES IN ADAS 2022

The Bureau of Customs, through the Enforcement and Security Service, together with the Public Information and Assistance Division, General Services Division, Port of Manila-Customer Care Center, Accounting Division, and Budget Division, participated in the Asian Defense & Security (ADAS) 2022, the 4th Asian Defense and Security, Crisis & Disaster Management Exhibition and Conference in the World Trade Center, Metro Manila on April 27-29, 2022.

In the 3-day event, BOC showcased its wide array of enforcement assets. Among the equipment displayed were the Fast Patrol Boats used in boarding formalities, patrol, and water pursuits within the nation's borders.

Latest model Body-worn Cameras, Backscatter handheld inspection device used in container inspection, the GETAC K120 Fully Rugged Tablet, and the BWC Docking Stations where the recorded data in the cameras can be automatically transferred, were also presented.

An addition to the exhibit was the Rigaku Raman Progeny Resq Chemical Identifier which enables customs officers to perform rapid identification of chemicals, precursors, and explosives in shipments.

The Trace Detection System which enables users to instantly detect explosives and drugs sampled from cargoes with at least 3x throughput than conventional systems was also showcased.

Likewise, the BOC Self-Service Kiosk where the stakeholders can easily follow up their transactions with the Bureau and avail other BOC processes was also exhibited.

With its recent victory in passing the Institutionalization Stage or the fourth and final stage of the Performance Governance System Pathway, BOC also paraded its four Gold Trailblazer Awards, making history in attaining the highest award in all four stages.



BOC INAUGURATES THE CUSTOMS TRAINING INSTITUTE



The Bureau of Customs (BOC) celebrates another milestone as it inaugurates the Customs Training Institute (CTI) facility on 13 April 2022, located at 2nd floor, Citadel Building, 21st Street, Port Area, Manila.

The facility is equipped with training rooms, conference rooms, and offices to house the Office of the Chancellor, headed by Atty. Noemi Garcia, Office of the Vice Chancellor, headed by Elizabeth B. Pableo, PhD, and the Interim Training and Development Division. The venue also provides a conducive learning space for the enrolled students under the CTI program.

Pursuant to Republic Act 10143 or the Act Establishing the Philippine Tax Academy, the BOC establishes the CTI to implement a competency-based training framework for BOC employees and enhance the capabilities of tax collectors and administrators with a goal of developing competent and effective public servants thus, improving the national tax collection efficiency.

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The TDS or the NUCTECH TR3000DE is a significant addition to the non-intrusive inspection capability of the Bureau as it is designed to detect explosives, narcotics, and drugs substances of small magnitude. The detection is accomplished by sampling non-visible trace amounts of particulates from shipments.

The newly-acquired system boasts a throughput of three times more than the traditional systems.

Two units each of the TDS were deployed to the Manila International Container Port and Ninoy Aquino International Airport, while one unit each was deployed to Port of Cagayan De Oro, Port of Manila, and the Customs Anti-Drug Task Force.

Meanwhile, the remaining units shall be deployed until May of this year, with two units each to Port of Cebu and Port of Davao, and one unit each to Port of Zamboanga, Port of Limay, Port of Subic, Port of Clark, and Port of Batangas.





BOC, PDEG, QCPD, PDEA, CIDG BUST P340M WORTH OF SHABU IN QUEZON CITY

Joint elements of the Manila International Container Port-Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service Field Station (MICP-CIIS) of the Bureau of Customs (BOC), PNP Drug Enforcement Group (PDEG), Quezon City Police District (QCPD), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency-National Capital Region (PDEA-NCR), and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) seized an estimated 50 kilograms of methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu on 23 March 2022 in Quezon City.

An intelligence report received relative to the illegal drug activities prompted the conduct of the drug interdiction operations. The total estimated value of the seized illegal drugs amounted to Php 340,000,000.00.

The suspect and seized drugs were turned over to PDEA for custodial investigation and inquest for violation of RA 9165 or the Comprehensive Drugs Act and Section 118 of RA 10863 or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).



BOC SEIZES PHP 800M WORTH OF COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS IN VALENZUELA CITY

The Bureau of Customs (BOC), through its Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service-Intellectual Property Rights Division (CIIS-IPRD) and alongside the National Bureau of Investigation – National Capital Region (NBI-NCR), seized counterfeit items, ukay-ukay, and other products that fail to comply with the Department of Trade and Industry's safety standards on 25 April 2022. The goods were found to have an estimated value of Php 800,000,000.00.



Armed with a Letters of Authority (LOA) issued by BOC Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, the implementing team composed of personnel from the CIIS-IPRD, BOC-Port of Manila (POM), NBI-NCR, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines inspected the warehouses located at 17 Omega Street, Don Pablo, Rincon, Valenzuela City.

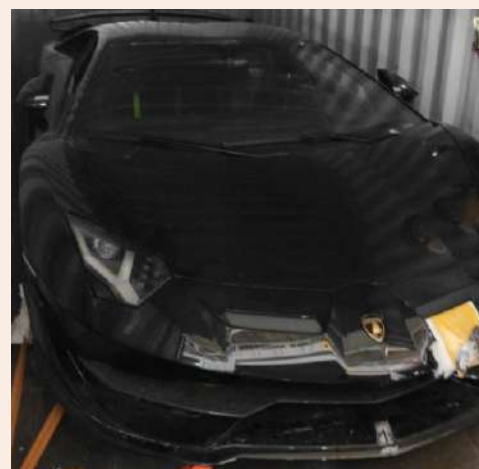
Prior sealing the subject warehouses, BOC examiners, in the presence of CIIS and the AFP operatives, conducted the initial inventory of goods comprising of various items and goods bearing the brands Mickey Mouse, Tribal, Jag, Nike, Adidas, Jordan, Honda, Dior, Louis Vuitton, among others.

BOC-IG, MICP-CIIS BUST MISDECLARED, UNDERVALUED LUXURY VEHICLE

Bureau of Customs, through the Intelligence Group (IG) and the Manila International Container Port-Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS), discovered misdeclared, and undervalued Lamborghini Aventador in a physical examination conducted on 23 March 2022 at the Port.

The discovery of the smuggled luxury vehicle stemmed from derogatory information received from IG alerting the MICP-CIIS Field Station for a possible smuggling attempt. An alert order was immediately issued by District Collector Romeo Allan Rosales through the request of the Field Station against the subject shipment.

Based on its shipping documents, the shipment arrived on 23 February 2022 from Hong Kong consigned to JRQ Car Trading and was declared as 1 unit brand new Lamborghini Huracan. The estimated value of the seized luxury vehicle is P45,000,000.00.





TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS PROGRAM OF NUCTECH TR SERIES EXPLOSIVES AND NARCOTICS TRACE DETECTOR



As part of the mandate of the BOC to enhance border protection and control, the Interim Training and Development Division (ITDD) and the Enforcement and Security Service (ESS) in partnership with Nuctech Company Limited and Annex Digital Inc. conducted the Train-the-Trainers Program of Nuctech TR Series Explosives and Narcotics Trace Detector from April 6-8, 2022 at the Twin Lakes Hotel in Tagaytay City.

This training gave personnel from the ESS technical knowledge on the utilization of TR Series Explosives and Narcotics Trace Detector, which include technical principle of Ion Mobility Spectrometry (IMS), system structure of TR series products, basic operating directions, technical details on system warm up, calibration, samples collection and cleaning,

routine check of detection performance, safety instructions, administrator tools and system settings, operator-level maintenance, and troubleshooting.

The Nuctech TR Series of explosives and narcotics trace detection products are used to identify the presence and type of trace substances of explosives and narcotics, which may be collected from sampling on baggage, vehicle, and even people. Working with the next generation of Ion Mobility Spectrometry technology, TR products provide high sensitivity and selectivity in detection of a wide range of threats and contrabands in a fast-analyzing cycle and are ideal for all security applications and customs required screening.

This program was designed to meet advanced training needs to operate the Nuctech TR Series. The training was attended by personnel from the Firearms and Explosives Office (FEO) and the Customs Anti-Illegal Drug Task Force (CAIDTF) of the ESS.

ITDD CONDUCTS ISO 9001:2015 QMS-RELATED TRAININGS FOR CLARK AND SAN FERNANDO

The Interim Training and Development Division, in partnership with the Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) company, conducted the ISO-QMS related courses: a. ISO 9001:2015 Awareness Course, b. Risk Management, c. Root Cause Analysis, d. Documentation Training & e. 5S Methodology Course from April 25 to May 4, 2022, at the Xenia Hotel, Angeles, Pampanga. The objective of these trainings is to provide participants with an overview of the purpose and requirements of ISO 9001:2015 QMS as a tool for the agencies' improvement. Participants are Quality Management Representatives from Port of Clark and Port of San Fernando.



EMPLOYEES OF THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS FILE FOR THE CSC CAREER SERVICE EXAMINATION-PEN AND PAPER TEST (CSE-PPT)



In line with the objective of the Bureau to continuously provide assistance to employees who are not yet conferred with an eligibility appropriate to first and second level positions, the Human Resource Management Division has coordinated with the Civil Service Commission for the second batch of the Agency-Based Career Service Examination, Pen and Paper Test. A total of three hundred eight- nine (389) employees (permanent and under Contract of Service) have registered for the examination. The application is from April 12 to 28, 2022 through the

CSC Online Civil Service Examination System (OCSEAS) while hard copies are submitted to the HRMD for initial evaluation. The schedule of the examination is set on June 19, 2022, for both Career Service Professional and Sub-professional levels.

SEMINAR ON SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF VESSELS

The Interim Training and Development Division (ITDD) has conducted two (2) batches of Seminar on Supervision and Control of Vessels on April 25 and 26, 2022 at the Customs Training Institute (CTI), Citadel bldg., Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila.

The said course consists of topics that discussed the guidelines and procedures of supervision and control of vessels engaged in trade under CAO 15-2020.

Participants of the training are Bay Service Section, Piers Inspection Division personnel and Port Utilization Section, Piers Inspection Division personnel at the Collection Districts or equivalent offices.

The speaker for this training is Mr. Pedro Gerardo C. Labajo, Senior Boarding Officer, Piers Inspection Division, Port of Manila and member of the BOC Pool of Trainers.



MAHALAGANG ABISO SA PUBLIKO

Ang Bureau of Customs (BOC) ay nakakatanggap ng mga ulat tungkol sa **paggamit ng larawan ng mga empleyado ng ahensiya para gamitin sa panloloko.**

Ang modus ng mga masasamang loob na ito ay magpapakilala bilang empleyado ng BOC. Sila ay nagpapadala ng mga mensahe sa kanilang biktima na nagsasabing mayroon silang ipinadalang "package" na kasalukuyang naka-hold sa BOC. Sila ay manghihingi ng karampatang bayad upang ito ay mailabas at maihatid sa lokasyon ng biktima. Kadalasan, sinasabihan nila ang mga biktima na magbayad gamit ang Gcash, Pera padala/M Lhuillier, personal na bank account at iba pang "mode of payment" na hindi awtorisado ng BOC.

Pinaalalahanan namin ang publiko na ang mga empleyado ng BOC ay hindi personal na nakikipag-ugnayan sa mga kliyente. Ang BOC ay may sariling proseso sa pangongolekta ng buwis.

Kung kayo ay nakakatanggap ng mga kaduda-dudang mensahe, maaari po ninyo itong **idulog sa mga sumusunod na social media accounts:**



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