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Philippine Customs attends 31st Meeting of ASEAN Directors-General of Customs in Singapore

The Philippine Bureau of Customs (BOC) headed by Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, the Outgoing Chairperson of the ASEAN Customs Directors-General, attended the 31st regular Meeting of the ASEAN Directors-General of Customs from June 7-9, 2022, in Singapore.

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BOC recognized by PDEA for its Anti-Illegal Drug Efforts

The relentless anti-illegal drug campaign of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) was recognized by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) during its 20th anniversary celebration on June 3, 2022 at Seda Vertis North Hotel in Quezon City. A Plaque of Recognition was awarded to BOC by PDEA Director General Wilkins M. Villanueva and received by-

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BOC Logs Highest Monthly Collection in History; Surpasses Midyear Collection Target

For the month of June 2022, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) yet again, records its highest monthly collection in history with P76.290B collection, surpassing its target of P56.287B by P20.003B or +35.5% based on the preliminary report from the BOC Financial Service. Significantly, the BOC broke its previous highest monthly collection record of P70.778-B for March 2022.

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BOC Receives Recognition for Record-Breaking Seizures of Counterfeit Goods

The Bureau of Customs was recognized by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP/PHL) on June 6, 2022 for its record-breaking seizures of counterfeit goods. The awarding took place at the Philippine International Convention Center, Metro Manila as part of the celebration of IPOP/PHL's Silver Anniversary. Raniel T. Ramiro, -

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HIGHEST MONTHLY COLLECTION IN HISTORY

JUNE 2022

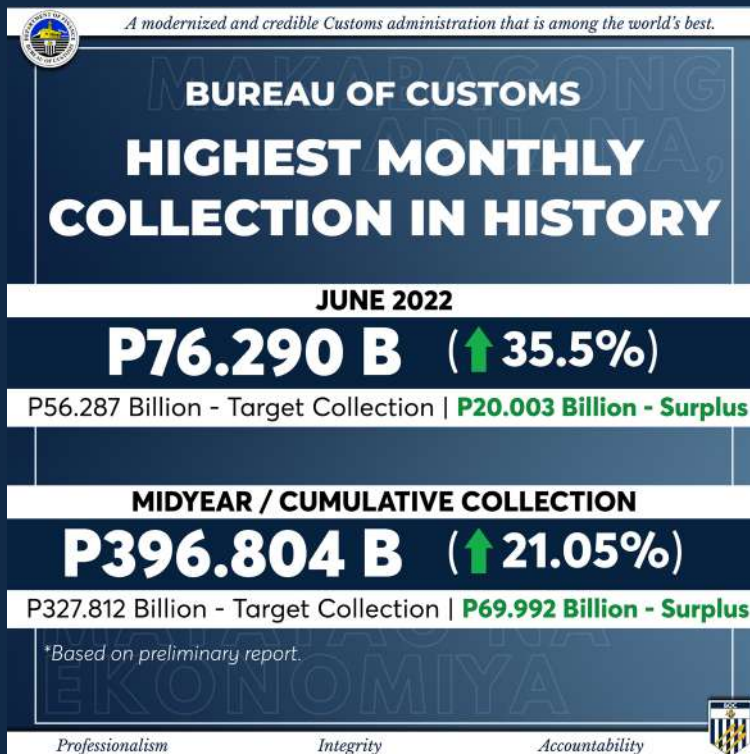
P72.727 B (↑22.6%)

P56.287 Billion - Target Collection | P20.003 Billion - Surplus





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The revenue collection for June also includes additional revenues from the Tax Expenditure Fund (TEF) collection of P301 million and Post Clearance Audit Group (PCAG) collection of P115.97 million. These collection efforts also mark the 6th consecutive month of BOC in exceeding its monthly target and achieving positive collection this year.

Based on preliminary report, 14 of the 17 Collection Districts were able to surpass its corresponding collection targets namely: San Fernando, POM, MICP, Batangas, Legaspi, Iloilo, Cebu, Surigao, Zamboanga, Davao, Subic. Clark, Aparri, and Limay.

Moreover, the BOC surpassed its midyear target collection of P327.812B by P68.992B or +21.05% with an actual collection of P396.804B since January 2022. Remarkably, BOC's cumulative or midyear collection this year is also higher by +31.5% or P95.058 billion than the P301.746 billion midyear collection in 2021.

The collection performance of the BOC and its 17 Collection Districts, under the leadership

of Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, is attributed to the improved valuation of the bureau, its digitized and modernized systems, the improving economy resulting to higher volume of importations, and the intensified collection efforts of all the Collection Districts.

Congratulations!

13 BOC OFFICES ARE NOW ISO 9001:2015

1. Port of Manila and Customer Care Center
2. Port of Clark and Customer Care Center
3. Port of Batangas and Customer Care Center
4. Port of Davao and Customer Care Center
5. Port of Legaspi and Customer Care Center
6. Port of Tacloban and Customer Care Center
7. Port of Cebu and Customer Care Center
8. NAIA and Customer Care Center
9. Sub-port of Mactan
10. Sub-port of Dumaguete
11. Sub-port of Iligan
12. Port of Subic - Customer Care Center
13. Port of Limay - Customer Care Center



BOC Chairs the 4th Meeting of the National Single Window – Technical Working Group (NSW-TWG)

Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero facilitated the 4th Meeting of the National Single Window – Technical Working Group (NSW-TWG) on May 12, 2022, pursuant to the role of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) under Executive Order No. 482, s. 2005 “Creating the NSW Task Force for Cargo Clearance.”

The meeting highlighted the progress of activities and programs of the NSW-TWG in implementing the National Single Window (NSW) and the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) initiatives, as reported by Ms. Rhoan P. Escarmosa, Lead Secretariat of the NSW-TWG.

The report also presented the activities of the NSW-TWG Clusters under the assigned Cluster Chairs from nominated TRGAs.

The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), NSW-TWG Vice-Chair for Onboarding Matters, reported the status of 21 TRGAs that are onboarded into the TRADENET platform - 4 of these are using the live environment, while 17 TRGAs are onboarded in the staging environment.

In addition, Deputy Commissioner Allan C. Geronimo, NSW-TWG Vice Chair for Technical Matters, provided an intervention covering the activities in implementing the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific.

The NSW-TWG further agreed to endorse the implementation of the proposed activities and international technical assistance from the USAID ASEAN Project Implementation (API) Project, and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to the NSWSC during its next meeting.



BOC and United Nations ESCAP Launch the Readiness Assessment for Cross-Border Paperless Trade for the Philippines



In a virtual ceremony held last June 02, 2022, the Bureau of Customs (BOC), through the NSW Technical Working Group (NSW-TWG), together with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (United Nations ESCAP) formally launched the Philippines' Readiness Assessment for Cross-Border Paperless Trade.

Almost 400 participants from both public and private sectors were present and witnessed BOC as it took the lead in supporting the implementation of the cross-border recognition, and exchange of trade-related documents toward regional and global cross-border paperless trade.

The Readiness Assessment Report serves as an important guide in improving trade facilitation in the Philippines. It is composed of four (4) areas that provide a benchmark of the country's legal and technical preparedness in identifying specific pilot projects, capacity building, and technical assistance needs.

As the first ASEAN country to accede to the Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific, the Philippines, through the BOC, fully commits to continue building programs that are designed to push for complete automation of customs processes, facilitate cross-border paperless trade, and enable online delivery of services.

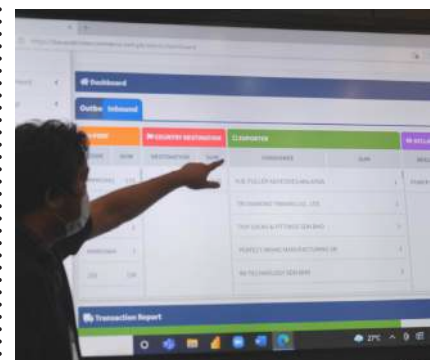
ASEAN Announces the Live Electronic Exchange of the ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) of the Philippines with Brunei and Indonesia

In an email to all ASEAN Members States (AMS), the ASEAN Secretariat has announced the live electronic exchange of the ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) of the Philippines with Brunei and Indonesia starting May 13, 2022, using the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) system.

The ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) includes fifteen (15) mandatory information parameters extracted from the Export Declaration (ED). Prior consent from the exporters is needed to allow the electronic exchange of ACDD. On the importing side, the ACDD aims to provide better visibility to various intelligence, enforcement, and monitoring system of Customs by providing advanced information, and supporting risk targeting and profiling activities.

The Philippines, through the Bureau of Customs, implemented the live electronic exchange of the ACDD on the following dates: Cambodia, Myanmar, and Thailand on January 21, 2022; Malaysia on January 25, 2022; Singapore on January 31, 2022; and Brunei and Indonesia on May 13, 2022. Full implementation will commence upon the issuance of the Customs Memorandum Order (CMO).

Lao PDR and Viet Nam are expected to join the ACDD live operation this year, with support from the Philippines, and the other ASEAN Member States.





BOC Awarded for Being Fully-Compliant to the FOI Program for 3 Straight Years



The Bureau of Customs (BOC) was awarded with a certificate of compliance for Freedom of Information (FOI) requirements in relation to Fiscal Year (F.Y.) 2021 Performance Based Bonus (PBB) by the Honorable Jose Ruperto Martin M. Andanar, Secretary and FOI Champion of the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO), on 09 March 2022.

The FOI enables Filipino citizens to request for information on government transactions and operations, provided that it shall not put privacy and matters of national security at risk.

Being part of the requirements, all concerned agencies were mandated to update their existing FOI manual thus, the BOC issued Customs Memorandum Order no. 06-2022 designating the Public Information and Assistance Division as the FOI Receiving Officer. As early as February 2021, the designated division had already submitted the compliance to the Project Management Office-FOI.

With this, the BOC was validated by the PCOO as compliant to the FOI program criteria and is eligible to the F.Y. 2021 PBB pursuant to Section 5 (b) of Memorandum Circular No. 2021-1, issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information, and Reporting Systems (Task Force Administrative Order 25, s. 2011).

Awarded for being fully-compliant in the years 2019, 2020, and 2021, the BOC continues its commitment to adhere to Executive Order (EO) No. 02 or the EO on FOI which aims to promote an open government by increasing the transparency of the executive branch and its agencies, strengthening the right to information as enshrined by the constitution.

BOC, ISA, MSGC convene for Goldtrailblazer Conferment Ceremony and Fellowship



The Bureau of Customs (BOC), Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA), and the BOC-Multi Sector Governance Council (MSGC) convened on May 31, 2022 at the Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City, Manila for the ISA Conferment Ceremony and BOC-MSGC Fellowship 2022.

In June 2019, the BOC, headed by Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero, enrolled to the 4-stage performance governance system (PGS) pathway of the ISA in pursuit of transforming and reforming its processes and services. Throughout the years, the BOC and Commissioner Guerrero built a new foundation of trust and awareness through reformed efforts, in creating a customs administration at par with the global standards.

On April 20, 2022, the BOC passed the fourth and final stage of the PGS pathway - Institutionalization Stage with a GOLD Governance Trailblazer award. The BOC consistently bagged the highest awards as it passed the 1st stage to the 4th stage.

"The transformation journey is not done, as we know full well. There are standards to maintain and new innovations to implement, incisive strategies to be crafted and dynamic partnerships to be expanded. Let these milestones be our inspiration and our motivation to do more, to be better and to serve with honor, integrity and excellence." Commissioner Guerrero added.

BOC RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR RECORD-BREAKING SEIZURES OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS

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-Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence Group received the award on behalf of BOC.

The IPOPHL and the brand owners have recognized the BOC's intensified efforts in preventing the proliferation and entry of counterfeit goods into the market. This recognition proves that the Bureau is steadfast in its mission of preventing the smuggling of counterfeit goods.

As a result of its intensified anti-smuggling campaign, BOC recorded 38 seizures of counterfeit goods with a total value of Php21.65 billion in 2021. For 2022, BOC recorded 23 seizures worth Php 3.77 billion as of May.



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-Commissioner Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero delivered his Opening Remarks and formally turned over the Chairmanship to Mr. Ho Chee Pong, Director-General of Singapore Customs. "The Philippine Customs is honored to officially turn over the emblem of authority and responsibility of the ASEAN Customs Chairmanship to the able hand of Mr. Ho Chee Pong, Director-General of Singapore Customs and Chairperson of the 31st Meeting of the ASEAN Directors-General of Customs. Rest assured, the Philippines stands hand-in-hand with the ASEAN Member States as we faithfully continue to pursue the vision, mission, and aspirations of the ASEAN Customs."

Among the achievements of ASEAN Customs during the Philippine Chairmanship include the finalization of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022; implementation of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS); adoption of the Joint Action Plan on the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) of the ASEAN Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programme; the live operation of the exchange of ASEAN Customs Declaration Document in ready AMS, and engagements with Dialogue Partners to establish trade connectivity.

The DG Meetings also served as an avenue for the conduct of consultation sessions with Dialogue Partner or partner customs administrations outside of ASEAN region to improve cooperation at the international level, which include Australia, China, Japan, and Korea, as well as the World Customs Organization and representatives from the Business Councils.



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-Customs Anti-Illegal Drugs Task Force (CAIDTF) Executive Officer SP/Maj. Ernesto T. Pracale, Jr.

The BOC has been an active partner of the PDEA in the government's crusade against illegal drugs. The two (2) agencies have been working together in implementing anti-illegal drug strategies to combat smuggling and proliferation of dangerous substances in the country.

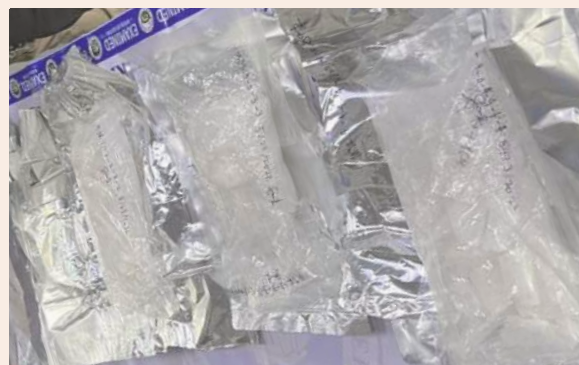
Since 2016, the BOC, jointly operating with the PDEA, has seized Php17 billion worth of illegal drugs from various Ports, including the Port of Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), Port of Clark, Port of Manila, and Manila International Container Port. For 2022 alone, the Bureau recorded a total 46 drug seizures with an estimated value of Php1.6 billion.





BOC-Clark, CAIDTF, ESS, CIIS, XIP & PDEA Seize Php 27.4-Million worth of Shabu, 2 Claimants Arrested in Taguig City

The Bureau of Customs – Port of Clark, together with the Customs Anti-Illegal Drug Task Force (CAIDTF), Enforcement & Security Service (ESS), Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS), X-ray Inspection Project (XIP) & Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), seized 3,982 grams of Methamphetamine Hydrochloride or “Shabu” with an estimated value of Php 27,475,000.00 and arrested two (2) claimants in a controlled delivery operation last May 25, 2022.



The Bureau of Customs discovered the illegal drugs in a shipment said to contain “paints” from Silver Spring, Maryland, USA which arrived last May 20, 2022. The same was subjected to x-ray scanning which showed images of organic substances that prompted the conduct of 100% physical examination which led to the findings of four (4) foil packs containing white crystalline substances suspected to be Shabu.

The Port of Clark has already seized Php94-million worth of illegal drugs from January 2022 to date. The Port will further strengthen its measures to protect the borders against illegal drugs importation.

BOC Busts 4M Worth of Smuggled Carrots in MICP



The Bureau of Customs (BOC) through the Intelligence Group and the Manila International Container Port (MICP), seized smuggled carrots consigned to Silverpop Dry Goods Trading with an estimated value of Php 4 million. This was the result of the physical examination conducted on June 14, 2022 at the designated examination area of the Port.

The District Collector of the Port issued an Alert Order against the 2x40' containers said to contain steamed buns upon the recommendation of the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS)-MICP Field Station.

Warrant of Seizure and Detention was issued against the shipment for violation of Section 117, “Regulated Importation and Exportation” and Section 1400, “Misdeclaration, Misclassification, Undervaluation in Goods Declaration”, in relation to Section 1113, “Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture” of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act.

BOC-Port of Limay Seizes Php10 Million worth of Smuggled Cigarettes

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) - Port of Limay seized an estimated Php 10 million worth of smuggled cigarettes on June 6, 2022 in Orion, Bataan.

The joint operation stemmed from the derogatory information received by the Port that alleged smuggled cigarettes are illegally sold in the said area. Upon inspection, the raiding team found 487 master cases of smuggled cigarettes with an estimated value of Php 10 million.

Subject cigarettes were secured by the ESS personnel and brought to the BOC Office for safekeeping. The alleged involved personalities will be subjected to investigation and will be referred to BATAS for case build-up and possible prosecution, particularly the owner/possessor of the store and resort for violation of Section 1401 of RA 10863 or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).





BOC Attends Asia Pacific Regional Online Workshop on Training Management

The Bureau of Customs participated in the Asia / Pacific Regional Online Workshop on Training Management organized by the World Customs Organization (WCO) – Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB) on May 24-26, 2022 via Microsoft Teams.

The training was attended by seventy-five (75) persons representing the twenty-three (23) WCO A/P Member Countries and was facilitated by the following personnel:

1. Mr. Takashi Sato, Regional Development Manager, Capacity Building Directorate, WCO
3. Dr. Tong Hua, WCO Accredited Customs Expert on Human Resource Management and Development, China
4. Ms. Yuko Mamiya, Program Manager, ROCB A/P
5. Ms. Pavida Tarapoom, Assistant Program Manager, ROCB A/P
6. Ms. Vareemon Chairungsriert, Program Coordinator, ROCB A/P

The outline for the Strategic Principle on Human resource management and Training as introduced in the WCO Framework of Principles and Practices on Customs Professionalism (FPPCP); overview of Competency-Based Human Resource and Training Framework; and WCO Guide for a successful transition to live virtual training were discussed during the 3-day virtual training.

Different countries like Bhutan, New Zealand, and Japan, among others also share their administration's competency-based human resource and training framework development experiences for best practice sharing.

After the session, participants agreed to cooperate with the ROCB A/P in updating the Good Practice Report on Training Management which was developed in 2019.



BOC Joins Small Craft Intelligence and Digital Maritime Assessment Workshop



The Australian Border Force invited the Philippine Bureau of Customs (BOC) to join the Small Craft Intelligence and Digital Maritime Assessment Workshop on May 30 to June 3, 2022, at the New World Hotel, Makati.

This 5-day event was held with other Philippine enforcement agencies with the goal that the participants will develop knowledge on intelligence collection, analysis, and assessment techniques in response to maritime threats, including terrorist and serious and organized crime threats.

The workshop also aims to improve the digital capability of the participants in recording domestic vessel and crew movements and patrol interventions, provide suggested solutions to address maritime threats, and build informal networks with officers from counterpart agencies working in the maritime domain.

The said workshop was attended by personnel from the Water Patrol Division (WPD), Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), Enforcement Group (EG) and was facilitated by Mr. David Potts of the Australian Customs Department.



BOC Takes Part in the Performance Evaluation System Workshop

Under Secretary Gil S. Beltran, Chief Economist of the Department of Finance and the President of the Philippine Tax Academy invited the Bureau of Customs to participate in the Seminar – Workshop on Developing a Performance Evaluation System (PES) for Philippine Tax Academy on June 6-8, 2022, at Seda Hotel, Nuvali, Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

The seminar – workshop focuses on the formulation of the Charter Statement, Strategy Road Map, Strategic Themes, and Strategic Objectives of the Philippine Tax Academy.

The seminar-workshop was attended by Ms. Lady Fatima H. dela Cruz, Acting Chief, Interim Training and Development Division (ITDD), Ms. Nicole Anne D. Atienza, Section Chief, Curriculum and Training Materials Section, ITDD and Mr. Rommel K. Rubiales, Assistant Chief, Planning and Policy Research Division (PPRD).

To ensure that the training objectives were attained, four resource persons from the Institute of Development and Management Governance at the University of the Philippines Los Baños, shared their expertise and facilitated the delivery of the course. Adjunct Professor Wilfredo B. Carada, led the team, with Dr. Rhea L. Gumasing, Dr. Miriam Caryl DL. Carada, and Prof. Maria Kristina G. Alinsunurin as members.



I-DECLARE: ELECTRONIC CUSTOMS BAGGAGE AND CURRENCIES DECLARATION SYSTEM

If you are arriving at the NAIA Terminal 1, please take note of the following steps for a convenient Customs Clearance process:

1

Travelers and Crew Members arriving at NAIA Terminal 1 have the option to file their Customs Baggage and Currencies Declaration Form online by logging-in at <https://ideclare.customs.gov.ph> within 48 hours PRIOR to arrival.

2

Click the “**e-CBD Application**” button, and read and acknowledge the Privacy Policy and Important Information by ticking the appropriate boxes.

3

Fill out the e-CBD Form by providing the following information:

- a. Flight Details;
- b. Port of Departure and Arrival;
- c. Personal Information;
- d. General Declaration;
- e. Additional Documents, if any;
- f. Signature; and
- g. Email Address

4

If you are bringing in foreign or Philippine currency or monetary instrument exceeding 10,000.00 USD or 50,000.00 pesos, click “Yes” in the “**General Declaration**” section and fill-out the electronic Currencies Declaration Form or e-CDF.

5

 Submit

Once complete, click “**Submit**”

6

Download the **QR Code** automatically sent to your registered email and print or directly present it to the Customs Officer at the Arrival Area for clearance.

7

Please proceed to the **Green Lane** if you have “**Nothing to Declare**” or to the **Red Lane** if you have “**Goods to Declare**”.

In case you were not able to declare online prior to arrival, our Customs Officers shall gladly assist you in accomplishing the paper copy OR the electronic Customs Baggage and Currencies Declaration Form through the I-Declare Kiosks found at the Customs Area.

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