



ANNUAL REPORT 2016



*The Board of Directors of the
Philippine Wood Producers Association,
by unanimous concurrence, submits herewith the Statement
and Annual Report of the Chairman of the Board of
Trustees of the Association as its
Report to the Members of the Association
for the year ended December 31, 2016.*

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CHARLIE H. LIU
Chairman

Vision

A strong and dynamic organization committed to the economic and environmentally sound development of the Wood Industry in the Philippines

Mission

In partnership with government and all concerned stakeholders, we shall:

- *Conserve and protect the environment through the sustainable management of natural and plantation forests;*
- *Utilize technology and best practices for the production of high quality wood products at competitive prices;*
- *Promote and encourage the use of high quality wood products;*
- *Work for appropriate legislation and good governance to ensure the sufficiency of wood resources and enhance the competitiveness of the wood industry;*
- *Contribute to the well-being of workers and communities where the wood industry operates.*

About the cover: A veneer of Red Lauan (*Shorea negrosensis* Foxw.). Red lauan is a large evergreen tree that can grow up to 50 meters tall. It has a prominently buttressed bole that can be branchless for 20 - 30 meters with a diameter of up to 200 cm. The wood is a valuable export timber in the Philippines. It can be grown to stabilize the soil and restore native woodland. The tree is becoming rare in the wild due to habitat loss and overexploitation - it has been classified as 'Critically Endangered' in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (2010).

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Wood information

WOOD INDUSTRY INFORMATION

■ RESOURCES

	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016p</i>
TLAs in existence, number	2	2	2
Annual allowable cut, 1000 cum	0	0	0
Forest area under TLAs, 1000 ha	120	120	120
IFMAs in existence, number	140	128	128
Forest area under IFMAs, 1000 ha	1,005	962	962

■ PRODUCTION (Volume in cum)

	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016p</i>
Logs	1,102,365	841,880	780,170
Lumber	496,296	231,507	424,681
Plywood	163,903	145,710	152,145
Veneer	39,774	58,881	58,665

■ EXPORTS (Value in 1000 US\$, FOB)

	<i>2014</i>		<i>2015</i>		<i>2016p</i>	
	<i>Volume</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Volume</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Volume</i>	<i>Value</i>
Logs (Volume in cum)	1,873	379	2,532	227	-	-
Lumber (Volume in cum)	310,070	69,420	267,276	37,346	189,491	25,931
Plywood (Volume in cum)	2,057	1,819	781	401	864	418
Veneer/corestock (Volume in cum)	3,681	3,269	1,315	808	401	242
Other wood-based manufactured articles (1000 gross kilo)	990,261,566	2,965,043	1,351,417,865	2,790,702	1,598,449,646	2,824,887
Furniture & fixtures (1000 gross kilo)	27,018,539	155,098	18,644,392	107,678	17,350,107	84,677

■ IMPORTS (Value in 1000 US\$, FOB)

	<i>2014</i>		<i>2015</i>		<i>2016p</i>	
	<i>Volume</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Volume</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Volume</i>	<i>Value</i>
Logs	50,903	7,394	105,177	15,993	113,496	23,452
Lumber	207,362	100,090	1,144,691	75,291	326,799	113,592
Plywood	411,269	156,093	292,126	140,667	517,702	196,202
Veneer/corestock	14,826	8,550	23,726	8,328	25,252	10,489
Other wood-based manufactured articles (1000 gross kilo)	36,746,186	36,337	106,173,166	80,543	148,444,154	108,921
Furniture & fixtures (1000 gross kilo)	94,060,627	110,995	99,792,102	101,873	120,026,272	127,032

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>Percentage Change</i>
Regular Members	40	43	7.5
Associate Members	272	356	30.8

Financial Statements

PHILIPPINE WOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (A Nonstock, Nonprofit Corporation)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	December 31	
	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash (Note 4)	₱6,921,969	₱4,356,185
Receivables (Note 5)	334,732	535,270
Prepayments	7,404	6,413
Total Current Assets	7,264,105	4,897,868
Noncurrent Assets		
Property and equipment (Note 6)	103,125	—
Other noncurrent asset	9,700	9,700
Total Noncurrent Assets	112,825	9,700
TOTAL ASSETS	₱7,376,930	₱4,907,568

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and other current liabilities (Note 7)	₱223,603	₱224,890
Income tax payable	140,238	96,071
Security deposit (Note 9)	38,914	38,914
Total Current Liabilities	402,755	359,875
Noncurrent Liability		
Retirement benefits liability (Note 8)	220,559	206,500
Total Liabilities	623,314	566,375
Members' Equity	6,753,616	4,341,193
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	₱7,376,930	₱4,907,568

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

PHILIPPINE WOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (A Nonstock, Nonprofit Corporation)

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Years Ended December 31	
	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses before income tax	₱2,583,267	₱1,204,472
Adjustments for:		
Retirement benefits cost (Note 8)	14,059	65,975
Depreciation (Note 6)	9,375	2,281
Dividend income	(424)	(608)
Interest income (Note 4)	(12,559)	(5,843)
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	(65,836)	(2,378)
Excess of revenue over expenses before working capital changes	2,527,882	1,263,899
Decrease (increase) in:		
Receivables	211,738	2,185,775
Prepayments	(31,597)	999
Decrease in:		
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	(1,287)	(3,493)
Net cash generated from operations	2,706,736	3,447,180
Income tax paid, including creditable withholding tax	(96,071)	(90,106)
Interest received	12,559	5,843
Retirement benefits paid (Note 8)	—	(276,341)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,623,224	3,086,576
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of property and equipment	(112,500)	—
Dividends received	424	608
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(112,076)	608
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	54,636	2,378
NET INCREASE IN CASH	2,565,784	3,089,562
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,356,185	1,266,623
CASH AT END OF YEAR (Note 4)	₱6,921,969	₱4,356,185

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

PHILIPPINE WOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (A Nonstock, Nonprofit Corporation)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

Balance as at January 1, 2015	₱3,260,616
Excess of revenue over expenses	1,080,577
Balance as at December 31, 2015	4,341,193
Excess of revenue over expenses	2,412,423
Balance as at December 31, 2016	₱6,753,616

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

PHILIPPINE WOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (A Nonstock, Nonprofit Corporation)

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

	Years Ended December 31	
	2016	2015
REVENUE		
Membership and assessment dues	₱5,353,157	₱5,229,487
Income from exposition and forum	3,918,321	—
Rental income (Note 9)	660,123	556,476
Interest (Note 4)	12,559	5,843
Dividend	424	608
Donations and contributions	—	187,780
Registration and entrance fees	—	14,000
Others	347,454	250,686
	10,292,038	6,244,880
EXPENSES		
Events	3,474,849	—
Salaries, wages and other employee benefits	773,389	798,322
Rent, light and water (Note 9)	486,434	200,446
Provision for and write-offs of doubtful accounts (Note 5)	483,250	2,318,535
Representation and entertainment	439,582	200,610
Transportation and travel	363,125	234,849
Professional fees	239,050	196,640
Donations and gifts	184,510	48,459
Telephone, telegram and postage	180,907	138,174
Public relations and information	179,476	142,592
Office supplies	128,556	129,186
Advertising and promotions	122,635	—
Insurance (Note 9)	109,932	93,989
Meetings and conferences	90,071	188,332
Taxes and licenses (Note 9)	65,545	70,202
Subscription and publication	50,969	56,081
Retirement benefits cost (Note 8)	14,059	65,975
Depreciation (Note 6)	9,375	2,281
Repairs and maintenance	8,058	527
Others	304,999	155,208
	7,708,771	5,040,408

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE INCOME TAX	2,583,267	1,204,472
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX (Note 10)	170,844	123,895
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES AFTER INCOME TAX	₱2,412,423	₱1,080,577

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

First Philippine Wood Expo & Forum

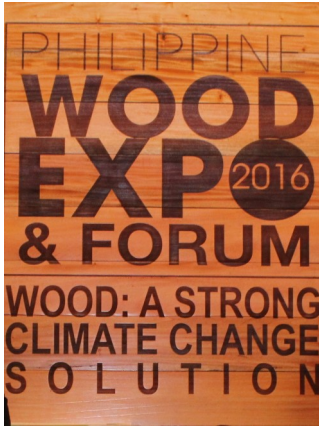


First Philippine Wood Expo & Forum



Report to the Members

PWPA Holds the First Philippine Wood Expo & Forum



The Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) held the 1st Philippine Wood Expo and Forum (PWEF) last October 25 and 26, 2016 at the Manila Hotel.

The event, being the first business-to-business expo and forum held by the PWPA, aimed to promote the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA); to correct the public's misconception of wood producers and manufacturers; to attract and to expand business reach by meeting relevant partners; and to highlight the latest industry trends, technologies, and products.

With the theme "Wood: A Strong Climate Change Solution", the event had a strong number of participants and attendees. Ten (10) local and seven (7) international exhibitors representing different sectors of the wood industry, such as the wood production sector; the construction and furniture design sector; the industrial automation sector; and the technical education sector. A total of four hundred and seventy five (475) guests representing two hundred eight (208) companies attended the two-day event alongside high profile dignitaries from the government, consultants, chief executive officers and other decision makers in the wood and construction industries.

Break-out sessions includes topics on the programs and policies on wood industry and forestry, wood importance vis-à-vis climate change, certification trends, timber building technology and local and international architectural designs delivered by experts in their own field.

The event opened with a "Wood Morning" address by PWPA Chairman Charlie Liu, where he welcomed and thanked all of the guests and participants for attending the event. He then commented how the event's theme was very timely as he believes that wood, although an often misunderstood material, is a sustainable material which the government can take advantage of through the business sector by promoting tree farms in the country. He then added that

responsible forestry management, if approached without the usual stigma in the wood industry, granting sovereign guarantee on tree plantation would not only increase investments in the economy, but would also add in providing job opportunities, and mitigate climate change.



PWPA Chairman Charlie Liu

He then informed them of what to expect during the two-day event, the exhibition, and the break-out sessions. He added that sustainability and progress need not clash, as wood, a humble material that Mother Earth offers, can sustain and promote growth.

The keynote speakers during the opening program included Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary for Policy and Planning Marlo Mendoza, Department of Trade and Industry's Board of Investment's (DTI-BOI) Manufacturing Industries Services Director Evariste Cagatan, and Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Consultant Michael Buckley.



Keynote Speakers: DENR Usec Marlo Mendoza, DTI Director Evariste Cagatan and PEFC Consultant Michael Buckley



VP Leni Robredo

Vice President Maria Leonor "Leni" Robredo also gave a short video message to the event.

Instead of a ribbon cutting, a cake (molded as piles of lumber) cutting ceremony was done to open the event, followed by a festive dance of Ati-Atihan which toured the guests together with the PWPA Board of Trustees around the exhibition area.

The PWPA members, exhibitors and guests were entertained by Saxophonist Vince Lajora during the Fellowship Night sponsored by the Mayapa CBK Industry Inc. The fellowship night served as a venue

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PWPA Chair Liu and DENR Usec Mendoza with the PWPA Board of Trustees & advisers, other keynote and breakout session speakers and invited guests led the cake cutting ceremony.

for networking and interaction between the members, the exhibitors and guests. Raffle prizes were also given away during the night.

PWPA Vice Chair Ramon Uy gave the closing remarks to cap off the event. He said that the event was a “record achievement of the PWPA”, and congratulated Chairman Liu and the PWPA members for organizing the event.

He added that the event had been about sharing proven solutions and strategies, and showing how progress and sustainability can go together with sustainable wood. He also said that he appreciated everyone's support for the vision of three 'I's — a more innovative, more inclusive and more integrated Wood Industry.



PWPA Vice Chairman Ramon Uy

Together with Chair Liu, Vice Chair Uy acknowledged all their partners by giving them a small token of appreciation after which the event was closed by a La Jota dance number by the Folklorico Dance Co.



Ati-atihan dancers guides the guest around the exhibition area.



Above and Below Photos: Guests looking around the exhibition area.



Above: PWPA Chair Liu and Vice Chair Uy together with the Board of Trustees and the sponsors of the PWEF 2016.

Below: La Jota dance number to close the PWEF 2016.



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ON GOVERNANCE

National Governing Board for Philippine Forestry Certification System Created

To promote sustainable forestry via a unified front, a group of industry and government advocates collectively signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and organized the National Governing Board for the establishment of the Philippine Forest Certification System. The signing was held last March 1, 2016 at the Richmond Hotel during the Symposium on the Establishment of a National Forest Certification System.

Among those who signed were Ricardo Calderon, Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Forest Management Bureau (DENR-FMB); Tommy Valdez, National President of the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI); Charlie H. Liu, Chairman of the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA); Dr. Priscilla Dolom, Head of the UP Los Banos College of Forestry and Natural Resources-Forestry Development Center (UPLB CFNR-FDC); Gillian Dunuan of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP); Antonio Antonio, Managing Director of the Integrated Forest Management Association of the Philippines (IFMAP); Vinancio Cueno of the National Community-Based Forest Management PO Federation of the Philippines (NCBFMPOFPI); Honorable Secretary Neric Acosta, Chairperson of the Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI); and June Alvarez, President of the Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI). Present to witness signing were the Programme for the Endorsement of Forestry Certification (PEFC) International and the Philippine Business for the Environment (PBE).

Under the MOU, the National Governing Board will be the highest decision-making body of the national forest certification scheme which will officially be called the Philippine Forest Certification System (PFCS).

PCEPSDI Chairperson Acosta said "We need a bolder and more ambitious transformation of stakeholders to embrace sustainable forestry, and the very structure of the forestry sector, ranging from governance to industry, through a national forestry

certification" and he challenged the forestry sector to contribute to the country's sustainable development.



MOU Signatories (L-R) Back row: Charlie Liu of PWPA, Tom Valdez of SFFI, Neric Acosta of PCEPSDI, Ricardo Calderon of DENR_FMB, Gillian Dunuan of NCIP. (L-R) Front row: Priscilla Dolom of FDC, Antonio Antonio of IFMAP, Richard Laity of PEFC, Vinancio Cueno of NCBFMPOFPI, Shanta Laura Paras of PBE, and June Alvarez of PCEPSDI.

During the panel discussion, DENR-FMB Director Calderon cited Executive Order 23 mandating the DENR to "implement a national forest certification system to ensure sustainability of legal sources and chain of custody of timber and other wood products" followed by For. Valdez of SFFI presenting the proposed road map for the Philippine Sustainable Forest Certification System (PSFCS). Chairman Liu of PWPA said that the wood industry welcomes timber certification as it will encourage the industry to be more predictable adding it will be best if the wood industry is guided by three principles: economic viability, sustainability, and social responsibility.

The event was sponsored by the Swiss Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) standing as a post activity of this year's Asia Pacific Forestry Week.

Philippines Hosts Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016

The country proudly hosted the 3rd Asia-Pacific Forestry Week held in the Clark Freeport Zone last February 23 to 26, 2016 where leading experts, businessmen, members of financial institutions and government officials from countries such as the United States of America, Australia and the EU gathered together to discuss the status of the environment and the forestry sector in the region.

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This year's theme, "Growing our Future," aims to create new and innovative ways to guide the development of future forestry dividing the topic to five sub-themes focusing on specific areas and sectors which included policies, governance, trade and investments. Highlighted during the convention was an exhibit showcasing local and internationally-funded

programs in the environment and forestry sector.

On behalf of Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA), Executive Director Forester Maila Vasquez participated in the "Updates on Timber and Trade" seminar-workshop covering research projects and activities related to forest products trade and timber

legalities. The seminar disclosed studies showing efficacy of the Lacey Act Amendment (LAA) of 2008, the importance of having a Due Care Training Course for wood producers and environmental law enforcement in the United States of America.

Another seminar, "Emerging Governance Mechanisms in ASEAN: Supporting Improved Standards and Conformance Infrastructure," covered different stakeholders sharing experiences and best practices in the trade of sustainable and legal forest products. Consultations were held to come up with ways to improve standards and to explore possible regional programs to support said standards. Of the ASEAN members, Indonesia and Malaysia lead the development while Philippines, Laos and Vietnam are behind. Philippines pointed out the need for support in developing its certification standards.

The event was organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Forest Management Bureau and was supported by both the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization and the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission.

Wood Industry Opportunities in the New Administration

The days of the local wood business as a "sunset industry" may be numbered with the dawn of the new administration of President Rodrigo Duterte.

With opportunities to make the Philippine wood business environment friendlier with its shift from simple traditional logging and manufacturing to importation and open markets, the PWPA hopes this may be the time the following actionable items be adopted so another stable pillar to the economy of the country may be formed.

Enactment into law the bills on the National Land Use Act and the Sustainable Forest Management Act (SFMA). It is high time both bills be revived to update PD 705 (enacted in 1975) for these can be the unmoving reference points for issuing of stable policies, regulations and measures for all wood-based sectors in road-mapping their respective development and growth.

Promulgation investment-friendly policies. Philippine policies must be similarly, if not more, competitive than nearby countries so the economy enjoys a fair share of local and foreign investments projected to flow into Asia. Policies, regulations and measures adopted must likewise use economics, science and technology as basis so as not to be too prohibitive and restrictive for business growth.

Adoption of Project Portfolio approach as standard by the government. By making project portfolios ready and available nationwide, entrance of private investors into the wood industry becomes easier and faster, encouraging them to proceed with assurance that they can start their projects in a timely manner.

Revival of the idea of a "Timber Industry Board" that allows regular decisive convergence of all Philippine government agencies related to the wood industry and forestry sector. Similar to project portfolio, this aims to hasten decision-making concerning the wood and forestry sector among key drivers like the Departments of Environment and Natural Resources, Trade and Industry's Board of Investments, Finance's Bureau of Customs, National Economic and Development Authority, the Office of the President's Trade Commission and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples by creating a regular forum that can transparently address and decide on urgent issues besetting the industry and sector as a whole.

Review production outputs of DENR programs for recalibration. Excellent programs such as the Upland Development Program, the National Greening Program, Community-Based Forest Management Agreements and Industrial Forest Management Agreements, among others on land management agreements need assessment and realignment as many have been performing below expectations when they could have been good sources of the industry's legitimate raw materials.

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Review efficacy of controls on wood and wood product import and export activities. With the increasing shift to outsourcing raw and finished wood products, effective control measures to ensure correctness of duties and declarations will contribute further to the improvement of Philippine economy. Improved governance and policy enforcement allows a fair and competitive playing field for all players.

With political will and private sector cooperation taking advantage of the opportunities presented by the new administration, PWPA sees a revived wood industry that will usher improvement not only in the socio-economic climate of the Philippines but also our natural environment.

Republic Act on “Green Jobs” & Executive Order Expanding the National Greening Program Signed

Critical to success of any greening program is the continuity and sustenance of such from one political administration to the next. With this in mind, President Benigno S. Aquino III issued Executive Order (EO) 193 or the Expansion of the Coverage of the National Greening Program as well as signed Republic Act (RA) No. 10771 or the “Philippine Green Jobs Act of 2016” last November 12, 2015 and April 29, 2016, respectively.

Executive Order 193- The Expansion of the Coverage of the National Greening Program

Issued November 12, 2015, this move effectively expands the coverage of the current National Greening Program in order to encompass all of the “unproductive, denuded and degraded forestlands” in the Philippines, and the expiry date was extended from 2016 to 2028.

It orders that all sectors of society, especially the private sector, to actively participate in all of the current and future programs that the government has for its National Greening Program which is being run by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

All of the rules and regulations of the National Greening Program will be disseminated by DENR who, in turn, hold the funds for the program reflected in their annual budget proposal.

Worthy to note that Executive Order took effect on

the date it was issued. In doing, President Aquino called on all Filipinos to help protect the natural resources of the Philippines, while promoting and supporting a “greener economy” to alleviate the effects of climate change.

Republic Act No. 10771- The Philippine Green Jobs Act

14 First conceived last July 27, 2015, the third regular session of the sixteenth congress of the Congress of the Philippines saw RA 10771 signed and approved by Speaker of the House of Representatives Feliciano Belmonte Jr., Senate President Franklin Drilon, Secretary General of the House of Representatives Marilyn B. Barua-Yap, and Senate Secretary Oscar G. Yabes.

The act supports and encourages businesses to promote and create jobs, goods and services that use technology that will allow the country to lean towards a more environmental friendly economy and society.

The government commits to provide monetary and non-monetary incentives for businesses that adopt these practices, such as duty free tax for imports materials and a fifty percent tax deduction for any research development or skills training done in the pursuit of green jobs, goods and services.

The act also calls on various government and non-government agencies, such as the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of Finance (DOF), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), to help come up with programs that will allow the promotion of green jobs.

National Governing Board of Philippine Forest Certification System Holds First Meeting

Members of the recently formed National Governing Board held its first meeting at the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) last April 20, 2016. Hosted by FMB Director Ricardo Calderon, the meeting was attended by representatives of the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI), Philippine Wood Producers Wood Association (PWPA), Integrated Forest Management Association of the Philippines (IFMAP), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Forestry Development Center (FDC), and

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Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI).

Covered in the agenda where member's expectations re forest certification where FMB and FDC representatives shared their initiatives on forest certification and PCEPSDI Executive Director June Alvarez presenting how to go about establishing a certification system.

Also discussed were several proposed programs and activities that included a Securities and Exchange Commission registration of the board, training workshops for the board members on interpreting and understanding the forest certification system, and fund raising programs to support planned programs and activities.

The meeting concluded with a suggestion that the board hold a regular meeting every last Friday of the month.

The PWPA Welcomes Regina Paz "Gina" Lopez as New DENR Secretary



**New DENR Secretary
Regina Paz "Gina" Lopez**
Photo by: denr.gov.ph

Last June 30, 2016, Regina Paz "Gina" Lopez assumed office as the new Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). She was appointed by newly elected President Rodrigo "Rody" Duterte in order to fill in the role of the outgoing Secretary Ramon Paje.

The official turn-over ceremony was held on July 1, 2016, at the DENR Social Hall.

During the event's press conference, the newly minted Secretary stated that she would be taking a closer at local mining activities, in order to see if they are operating up to standards, especially as mining has become a big concern for the Philippines and the local environment in the past.

Aside from this, she said that she will be campaigning for reforestation, and will help spread awareness by coming up with environmental summits for the youth. Aside from this, she hopes to create a new hotline and regional helpdesks so that the locals will have more access to information and to the department itself.

Lopez, prior to her appointment, was the Chairman for both the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. and the Pasig River Rehabilitation Coalition (PRCC), and has been instrumental in various projects such as the "Kapit Bisig para sa Ilog Pasig" project, the reforestation of the La Mesa Watershed Reservation, and Sagip Kapamilya.

Lopez is the daughter of ABS-CBN Chairman Emeritus Eugenio Lopez, Jr. and the sister of ABS-CBN Chairman Eugenio Lopez III.

The Philippine Producers Wood Association of the Philippines (PWPA), in their letter dated June 24, 2016, congratulated and warmly welcomed the new Environment Secretary and pledged its support and cooperation to her future initiatives in the department, and hopes that together, they will be able to make a difference in preserving forests and the local wood industry.

PIDS Holds Focus Group Discussion on the Local Wood Industry

Last July 11, 2016, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), in line with the World Bank's Study on CARAGA's wood industry, held a focus group discussion with members of the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) regarding further studies into the local wood processing industry at the AIM Conference Center in Makati City.

PIDS Team Leader David Bunao said that the focus group discussion was aimed at looking into the past and present status of the local wood processing industry; the description of the local wood processing industry value chain; and the challenges and issues in the industry including recommendations for these.

He showed the participants a flowchart of the industry, and a diagram on the job value chain of the wood industry, where necessary adjustments were made by the PWPA members.

The PWPA participants answered all of Bunao's questions, and did not shy away from providing insights based on their own experiences. They were also able to inform them of the differences between the past and the present local wood industry, and candidly discussed the many challenges and opportunities that come and go in the local wood processing industry.

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After thanking the participants and informing them that they would be notified again when PIDS has finished their study, Trustee Evaristo Narvaez, Jr. asked for an outline of the study, which was seconded by Executive Director Maila Vasquez who requested for a copy of the study prior to its publication.

Bunao promised to send PWPA the outline and the study.

Aside from Bunao, fellow researchers Juan Alfonso Tanghal and Christine Ma. Grace Salinas attended and assisted in conducting the focus group discussion.

The PWPA members that were present included Executive Director Vasquez, Trustee Narvaez, Trustee Antonio C. Olizon, Vice Chair Ramon Uy, Pateco President Charlie Lu, Richmond Plywood Corp., United Wood Industries Corp., and Philippine Softwood Products, Inc. Liaison Officer Francis Fernandez, and SMWPI's Luisito Chao.

DTI Issues Implementing Guidelines for the Marking and Labelling Requirements of DAO 15-01

Last June 8, 2016, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) finally approved and released the new implementation guidelines for the marking and labelling requirements of its Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 15-01, issued last year, dated July 1, 2015. The implementing guidelines, which should have been released no later than three months after the effectivity of the DAO 15-01, aimed at putting a uniform marking and labelling for the products delisted from the list of products under mandatory certification such as ceramic tiles, flat glass, plywood, among others.

Though mandatory marking and labelling is on a self-declaration basis, the DTI may verify or validate the veracity of the information marked and labeled on the products through its Fair Trade and Enforcement Bureau, and if products are found not in conformity with the label and standards, the DTI is allowed to enforce the necessary legal actions or impose the appropriate penalties.

For each delisted product, the mandatory marking and labelling follows specifications mandated by its Philippine National Standards (PNS). In the case of plywood, it follows PNS 196:2000 and PNS 2103:2014. The implementing guidelines also included the packaging requirements for each delisted product.

It could be recalled that the DAO 15-01 delisted some products from the mandatory list and transferred it to the mandatory marking and labelling on the reason that the product is not life threatening.

Because of this, manufacturers of the delisted products such as the local plywood manufacturers in the case of the local wood industry, submitted a position paper contesting the matter. According to them, plywood, as an important construction material, will threaten and compromise the health and safety of consumers and workers as it will expose them to formaldehyde emissions. Aside from this, it will encourage substandard material to circulate in the market which will endanger the construction industry and compromise the sea-worthiness of the boat-making industry.

The local plywood manufacturers and the other affected manufacturers continue to contest the premises the DAO 15-01 was issued.

3.2 Plywood (PNS 196:2000 and PNS 2103:2014)	
3.2.1 Marking and Labelling	
Markings and Labelling Requirements	Applicable Information
Trade name/Trademark	I.e. XYZ
Type	• Type I – Marine or • Type II – Exterior • Type III – Ordinary or • Type IV – Interior
Grade	• Grade A • Grade B • Grade C • Grade D • Grade E
Thickness in mm	I.e. 4.0mm
Moisture Content (%)	Compliant
Glue Bond Strength	Compliant
Formaldehyde Emission (FE)	“FE” and the star rating I.e. FE ★ FE ★★ FE ★★★ FE ★★★★
Name & Address of importer or manufacturer	I.e. XYZ Enterprise 3F, Trade and Industry Building 361 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Country of Manufacture	I.e. Made in the Philippines
3.2.2 Packaging	
3.2.2.1 The plywood shall be packed or crated to provide suitable protection from the elements to the panels.	
3.2.2.2 Sticker or stamped markings and/or edge branding shall be used as prescribed by the standard.	

Technical Working Groups Meet Regarding Industry Standards & Systems

The last two weeks of June were quite busy for both the Technical Group on Wood-Based Panels (TC 35) and the Technical Working Group on Lumber (TC 22) as they met their respective group members to discuss industry standards and grading systems.

TC 35 held their meeting last June 24, 2016, at the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) Conference Room at the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in Makati City, where they planned to discuss and deliberate regarding the international standards on plywood.

The group reviewed and discussed the International Standard Organization (ISO) standards for the classification of plywood (ISO 1096:2014); the tolerances on dimension of plywood (ISO 1954:2013); the

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vocabulary of plywood (ISO 2074:2007); the testing method on the bonding quality of plywood (ISO 123466:1:2007/Amd 1:2013); and the requirements for the bonding quality of plywood (ISO 12466:2:2007).

Upon deliberation and review, they adopted some standards, and made some minor adjustments for revisions to some, which, according to DTI-BPS Technical Officer Tes del Rosario, will be taken into consideration by DTI in coming up with a draft of Philippine Standards. This draft will then be given to the stakeholders concerned for review and comments before formally finalizing said standards.

Five days later, on June 29, 2016, the Technical Working Group on Lumber (TC 22), met with each other at the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) Forest Products Research and Development Institute (FPRDI), which is housed in the UP-Los Banos, College of Forestry and Natural Resources campus in Laguna. They discussed the draft for the Philippine National Standards on the grading system for timber - veneer logs, sawlogs and lumber from plantation species - grading system, to finalize it.

Those that attended the meeting included representatives from DTI-BPS, DOST-FPRDI, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Forest Management Bureau (FMB), the PWWA and PWWA member companies such as MATIMCO and Genmart Wood Development Corporation.

During the meeting, the TC 22 Chairman, Robert Natividad, noted that the PWWA was the only "non-government stakeholder" that submitted their comments regarding the draft.

The PWWA representatives then reiterated that they believe that having one grading rule for falcata, mahogany, mangium, bagras, and gmelina will present problems in implementation as they all have different characteristics from each other.

In response to this, Natividad said that the ruling is only a guide for plantation owners so they will be able to keep up with the required standards. He also mentioned that creating different grading rules for different species will be quite difficult to do as of the moment, but recommended that a separate grading standards can be crafted when more plantation species from similar families are used in the market.

Del Rosario, who was also present in the TC 22 meeting, also mentioned that in case there are problems in its implementation of the standard, it can be reviewed again even if it is sooner than five year standard for the review.

Without any more clarifications, the draft Philippine National Standards was finalized.

PWWA Visits New DENR Undersecretary Marlo Mendoza



DENR Undersecretary Marlo Mendoza in deep discussion with PWWA Vice Chair Ramon Uy and Executive Director Maila Vasquez.

Philippine Wood Producers Association Vice Chair Ramon Uy and Executive Director Maila Vasquez paid a visit to the new Department of Environment and Natural Resources Undersecretary for Policy and Planning Marlo Mendoza last August 23, 2016. Uy congratulated him on his appointment, saying that he was the right man for the job, as he is a forester with experiences both in the field and the academe.

They discussed several points of concern and interest to the wood industry.

Mendoza informed them that as DENR Secretary Gina Lopez' core principle is social justice, she is willing to support the wood industry, and business should help the people as well. Zoning of production and protection areas was also discussed.

He also apprised them of the priorities of the current administration, which include the devolution of harvesting permit approvals in the regions, increasing the local government unit's awareness of planted and natural or residual species, proper and correct implementation of policies, and the legality of source.

It was also mentioned that the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) will be continuing their research into alternative species for exotic or fast growing species; and that all Industrial Forest Management Agreement (IFMA) areas will be reviewed.

He said that they are considering an aggressive plantation development of different modality. Hence the need to review policies that will encourage investors and communities to plant. Holistic approach will be adopted which will consider site, species and

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market matching so that economic, environment and social aspects of development will be considered.

SFFI Meets With New DENR Undersecretary Marlo Mendoza

The Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI) led by its National Council President Tommy Valdez met with the new Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary for Policy and Planning Marlo Mendoza on August 12, 2016 at Mario's Restaurant in Tomas Morato, Quezon City.

They spoke about the direction the current administration has with regards to the sector.

Mendoza said that the current DENR administration adheres to social justice as its core principle.

He mentioned that they will be implementing the Enhanced National Greening Program which targets local planters and harvesters including the private sector. Harvesters and planters should be informed that what they are doing is a business, hence species, site and market matching should be considered, he added.

He then shared his hopes that planting should alleviate poverty, and told them that the program will be following the Finland Model of forest plantation. He also told them that planters should be encouraged to plant cash crops and fruit and forest trees.

He then talked about area management, a river-basin approach, which will cut across political boundaries. This is an holistic approach that covers economical, political, and institutional aspects.

He also shared that the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) were advised to identify indigenous species with similar properties and economic viability comparable to exotic species. He said that these species should be tested and should already be acceptable to the market before the exotic species are phased out. It was suggested that alternative species comparable to dipterocarp species should also be identified.

Mendoza then told them that indigenous species should be planted in protected forest areas, while exotic species should be planted in plantations. However, the kind of species to be used in plantation is always a business decision.

Lastly, Mendoza stated that they are simplifying

the bureaucratic processes by decentralizing approval of permits to the region.

DENR-FMB Holds Seminar-Workshop on The Forestry Investment Road Map (FIRM)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Forest Management Bureau (FMB) held the National Consultation Seminar-Workshop on the Forestry Investment Road Map (FIRM) last November 29, 2016 at the Sulo Riviera Hotel in Quezon City.

The seminar-workshop began with DENR- FMB Assistant Director Mayumi Quintos-Natividad welcoming and thanking the participants who attended the event stressing that stakeholders' opinions and inputs are important in drafting an effective road map for the industry. She added that the government hopes that the forestry industry would be restored to what it was before, encouraging all participants to share their inputs and experiences to have a fruitful and productive seminar-workshop.

Forester Jesus Javier, FMB Forest Investment Development Division Chief, presented the rationale of the seminar workshop which are to present and discuss the proposed FIRM and request the stakeholders' feedback, inputs and recommendations which will be used to improve the draft FIRM.

Forester Len Bugayong then presented the highlights of the draft road map.

Afterwards, an open forum took place where representatives of various stakeholders - government agencies; banking institutions; the private sector, which included the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) and other businesses – provided their inputs through their opinions, issues and concerns, and recommendations.

Forester Luminada Rotol presented the way forward of program and informed the participants they hoped to finalize the road map in 2017 and will be implemented until 2028.

DENR Undersecretary Marlo Mendoza, who was not able to attend the opening program, nevertheless gave his message during the closing program.

He said a road map is very important and is long overdue, especially as they had already been talking about it during his tenure as the FMB Director. He talked about how both natural and plantation forest

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covers are going down, and wondered why investors are not encouraged to invest in forest development.

He then called upon the private sector, as their help and investments are much needed in the production zone, especially when it comes to plantation development. He also mentioned that the government should try harder in promoting such investments. As of the moment, the government has delegated the signing authority, and is currently searching for other ways to solve issues such as the duration of tenure and production sharing, among others.

Mendoza then insinuated that the government must try to come up with the right package for the private sector as the Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) cannot meet the wood target and requirement of the country. According to him, a portfolio approach investment is one as this will reduce transaction cost. Furthermore, proper zoning should also be considered.

He then ended his speech by thanking everyone who attended the seminar-workshop and for giving their insights, which will help them out in creating a better road map for the forestry industry.

Philippine Forest Certification System's National Governing Board Holds Second Meeting

The Philippine Forest Certification System's (PFCS) National Governing Board (NGB) had their second meeting last September 2, 2016 at the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) in Quezon City.

It was chaired by Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI) national council president Tommy Valdez, and co-chaired by FMB director Ricardo Calderon.

Valdez shared with the board the results of the Policy Forum on the Forest Certification System held last August 25, 2016. He said that Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary for Policy and Planning Marlo Mendoza shared that forest certification is one of the priorities of new DENR Secretary Gina Lopez.

Another highlight of the forum was the signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on technical assistance for the Capacity Building on the Establishment of Forest Certification by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) and the Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI).

During the meeting, it was agreed that an executive order and a joint department administrative order from the DENR and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) be prepared for the implementation of the PFCS.

The different collaborative projects were presented to the board which included, among others, the different project proposals that will be submitted to financial institutions to fund the implementation of the different projects related to forest certification.

Some of the collaborative projects that were identified were Capacity Building on the Forest Certification Scheme and Sustainable Forest Management (SFM); Facilitation on the establishment of the Institutional Framework of PFCS; Technical Assistance for the Development of Standards and Procedures for the PFCS; a pilot project for group forest certification.

The different proposals that will be submitted to the Food and Agriculture Organization, and other funding institutions are as follows: Capacity Building for Philippine Wood Producers Association's (PWPA) small and medium-sized enterprises (SME's) on implementing Forest Certification and its Legality Framework; Capacity Building for CARAGA SME's and Tree Growers for Timber Legality and Forestry Certification; Technical Infrastructure Support for the Implementation of the National Chain of Custody through PFCS; and Capacity Building for DTI (Philippine Accreditation Bureau and Bureau of Product Standards) on Forest Certification and for the National Governing Board on Developing National Standards and Certification.

It was also agreed that PCEPSDI will help in drafting the proposals.

Project timelines and budgets were also discussed with most of the projects having a time frame of twelve months, and estimated project costs totaled up to Php. 3.7 million.



PCEPSDI Executive Director June Alvarez presents the different collaborative projects and proposals to the members of the board.

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Forest Development Center Holds Policy Forum on Promoting Sustainable Forest Management

The Forestry Development Center (FDC) held a policy forum on “Promoting Sustainable Forest Management through Forest Certification System” last August 25, 2016 at the Nicolas Lansigan Auditorium, College of Forestry and Natural Resources (CFNR), University of the Philippines at Los Banos (UPLB), College, Laguna.

The policy forum aimed to present, discuss and promote the proposed National Forest Certification and its standards; and to come up with recommendations or interventions from the different stakeholders on its adoption.

The forum was attended by representatives from government agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs), civil society, the private sector including the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) and students of the UPLB CFNR.

UPLB CFNR Dean Willie Abasalo welcomed and thanked all who are present in the forum and encouraged everyone to participate in the discussion to make the forum productive and interactive. Forest Management Bureau (FMB) director Ricardo Calderon made a presentation on the rationale and status of the Forest Certification in the Philippines followed by FDC director Priscila Dolom who presented the study including its processes conducted by their office.

Integrated Forest Management Association of the Philippines (IFMAP) Vice President Anton Antonio; Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI) National Council President, Tommy Valdez; Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) representative Richard Laity; and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Marlo Mendoza shared their observations and recommendations based on the proposed certification system from the points of view of the private sector, the professional organization sector, the international environmental sector, and the government.

Mendoza, in his paper, said that forest certification is one of the priorities of the DENR. He then suggested that certification system should be done in transition as tenure, a basic feature in certification is still a work in progress, and that access and control should be determined. He talked about the need for transition policies and the promotion of entrepreneurship as market is important to ensure sustainability.

He also recommended that for certification, legality of source, chain of custody, and different criteria for controlled wood should be considered as priorities.

He also stated that the DENR will be working on the certification system considering the areas of policy predictability, social justice and ecosystem integrity.

Open forum ensued where stakeholders asked questions, shared opinions and insights and recommendations to make the certification system adoptable in the country.

FDC director Dolom gave the synthesis and thanked all participants for their participation.

As a post forum event, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a collaborative project on technical assistance for the Capacity Building on the Establishment of Forest Certification was signed by and between the Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI) and the PEFC. The signing was witnessed by DENR Undersecretary Mendoza, DENR FMB director Calderon, SFFI National Council President Valdez, FDC director Dolom and PWPA Executive Director Maila Vasquez.

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Ramon Uy is New Chair of Construction Materials Group

Last April 6, 2016, the Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) Board of Directors appointed PWPA Vice Chairman Ramon Uy as the Chair of the Construction Materials Group (CMG).

The FPI serves as the private sector champion of the Philippine industry to the Philippine government. The CMG, formed to cover all construction materials from structural to architectural, was formed to monitor threats to local construction material market and voice industry concerns to the Philippine government.



**Mr. Ramon Uy, FPI
Committee of Construction
Materials Group Chairman**

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PWPA Meets the Malaysian Timber Industry Board

Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) welcomed the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) for a two-day meeting to check on the status of builders' joinery & carpentry (BJC) and moulding products in the Philippines as well as to promote and increase exports of Malaysian-made products in the local market last March 10 to 11, 2016.

The meeting was divided into two parts - a round table discussion held at the AIM Conference Center in Makati City and plant visit to four BJC and Moulding product plants.

Present at the round table discussions were Philippine representatives from PWPA, Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Forest Management Bureau (DENR-FMB) and Department of Science and Technology's Forest Products Research and Development Institute (DOST-FPRDI). The Malaysian delegation was comprised of representatives from the MTIB and the Malaysian Trade Commission.

During the meeting, PWPA Chairman Charlie Liu shared that the country enjoyed an unprecedented consistent growth rate of 6-8 % every year for the past six years. Alongside this is an increase in housing construction and residential permits from ten million sq.m. to fifteen million sq.m. in 2015, with a consistent growth rate of approximately 7-10% per annum. Despite this, a backlog of 5M in housing requirements still existed.

With 2011 issuance of Executive Order 23 suspending the harvest of trees in natural and residual forests in the country, local wood industry key players made strategic decisions to serve the local market thus more aggressive collaboration with international companies and suppliers was borne.

In closing, PWPA Chair Liu invited the MTIB to participate in the 1st Philippine Wood Expo which will be held in October of this year to give Malaysian wood companies further opportunities to campaign that wood as one of the solutions for climate change.

Sharing the same sentiment, MTIB Senior Deputy Director Robiyah Husin commended PWPA for the upcoming Wood Expo and she further suggested that PWPA should collaborate with other ASEAN countries to promote this campaign for a bigger impact.

Presented in the meeting was the Malaysia-Philippine bilateral trade agreement as well as the status of the local wood industry and the PWPA.

The open forum yielded that 80% of the wood products that are imported and exported are BJC and moulding products from Juken Sangyo, Philippines and Wukong, located in the Freeport zones of Clark and Cavite, respectively. These companies import raw materials and export the final products, only catering to specific international companies.

For the plant tour, MTIB visited Banson Lumber Corp., Pacific Timber Export Corp. (PATECO), Extensive Wood Processing Corp. and Soon Chiong Trading Corp.



The delegates from the PWPA, MTIB, DENR & DOST are all smiles after a fruitful round table discussion.

The PWPA Links Up with Canadian and French-African Suppliers

With the construction boom in the Philippines, the supply of wood, whether in round or in finished form, will be in great demand as it is considered one of the most important materials in construction. However, with the current scarcity of wood in the local market, many companies are now dependent on wood and wood products from other countries.

Taking advantage of this situation, some international wood suppliers took time to link up with the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) and offered their wood and wood products to members of the local wood industry.

Linking up with Rougier Afrique International

On February 17, 2016, Mr. Ramon Uy, the vice chair of the PWPA, met with, Jean-Baptiste Scalbert, the area sales manager of Rougier Afrique International. He then introduced his French based company, whose areas of operation are located in Gabon, Cameroon and the Congo.

He said that they can supply Okoume and Padouk species to the Philippine market, where Padouk, being

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a highly valued product, is used for furniture and finishing.

According to Scalbert, the wood they manufacture in Gabon are kiln dried, while the wood in Cameroon and the Congo are air dried. He also mentioned that all of their products are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

Uy informed Scalbert that both Okoume and Paduok have been used in the Philippines before. He also mentioned the specific grading and size requirements used in the Philippines.

He suggested that Scalbert provide the PWPA with quotations for trial shipment which can be distributed to the members in case they might be interested in their products.

Linking up with the Quebec Wood Export Bureau

On February 19, 2016, the PWPA led by vice chair Uy met with the Quebec Wood Export Bureau represented by Sven Gustavsson, the Quebec Wood Export Bureau's Softwood Manager; Benoit Martin, Boscos Canada, Inc.'s International Sales Representative; and Daniel Gonthier, the chief executive officer of Kebois Ltd. with Michael Dodjie Fabian, Canadian Trade Commissioner Service's Trade Commissioner of Infrastructure.

During the meeting, Uy informed them that the local trade market is open to try the Canadian hardwoods, as most of the wood imports from British Columbia are more of the softwood type (coniferous species).

He also informed them about the grading and size requirements in the Philippines, and clarified the grading system and requirements that are being implemented in Canada.

Before ending the meeting, the members of the Quebec Wood Export Bureau informed Uy about their annual wood trade event, which was held last March, at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, Canada.

In exchange for this information, Uy also informed the members of the bureau about the upcoming Wood Trade Expo that the PWPA will be organizing this coming October, and promised to let them know about the details of the expo through email.

To date, two Canadian suppliers recently sent introductory emails to the PWPA, one of which added the PWPA in their weekly inventory list.

Ramon Uy, New PLMA President

Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) Vice Chairman Ramon Uy took oath as the new Philippine Lumber Merchant Association (PLMA), Inc. President last July 31, 2016 at the 71st Induction and Turn-over Ceremonies of Officers & Directors at the PLMA Bldg., Intramuros, Manila.



Mr. Ramon Uy, the new President of the Philippine Lumber Merchant Association, Inc.

Uy of the Consolidated Wood Products, Inc., will be the President of PLMA for the next two years, 2016-2018. He took over the leadership from Mr. Aquino Lee of the Timberyard Corporation.

PLMA former President Lino Uy officiated the induction rites of about 40 PLMA directors and the turn-over ceremony of former President Lee and new President Uy.

The occasion was graced by Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Vice President Sy Seng Yen and gave a message to the association.

Former and current presidents also gave their messages. Former president Lee talked about the opportunities and other wood technologies while current president Uy talked about the importance of the use of wood and its role in mitigating climate change.

PWPA Chairman Charlie Liu also gave a message and invited everyone to attend the upcoming Philippine Wood Expo & Forum.

PLMA, the association of sawmillers and lumber dealers, was organized in 1920 and was registered at the Securities & Exchange Commission in 1986.

Wood Industry is the Savior of the World

The public must be told that "the wood industry is the savior of the world," declared Resins Inc. President and Federation of Philippine Industries Chairman Emeritus Meneleo J. Carlos Jr. in a speech before the Philippine Wood Producers Association during the 64th Annual General Assembly of PWPA

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members last November 25 at the MAN Truck and Bus Center Multi-Purpose Hall.



**RI Chemical Corp. President & FPI Chairman Emeritus
Meneleo J. Carlos, Jr. giving his speech**

Noting the ability of trees to fight climate change by capturing carbon dioxide, the greenhouse gas which mainly causes global warming, and keeping the carbon trapped when converted into wood, Mr. Carlos urged the wood producers to “make wood a permanent storehouse, not a temporary storehouse, of carbon dioxide. Please do not make plywood that delaminates and decays to release greenhouse gas again.”

To support his assertion that trees and wood will save the world from climate change, Mr. Carlos presented a chart by the Climate Change Commission of the Philippines showing that in 2010, a total of 155.1 million tons of carbon emissions were caused by agriculture, energy, transportation, industrial processes and waste, but 83.2 million tons of carbon removals and capture were achieved by land use change and forestry. Thus, he estimated that in the Philippines, carbon capture is from 20 to 30% as compared to 11% or 17% in more developed countries. This therefore gives the country more room to industrialize “to have cheap power” by using coal, so long as more trees are planted and replanted.

Explaining that “biomass really is the capture of carbon dioxide converted into wood,” Mr. Carlos remarked that the “bottomline” is that “we have to be more productive” and “create more biomass” through forestry. “We need our natural forests for our biodiversity, but we also need to have production forests that are efficient in what they are doing in producing more and more biomass,” he said. “When the trees in natural forests become old, how much more carbon dioxide can they take? How much more can they help in preventing climate change, preventing greenhouse gases?” Mr. Carlos asked the wood producers. “It is really the production forests that will have to do the job.”

RI Chemical Corporation subsidiary Claveria Tree

Nursery Inc., which clones fast-growing trees for faster and bigger yields for tree farmers, has been promoting production forests for small farmers by establishing barangay nurseries in North Cotabato and Bukidnon.

Mr. Carlos also stressed his advocacy to give the small farmers and indigenous people tenurial rights to the trees they will plant, noting that planting trees is “not a matter of just sticking a tree in the ground and saying this is it, I’m finished. It really needs someone to stay there, not high school kids being made to plant, and then a photo op.

And that is why I am saying, let’s give the people there who live there a break by giving them tenurial rights, so that trees they plant are really theirs... I advocate long-term contracts because this is in the belief that if you have something securely yours for a long time, you will develop it. You will not destroy it.” He declared that “it’s not a criminal act to cut down trees, provided you plant, and you will plant provided the government tells you you’re going to be able to harvest what you plant, and so you continue to plant and propagate trees... That’s the winning cycle.” He concluded his message by assuring the wood producers that “we are the heroes.”

Mr. Carlos and RI Chem received plaques of appreciation from PWPA president Charlie Liu. Joining Mr. Carlos to accept the plaques was RI Chem VP-Finance Carolina R. Carlos.

Source: http://ri-chem.com/?page_id=2112

FAO Representatives Meet PWPA on Renewed FAO FLEGT Programme

United Nations’ (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) consultants Gualberto Tortoza and Diosdado Paler met with the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) last November 9, 2016 at the association’s Executive Room in Makati City to discuss the renewed Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Program for the Philippines.

Tortoza and Paler both mentioned that the results of the European Union’s (EU) recent FLEGT Action Plan showed that there is a need to encourage the private sector to be involved in the different sectoral strategies to achieve legality and sustainability in forest production and commerce.

To achieve that, they said there was a proposal that the country’s own FLEGT program should develop a strategy that will engage the private sector, particu-

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larly the local small and medium forest enterprises (SFMEs). It was also emphasized that the strategy should also include ways in which the entire forestry industry can participate.

Tortoza said the new engagement program will be done in three phases with situational analysis as the first phase, followed by a two-day multi-stakeholder dialogue or workshop, and will conclude with a country roadmap which will include areas that will be identified as priority areas for support.

Tortoza said the meeting is a part of the first step where the program needs to know about the different stakeholders, where PWPA is one, its concerns, issues and challenges being faced and its recommendations. He added that a two-day multi-stakeholder forum is being scheduled in December 2016 to share lessons learned on the Guidebook on Requirements of Chain of custody and the Building Capacity for Training and Auditing Chain of Custody and the validation of the situational analysis conducted. He said that invitation will be sent once date has been confirmed.

PWPA Executive Director Maila Vasquez welcomed Tortoza and Paller and said that PWPA always support their projects especially that it considers way of improving the plight of the industry.

Vasquez also said there are many efforts being done for the forestry sector and the industry and it would be more effective if these efforts are consolidated so that it can harmonize all activities and the issues and concerns can be tackled collectively. This will also ensure that overlaps and conflicts will be minimized, if not totally avoided.

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Philippines Celebrates a Historic Earth Day Celebration

The country's Earth Day celebration this year, held April 22, 2016, was made more meaningful because the of the Philippines signing into the Paris Climate Change Agreement (PCCA) during the 21st Conference of Parties in New York and the Philippine Earth Day Covenant.

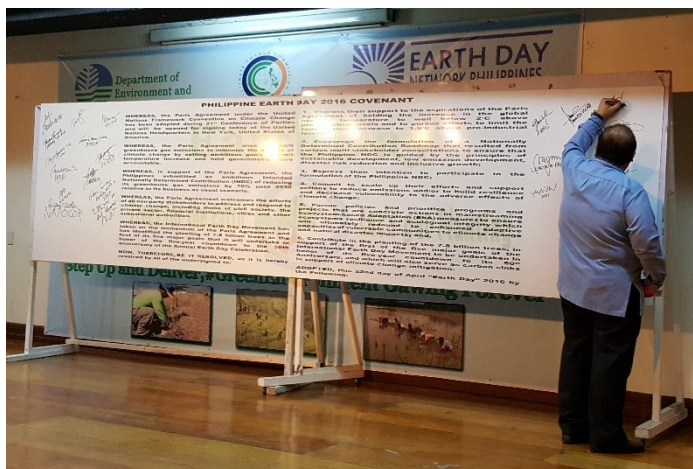
To celebrate, representatives from Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), other government agencies (OGAs), non-government organizations (NGOs), civic society, Earth Day Network

Philippines (EDNP) and the private sector including the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) celebrated at the DENR Social Hall in Quezon City with this year's theme, "Step up and deliver, #GreenEnvironmentGawingForever."

With the historic signing of the PCCA, DENR Assistant Secretary for Planning Atty. Michelle Angelica Go shared the commitments agreed upon during last year's Paris Climate Conference (COP 21).

Atty. Cuenca of the Climate Change Commission presented the Philippines' efforts towards the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) while DENR Environment Management Bureau Assistant Director Eva Ocfemia presented the Institutionalization of the GHG Inventory.

PWPA Vice Chair Ramon Uy, alongside representatives from various bodies, signed this year's Covenant on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption of the Philippines or the 2016 Philippine Earth Day Covenant.



PWPA Vice Chair Ramon Uy signing the 2016 Philippine Earth Day Covenant

Some aspirations the Paris Agreement highlighted of which the covenant supports include efforts to halt the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.

Likewise, the covenant aspires to reduce harmful emissions and hopes to plant more trees to contribute to the increase of the tree population of the world that will help absorb carbon in the atmosphere thereby mitigating climate change.

This year's celebration marks the beginning of the five- year countdown to the 50th Earth Day Celebration.

Report to the Members

New Foresters Welcomed at Oath Taking Ceremony

The Board for Foresters of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI) welcomed new professional foresters in an oath taking ceremony held last October 15, 2016 at Century Park Hotel in Manila.

With the theme “Foresters: The Challenges and Opportunities of R.A. 10690 in Your Successful Professional Practice,” the program began with a procession of the top ten foresters, SFFI officials led by National President Tommy Valdez, the PRC Board for Foresters led by Chair Neria Andin, Philippine Forestry Education Network (PFEN) President Willie Abasalo, and , Forest Management Bureau (FMB) Director Ricardo Calderon, who gave the keynote speech in behalf of Department of Environment & Natural Resources Undersecretary Jonas Leones.

Forester Gerardo T. Cabrerros, a member of the board, welcomed the new foresters and everyone in attendance followed by the recognition of the top ten examinees and of the top performing schools for the year. PRC Board for Foresters Chair Neria Andin administered the oath of profession followed by her message.

For this year, the board exam's topnotcher came from Caraga State University. The University of the Philippines Los Banos College of Forestry and Natural Resources (UPLB CFNR) was recognized as the only top performing school with more than fifty examinees, and a passing percentage rate of eighty percent.

SFFI President Valdez, FMB Director Calderon, and PFEN President and UPLB CFNR Dean Willie Abasalo gave their inspirational messages where they shared their experiences and gave tips about the profession to the new foresters.

Calderon, on behalf of Undersecretary Leones, read Leones' keynote speech which imparted additional guidance on how the newly minted foresters could reach their goals.

About a third of the 633 new foresters took their oath of membership, and were welcomed into the roster of the SFFI.

Another oath taking ceremony will be held in Davao City at a later date for new foresters who are for Visayas and Mindanao areas.

There are 1,370 forestry graduates who have taken their licensure examination last September 2016. Out of the examinees, only 633 pass the exam.

Iloilo Hosts SFFI's 68th Anniversary and National Conference

The 68th Anniversary and National Conference and Seminar of the Society of Filipino Foresters Inc. (SFFI) was held on September 19-21, 2016 at the Iloilo Convention Center in Iloilo City. The theme of the year's conference was “Embracing Sustainable Forest Management towards Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which aims to provide information to fellow foresters efforts of the country in achieving said goals.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Forester Jonas Leones represented DENR Secretary Gina Lopez who extended her congratulations to the Society. Undersecretary Leones then made a presentation on the efforts being done by the DENR to achieve SDGs.

Topics for the conference was grouped into three modules, namely: 1) SDGs and Policy Advocacies; 2) SDG Implementation Mechanisms; and 3) SDG Opportunities for the Forestry Profession.

The different presentations discussed how sustainable forest management, forest landscape restoration, mining rehabilitation through forestry and the carbon neutral program could be responsive approaches towards the current state of the forests areas and its role in enhancing the environment thereby contributing to the achievement of the UN-adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically Goals #1 (Ending Poverty), #7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), #12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), #13 (Climate Action), #15 (Sustainable Use of Terrestrial Ecosystems), and #17 (Partnership for the Goals) as country commitment.

PWPA Executive Director Maila Vasquez made a presentation on “Wood: Green Solution to Poverty and Climate Change” as part of the SDG Implementation Mechanisms topic.

The SFFI Iloilo Declaration which provides for the recommendations on how to move forward was crafted based on the different paper presentations and discussions.

During the business meeting, National Council President Tommy Valdez presented the updates on the Laoag declaration and the role of the SFFI in achieving SDGs. Professional Regulatory Commission Professional Regulatory Board for Foresters Chair Neria Andin made an update on the New Forestry Profession Law and the Forester's Continuing Professional Development. Forester Joey Austria presented

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the agendum on membership; Forester Manny Escasura on constitutional amendments; Forester Noel Umali on the MOWEL fund; Forester Vasquez the treasurer's report; and finally, Mr. Oscar Carrasco gave updates on the Hackathon Project.

The program also included forestry games which tested foresters' knowledge on the different subject matters and activities done during college days.

A tour around Iloilo City and its vicinities marked the end of the event.

The SFFI officers and members congratulated Region VI Chapter President, Forester Livino Duran, and its members for a successful holding of the event.

PWPA Joins the PRC Awards Night

The Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) together with representatives from the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other professional groups and agencies join the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) in celebrating its 43rd Founding anniversary and Professional Awards Night last June 22, 2016 at the Manila Hotel.

Themed "Going Global," the PRC, in coordination with the Philippine Association of the Professional Regulatory Board, Inc. and the Foundation for Outstanding Professional Association, Inc. recognized professionals and accredited professional organizations who accomplished their duties with professionalism, integrity, responsibility, accountability, competence and excellence.



From L-R. PRC Commissioner Gerardo Cabreros, former DENR Usec Renato de Rueda, SFFI President Tom Valdez, PRC Board for Forester Chairman Neria Andin, 2016 Outstanding Forester DENR Usec Jonas Leones, PWPA Executive Director Maila Vasquez, DENR/ERDB Director Henry Adornado and PRC Commissioner Jose Lorenzo.

More than 30 professionals were awarded the 2016 Outstanding Professionals in their respective fields of profession. For the field of Forestry, DENR Undersecretary Jonas Leones was given the award.

The Professional Regulatory Board for Foresters is chaired by Commissioner Neria Andin with members Commissioners Jose Lorenzo and Gerardo Cabreros.

Usec. Jonas Roque Leones Receives Outstanding Forester Award

Deputy Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary for Environment and International Environmental Affairs Jonas Roque Leones was given the Outstanding Forester Award last June 22, 2016 during the 43rd Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Awards Night at the Manila Hotel.



He was given the award due to his contributions in breaking the mold and innovating the role of a forester in today's day and age; and for creating collaborative efforts between the forestry sector and other environmental related fields such as urban planning, climate change, among others.

Aside from this, he also supported and advocated global agenda such as the Paris Agreement signed recently in New York.

Prior to becoming the DENR Undersecretary, Leones worked hard for the environment and for the forestry sector as the former Environmental Management Bureau Director, and as the Former Deputy Project Director for the Forest Management Bureau's National Forestation Development Office.

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PWPA Executive Director Recognized at UP Los Banos Alumni Homecoming

Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) Executive Director Forester Maila R. Vasquez was awarded with an Outstanding Institutional Service Award in the Wood Industry Sector

during the 106th Foundation Day and Alumni Homecoming of UP Los Banos last April 14, 2016.

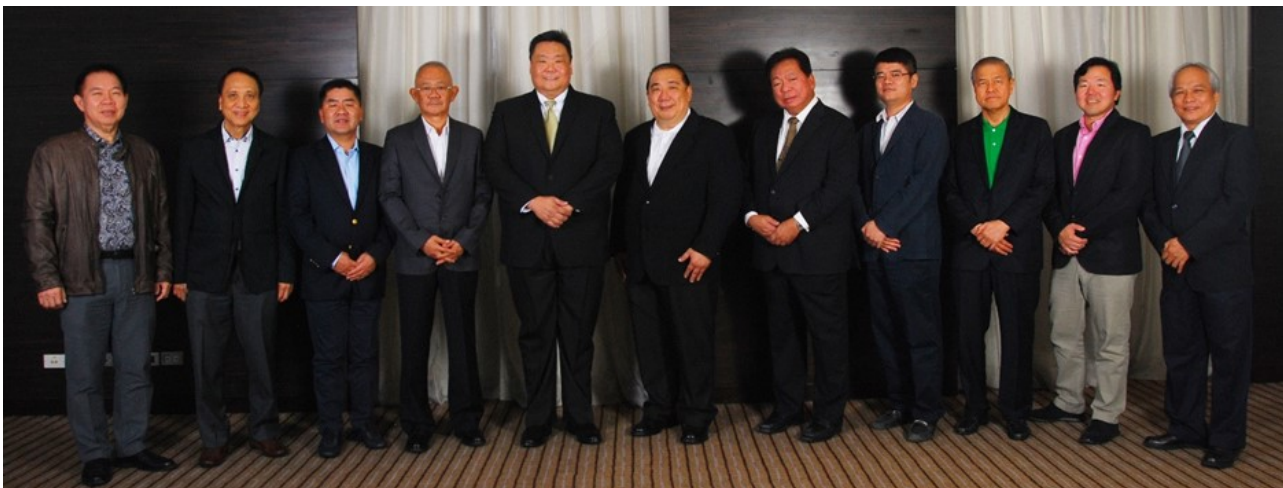
Award was in recognition for her efforts in helping the Philippine wood industry get back on its feet serving as the PWPA Executive Director.

Among the major contributions cited were her active participation in the Philippine Forestry Development Forum, various local and international discussions on forestry development, PWPA position papers for public hearings and publishing the official newsletter of the PWPA.

Vasquez received the award together with other colleagues from the government, academe and the private sector.



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Fuman Industries, Inc.
Grand Harvest Management Corp.
Grand Symfoni Trading, Inc.
Grandflex Interiors Trading, Inc.
Greenwood Home Décor, Inc.
Heinar Traders Corp.
Hightide Marketing
Home Options, Inc.
JY All Boards and Accessories Co.
Lucky Sim Trading
Mandaue Foam Industries
Megaboard Plywood Industries, Inc.
Metro Cebu Tower Trading Corp.
Mobelhaus Philippines, Inc.
Multigrowell Trading, Inc.
Nusa Trade, Inc.
R. Queens International Trading Corp.
R2H Trading
Scanwolf Philippines Manufacturing, Inc.
South Empire Industrial Sales
St. Mathew International Trading
Tenpaku, Inc.
Tokoname Enterprises
Ven Ray Construction
Vic Ong Enterprises, Inc.

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Misamis Oriental

GCC Trading

Davao City

Davao Citihardware, Inc.
Dole Philippines, Inc.
Groot, Inc.
Merlgen Euro Designs, Inc.
Solace Horizon Trading
Solid Asian Marketing Corp.

NCR

747 Lumber & Construction Supply, Inc.
Abella Woodworking Corp.
Amidala Sales Incorporated
Arctic-Forest Products, Inc.
ASA Lumber & Construction Supply
Asia Wood International Corp.
Astigereye Enterprises
Auswood Marketing, Inc.
Bacchus International, Inc.
Bataan 2020, Inc.
Borla Enterprises
Bulacan Integrated Wood Industries Corporation
C.G. Lumber Enterprises
Casdelaza Enterprises
Cebu World Laminat Inc.
Century City Development Corp.
Champion Fine Tooling Corp.
Cross Wings Marketing
Diamond Concept, Inc.
Diamond Interior Industries Corp.
Diamond Office Furniture, Inc.
Distinctive Blinds and Office Systems, Inc.
Donpin Corporation
Draco Wood Marketing
ECG Premier General Import Export Corp.
Eight-on International Corp.
Espirias Trading
Etans Group of Companies
Express Coat Enterprises, Inc.
Far Eastern Plywood Lamination, Inc.
Festo Enterprises
Fiberworld, Inc.
First-AVPR Venture, Inc.
Formaply Industries, Inc.
Foxbrand, Inc.
Gavan Products Philippines, Inc.

Global Wood Construction Supply
Glowingline Trading
Golden Circle22, Inc.
Goldfin Intertrade Co. Ltd.
Greenland Lumber and Construction Supply
Greystone Asia Resources, Inc.
Group of Ten Advanced Marketers, Inc.
Hornitex Philippines, Inc.
Huayou Construction Development Philippines Corp.
I. E. Medica, Inc.
I.T. Malingco Trading
Ifund Credit and Trading, Inc.
Indigenous Import Lumber and Supply Co., Inc.
Inter-Art Metal Wood Products, Inc.
Irjenrom Trading, Inc.
Island Mart Philippines, Inc.
JAV Thermal Solution, Inc.
Jevam Trading
Josol Home Décor Improvement Center
Jo-Wer International Trading
JTC Pallet Packaging System
Junay Enterprises
K.U.S. Structural Components, Inc.
Keppeland Realty Corp.
King MCM Commercial
Komodo Artcrafts, Inc.
Laminwood Deco Corporation
LBE Trading Corp.
Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company
Lexus Industrial Enterprise Corporation
Linksports, Inc.
Luxacraft Philippines Inc.
Luxbuilt Construction & Industrial Supply
Maclin Electronics, Inc.
Madagan Trading
Maibarara Geothermal, Inc.
Manila Wood Veneer Supplies
Manuchar Philippines, Inc.
Mayfair Tristar Distributor Corp.
MBB Marine Wealth Industrial Corp.
Mejore Contract Services
Metro Stonerich Corp.
Milan Eco Wood (Philippines) PTE Corp.
Module System & Services Inc.
Monocrete Construction Philippines, Inc.
Monolith Construction and Dev'l. Corp.
Monteverde Marketing
Multistyle Innovative Products, Inc.
Nebraska Trading Corp.
Nescon Enterprises
New Fruitlife, Inc.
Oneword Trading
Papercon (Philippines), Inc.
Paragon Hemisphere International Trading Corp.
Peak Mountain Enterprises

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Peri-Asia Philippines, Inc.
Phil-Australian Brass Bed, Inc.
PR Kitchens, Inc.
Premiere Oak Lumber & Wood Products Corp.
Pressboard Unlimited, Inc.
Queen E Enterprises
R. G. Simbulan and Partners Corp.
RCBL Trading
Regal Legend Enterprises
RI Chemical Corporation
Rockpoint Enterprise
Rolin Panel Products Corporation
Rural Electrification Trading Corp.
Sammi-Phil Construction & Development Corp.
Sharp Dream General Merchandise
Shuta Plywood Trading, Inc.
Skydragon Construction Products, Inc.
Solid Source Trading
Solidhaus Marketing Corp.
Speed Movers 88 Co.
SSI Metal Corporation
Startrade Marketing
Summit Pacific Philippines, Inc.
Target Display Co., Inc.
Tigerwood Philippine Industries Corp.
Top Asia Corporation
Traxex Trading
Tru Link Energy Corp.
Unilox Industrial Corp.
Uniquev Industrial Corp.
United Decorative Panels Corp.
United Fancy Plywood, Inc.
United Laminates Industrial Corp.
Upairi Trading
V. Roque Corporation
Vihlle 08 Import and Export Trading
Vision Technical and Management Services, Inc.
Willjim Trading
Woocube Trading
Woodbase Multi-Resources, Inc.
Woodsphere Marketing
World Class Laminate, Inc.
World Home Depot Corp.
YDC, Inc.
Zeta International Trading Corp.

PLMA

8 Dragon Construction Supply, Inc.
ABC Builders & Mill Supplies
AC Enterprises
Asean Timber Corporation
Baggao Construction Supply
Banson Lumber Corp.
Bayview Marketing Inc.

Boston Builders Center
Brightways Commercial Inc.
Bulacan Construction Supply
C.S. Richwood Enterprise
Canada Lumber Corp.
Central Lockwood Hardware Lumber, Inc.
Dallas Hardware & Construction Supply
El Calum Construction Supply
Elite Lumber & Construction Supply
Ever Lumber & Hardware Inc.
Everest Lumber Corp.
Gagalangin Lumber Sales
Glory Lumber
Glory Wood & Supplies Corp.
Goldentown Construction Supply Co.
Highland Lumber & Construction Supply Co. Inc.
Ho Soon Li Trading Corporation
Iconik Construction
Infinity Wood Corp.
Inter-Island Lumber & Hardware
JM Construction Supply Corp.
K.B. Hardware Construction Supply
Keytex Lumber and Hardware
Makati Finest Lumber & Hardware
Mandaluyong Lumber
New Cosmopolitan Lumber & Hardware Corp.
New Distinct Lumber and Hardware, Inc.
New Grace Lumber & Construction Supply
New Land Lumber & Construction Supply
New Navotas Lumber & Construction Supply
New Osaka Lumber & Hardware Corp.
New Spring Lumber & Construction Supply
Newton Hardware & Lumber
P. Casal Lumber
Preston Marketing
Q.C. Dapitan Lumber & Construction Supplies, Inc.
Rational Lumber & Hardware Inc.
Remont Home Builders Corp.
Reysan Enterprises
Rockwell Lumber & Hardware Inc.
Sampaloc Lumber Hardware & Construction Supply, Inc.
Silangan Lumber Construction and Supply
Soon Chiong Trading Corp.
Statewood Enterprises
Tableria San Juan
Timberex Corp.
Timberyard Inc.
Topwood Lumber & Hardware Co.
Trendway Builders, Inc.
Triumph Lumber and Construction Supply
Union Lumber Co., Inc.



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