





### PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

# **2ND YEAR REPORT** March 2019—March 2020



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## VISION

A government of integrity headed by virtuous and honorable leaders in all its branches, resulting to efficiency of public service geared towards honesty and truth.

# **QUALITY POLICY**

## MISSION

The Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission shall, on behalf of the President, ensure accountability of public officers and take effective measures against graft and corruption in the public sector, achieved through the proper observance of due process in the administration of justice.

The Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission is committed in ensuring accountability of public officers, taking effective measures against graft and corruption in the public sector, and properly observing due process in the administration of truth and justice.

# SERVICE OBJECTIVES

- Promptly and prudently investigate and act on complaints on graft and corrupt practices against ٠ covered presidential appointees.
- Meticulously examine and scrutinize reports and evidences submitted in connection with . alleged graft and corruption in the public sector.
- Actively probe and inquire into issues of public knowledge concerning graft and corruption. ٠
- Regularly monitor compliance with the Constitution, laws, and pertinent rules and regulations by all officers and employees in the public service.



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Judiciously recommend appropriate legal action to the President or to the proper agency.

Continuously report on intelligence and information gathered in cases handled and being handled to the President.

**Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission** Office of the President

## MANDATE

Under Executive Order No. 43, s. 2017 and its amendment Executive Order No. 73, s. 2018, the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) shall directly assist the President in investigating and/or hearing administrative cases primarily involving graft and corruption against all presidential appointees, as defined in Sec. 5 thereof, and to perform such other similar duties as the President may direct

The PACC is also authorized to conduct lifestyle check and factfinding inquiries on acts and omissions of all public officials and employees, inside and outside of the executive branch of the government, which may be violative of the Constitution, or contrary to law, rules, and regulations, and/or constitute serious misconduct tantamount to betrayal of public trust.

## Legal Basis

The PACC is organized and primarily derives its mandate from E.O. No. 43, s. 2017 and its amendment E.O. No. 73, s. 2018. It carries this mandate as an agency under the Office of the President, headed by the Chairman and the Commissioner thereof.

In relation, Par. (a), Sec. 5 of E.O. No. 43, s. 2017 states other pertinent laws, rules, and regulations that provide for the grounds upon which an action the PACC may be based on, namely: (i) Executive Order No. 292, s. 1987 otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, (ii) Chapter 2, Title 7, Book II, of Act No. 3815 as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines, (iii) Republic Act No. 3019 as amended, otherwise known as the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, (iv) Republic Act No. 1379, or An Act Declaring Forfeiture in Favor of the State any Property Found to Have Been Unlawfully Acquired by Any Public Officer or Employee and Providing for the Proceedings Thereof, (v) Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officers and Employees, (vi) Rules and Regulations duly promulgated by competent authority to implement any of the foregoing laws and issuances, and/or (vii) Such other violations as may be referred to the Commission by the President.

Additionally, by virtue of Sec. 14 of E.O. No. 43, s. 2017, the PACC has promulgated and adopted Resolution No. 001, or the "Implementing Rules and Regulations of the PACC" (PACC-IRR), and Resolution No. 005, or "the Rules of Procedure of the PACC" (PACC-ROP), for the effective implementation of said Executive Order.



# <sup>4</sup> Message from the Chairman



Greetings of Truth and Justice!

The Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) is honored and privileged once again to bring the issue of corruption at the national center stage and public consciousness.

Like the entire nation and the rest of the world, the PACC's preparations for its 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Anniversary was not spared by the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last few months, the lingering virus has brought about the best and the worst in all of us, in terms of life preservation and adhering to the rule of law, respectively. With governments devising and introducing major changes in lifestyle and work, down to the simplest routines of our daily lives, it is almost certain that the post-COVID 19 era will see marked changes in attitudes toward discipline and law and order.

The concept of the 'New Normal' has been quickly introduced as the world's response to the irreversible changes already left behind by COVID-19. Hopefully, public transparency and accountability will prevail as the new norm, where the public can take refuge under an incorruptible system that will free the nation from chains of corruption in government. Corruption is a serious problem in this country. It runs counter to the government's efforts at helping our countrymen get a better life, because it rewards those who steal public funds to enrich themselves at the expense of the ordinary Filipino.

The COVID-19 pandemic has virtually changed our lives. It has emerged as a game-changer, as the world adjusts its bearings in search for its 'New Normal,' one that is built out of compassion, discipline and readiness that reflect the lessons it has learned.

The constant pronouncements of the President against corruption, and his strong support for the proponents of his advocacy became a strong catalyst in enabling reforms in the bureaucracy. Further, the increased number of reports and complaints received by the PACC this year is reflective of this hardline stance against corruption, and a positive indication of an awakened and vigilant citizenry, long frustrated in its desire for change in governance and transparency.

The PACC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Report provides a snapshot of the Commission's accomplishments and efforts against corrupt government officials and employees in carrying out its mandate to help the President in his campaign for good governance and public accountability.

As in the past year, the accomplishments of the PACC simply communicate the message that the Duterte Administration's resolve in the campaign against corruption, and its advocacy towards good governance and public accountability remains unwavering and uncompromising.

The road towards our dream of a clean government and society remains long and difficult, yet we remain determined in setting the direction for our future generations. By taking a close and hard look at corruption, let us open ourselves to self-evaluation and criticism; for it is only in accepting the problem that we are able to find true and real solutions.

In examining the national psyche, we come at the crossroads of embarking on the ultimate challenge of a **cultural and moral revolution** for our people, one where the foundations of our beliefs and customs as a nation will be laid bare for our scrutiny and correction, in the interest of learning the lessons of history, and applying them in building a better future for our children.



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## **Executive Summary**

#### 1. Statistics

From March 2019 to March 2020, the Commission has received a total of 1,409 operational documents and acted upon 1,722 complaints. Added to these are the 533 cases out of the 751 pending cases forwarded by PAGC that have already been evaluated.

The Commission's Adjudication Service has 18 ongoing cases, 6 cases with pending approval from the Office of the President, and 1 case with report and recommendation already acted upon.

#### 2. GOCC Meetings/Dialogues

The Commission has conducted eleven (11) meetings/dialogues with a total of seventy-eight (78) Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), starting from September 17, 2019, with the last meeting on February 28, 2020.

This activity aimed to discuss issues of mutual concern and ensure that PACC and GOCCs remain focused and committed in their concerted efforts to cleanse the bureaucracy of corruption. The meeting/dialogue also intended to establish stronger collaboration in dealing with corruption cases/complaints received by the Commission.

The Meetings/Dialogues primarily introduced the Commission's

mandate, powers, functions, and its Rules of Procedure. Thereafter, a discussion on complaints and issues affecting the GOCCs were done; and an Internal Affairs System and designation of a point person for each agency were also discussed.

With EO 73 s.2018 mandating the Commission to recommend to the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) any violation of R. A. 11032, or the Ease of Doing Business law, the Commission also covered the said law and its proper implementation with participating agencies.

#### 3. Other agency meetings

In continuation of last year's meeting/dialogue with heads of agencies of the executive branch, the Commission also conducted several meetings/dialogues with the now-dissolved HLURB, NFA, NHA, MMDA, etc.

Similar to the previous meetings/dialogues in 2018 and 2019, PACC presented its mandate, duties, and rules of procedure to the agency heads and their key officers.

#### 4. Motu proprio cases

As mandated to PACC thru EO 43, PACC conducted several motu proprio investigations or those initiated by PACC without a formal

complaint. These include the Yolanda Permanent Housing Program, which resulted in the filing of charges



## <sup>6</sup> Executive Summary

against 12 officials of the National Housing Authority (NHA); the Bicol Mission - Bicol Medical Center, Calabanga Fishport and Calabanga Infirmary in Camarines Sur; PhilHealth anomalies.

#### 5. Entrapment and other operations

Part of the mandate of the Commission is to closely work with other investigative agencies for fact-finding and information-gathering. For the past year, the PACC has conducted joint operations with the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), and the Bureau of Immigration–Fugitive Search Unit (BID-FSU) of the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Notable among these were the arrest of officials of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) in Pasig City; the Chief of the Treasure Hunting Section of the National Museum of the Philippines; an alleged fixer in the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB); a Taguig City official, and more than 200 Chinese nationals engaged in a large-scale investment fraud.

#### 6. Anti-Corruption Initiatives

To extend its reach to the public and give people a platform to voice their concerns, the PACC established the *Katarungan Desk* and *PACC Chairman's Hour* Teleradyo program.



The Katarungan Desk, an initiative of the Office of

Commissioner Belgica, was conceptualized in partnership with the Philippine National Police (PNP). The first *Katarungan Desk* was launched in Benguet last year and another was opened in Manila in November 2019 witnessed by Manila City Mayor Francisco 'Isko' Moreno Domagoso.

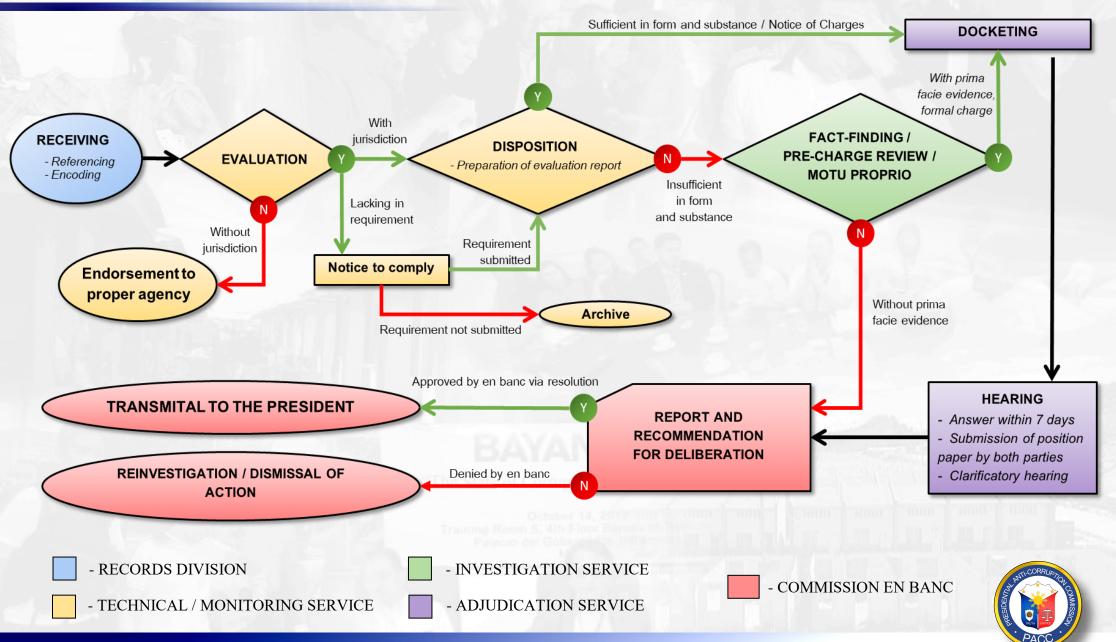
The *PACC Chairman's Hour* is a one-hour teleradyo program aired through DZRJ 810. The program, which started in October 2019, allows PACC officials to update and inform the listening public of PACC's activities and accomplishments. The show also discusses current issues involving graft and corruption in government.

#### 7. PACC Activities

To further develop the PACC personnel's interpersonal skills and build camaraderie, the Commission undertook several selfimprovement activities and seminars/workshops.

Among these activities attended by PACC officers and staff were the Gender Sensitivity Seminar at the Manila Hotel, sponsored by the Office of the President; a Fun Shoot Activity at the PNP-NCRPO Shooting Range in Taguig City and a Team-Building and Strategic Planning Workshop in Nasugbu, Batangas.

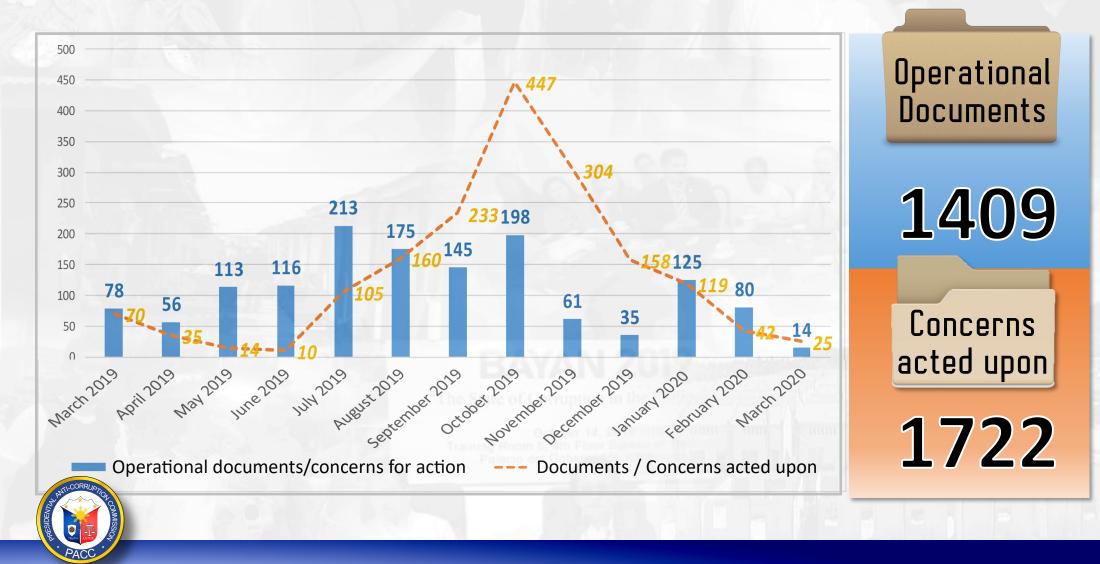
## **Process Flow Chart**



## <sup>8</sup> Technical Monitoring and Case Records

Operational Documents are communications received from March 2019 to March 2020 that would require evaluation to determine if it would merit investigation and admin prosecution.

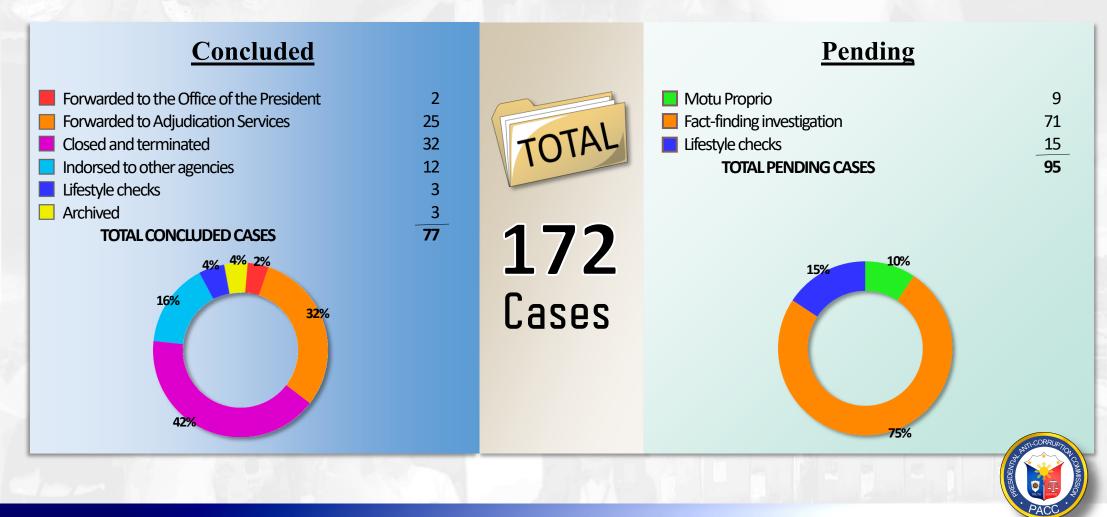
Concerns acted upon are documents containing issues that met the criteria for further investigation by the Commission. This includes pending cases received from previous years.



## Investigation

PACC initiates a fact-finding investigation based either on a complaint, motu proprio resolution, or upon order by the President, for the determination of prima facie. The complaints, as basis for fact-finding investigation, presuppose that the same have been assessed and deemed by the Technical Monitoring Services to be within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

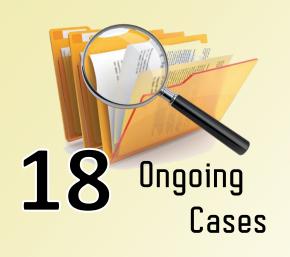
## **CASES HANDLED BY THE INVESTIGATION SERVICE**





March 2019 - March 2020

The Adjudication Service is tasked to facilitate the hearing of all instituted complaints and all those formally charged after fact-finding and motu proprio investigation duly docketed with the Commission. They are also tasked to resolve and draft the decision which is subject for approval by the Commission en banc.



As of March 2020, there are eighteen (18) pending administrative cases docketed with the Commission. These cases are currently being heard by the Adjudication Service.



## Case acted upon after submission of recommendation

Case has been resolved by the Commission and were acted upon by the Office of the President.



## Reports and recommendations pending approval

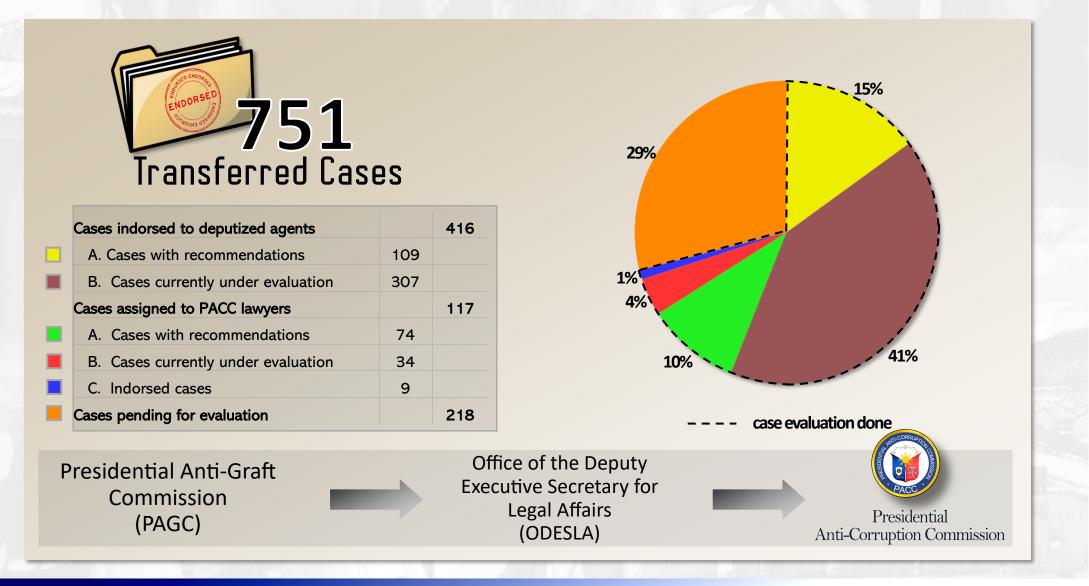
The Commission has resolved six (6) cases which were submitted to the Office of the President for its approval.



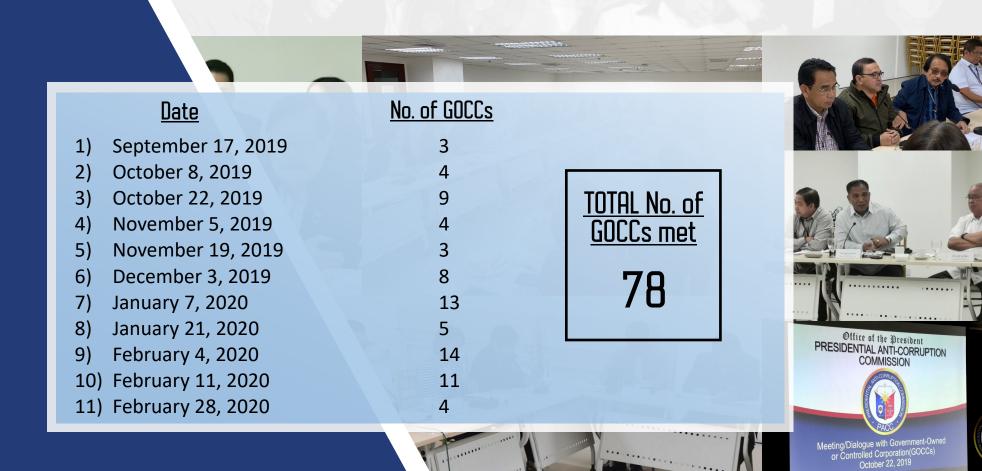
## **Cases from ODESLA**

Cases transferred from the defunct Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC), by virtue of E.O. 13, s. 2010 to the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs (ODESLA), and eventually transferred to PACC as outlined in E.O. 43, s. 2017, Sec. 12: *Transfer of Powers, Duties, and Functions*.





# **12** <u>GOCC Meetings/Dialogues</u>





## GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

## September 17, 2019







## GOCC Attendees

- 1) Asian Productivity Office-Production Unit (APO-PU)
- 2) Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR)
- 3) La Union Medical Center (LUMC)









# <sup>14</sup> GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

## October 8, 2019

## **GOCC** Attendees

- 1) Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC)
- 2) Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-ibig Fund)
- 3) Philippine Charities Sweepstakes Office (PCSO)
- 4) Philippine Postal Corporation (Philpost)













## GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

## October 22, 2019



## GOCC Attendees

- 1) Cebu Port Authority (CPA)
- 2) Clark Development Corporation (CDC)
- 3) Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP)
- 4) John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC)
- 5) Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA)
- 6) Nayong Pilipino Foundation (NPF)
- 7) People's Television 4 (PTV-4)
- 8) Social Security System (SSS)
- 9) Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA)



# <sup>16</sup> GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

## November 5, 2019

## **GOCC** Attendees

- 1) Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)
- 2) Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA)
- 3) Poro Point Management Corporation (PPMC)
- 4) Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA)











## GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

## November 19, 2019







## GOCC Attendees

- Duty Free Philippines Corporation (DFPC)
  Philippine International
- 2) Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC)
- 3) Philippine Pharma Procurement Inc. (PPPI)





# <sup>18</sup> GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

## December 3, 2019

## **GOCC** Attendees

- 1) Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM)
- 2) Government Service Insurance System (GSIS)
- 3) National Irrigation Administration (NIA)
- 4) National Power Corporation (NPC)
- 5) National Transmission Corporation (Transco)
- 6) Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)
- 7) Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC)
- 8) Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM)

















## GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

## January 7, 2020









## GOCC Attendees

- 1) Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA)
- 2) Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA)
- 3) Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA)
- 4) Metropolitan Waterworks & Sewerage System-Regulatory Office (MWSS-RO)
- 5) National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC)
- 6) National Tobacco Administration (NTA)
- 7) Philippine Aerospace Development Corporation (PADC)
- 8) Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC)
- 9) Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA)
- 10) Philippine National Railways (PNR)
- 11) Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA)
- 12) Tourism Promotions Board (TPB)
- 13) Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC)



# <sup>20</sup> GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

## January 21, 2020

## **GOCC** Attendees

- 1) Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA)
- 2) National Dairy Authority (NDA)
- 3) National Development Company (NDC)
- 4) Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC)
- 5) Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC)

















## GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

## February 4, 2020









# GOCC Attendees

- 1) Aurora Pacific Economic Zone & Freeport Authority (APECO)
- 2) Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB)
- 3) Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP)
- 4) Metropolitan Waterworks & Sewerage System-Corporate Office (MWSS-CO)
- 5) National Kidney Transplant Institute (NKTI)
- 6) Occupational Safety & Health Center (OSHC)
- 7) Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)
- 8) Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITHAC)
- 9) Philippine Veterans Investment Development Corporation (Phividec)
- 10) Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA)
- 11) Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)
- 12) Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone Authority (ZCSEZA)
- 13) National Electrification Authority (NEA)
- 14) Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)



# <sup>22</sup> GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

## February II, 2020

## GOCC Attendees

- 1) Credit Information Corporation (CIC)
- 2) Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP)
- 3) Natural Resources Development Corporation (NRDC)
- 4) Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC)
- 5) Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)
- 6) Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)
- 7) Philippine Guarantee Corporation (PhilGuarantee)
- 8) Philippine Heart Center (PHC)
- 9) Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice)
- 10) Small Business Corporation (SB Corporation)
- 11) Al-Amanah Islamic Investment Bank of the Philippines (Amanah Bank)

















## GOCC Meeting/Dialogue

February 28, 2020





## **GOCC** Attendees

- 1) Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CEZA)
- 2) Philippine Center for Economic Development (PCED)
- 3) Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)
- 4) Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)

# PCED

Philippine Center for Economic Development



# development academy of the philippines

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# <sup>24</sup> Other Agency Meetings

## September II, 2019







Republic of the Philippines City of Manila

On September 11, 2019, the PACC made a courtesy visit to the Office of the City Mayor of Manila. Mayor Francisco "Isko" Moreno Domagoso welcomed the officials and staff of the Commission.

Mayor Domagoso shared to the Commission his administration's anticorruption thrust and plans for the City of Manila. In return, the PACC disclosed information revealing current Manila City Hall employees engaged in illegal and corrupt activities.

Mayor Domagoso assured that he will enforce the law on those found abusing their authority. He added that there has been "too much indiscretion and going against laws and procedures, yet they are still here."

Both the PACC and the Office of the City Mayor of Manila pledged to worked closely in practicing clean governance and rooting out corruption in the government.





## **Other Agency Meetings**

## September 18, 2019



The PACC, led by Chairman Dante La. Jimenez, met with the chairman and officials of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) to discuss its plans of establishing a "corruption-free" executive branch of government and strengthen the President's war against graft and corruption in the Philippine government.





# <sup>26</sup> Other Agency Meetings

September 18, 2019 / October 22, 2019



National Prosecution Service Department of Justice





The Commission conducted two meetings/ dialogues with the National Prosecution Service (NPS) headed by Prosecutor General Benedicto Malcontento..

The first meeting/dialogue was on September 18, 2019 with all the Regional Prosecutors, and the second on October 22, 2019 with all city prosecutors in the Metro Manila Area.

The meetings/dialogues intend to establish stronger collaboration between PACC and the NPS in the speedy disposition of cases involving graft and corruption.



## **Other Agency Meetings**

## December 9, 2019















### Discussions

- Clean governance in the National Food Authority (NFA) is vital as it is the agency that "feeds the people"
- Nationwide, there are 4,000 NFA personnel
- The Commission assures the NFA that it will verify and validate complaints and due process will always be exercised in all aspects of investigation
- On the issue on NFA procurement of defective harvest facilities, the NFA already submitted their answer on the issue with the DA
- An executive session was held after the meeting/ dialogue to discuss special concerns





# <sup>28</sup> Other Agency Meetings

## December II, 2019













### Discussions

- NHA implemented a policy shift by coordinating more closely with LGUs; NHA will produce, turnover and disengage and will no longer be engaged in project implementation
- NHA is trying to remedy deficient and ongoing projects by finishing the project and going after liquidity damages and recommend the blacklisting of contractors to DTI
- NHA terminated 60 projects involving 15-20 contractors it engaged with before to the policy shift
- True measure of NHA success under Duterte administration is the rehabilitation of Marawi
- Marawi RISE (Resilient, Identity, Sustainability, Evolution) Plan
- Marawi is 99% finished with surface clearing and 95% subsurface clearing (of unexploded ordinances and IEDs); ground-breaking expected on 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2020

# Other Agency Meetings

## January 15, 2020

## Discussions

- PACC was given an orientation on the dissolution of Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) thru Republic Act 11201 or *"An Act Creating the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD)"*. HLURB was reorganized and is now Human Settlements Adjudication Commission (HSAC).
- Ongoing concerns and issues that the Commission has taken cognizance of were discussed, including concerns involving Homeowners' Associations (HOAs), which are placed under the jurisdiction of DHSUD, especially with regard to the elections and complaints.
- Local Government Units (LGUs) prevail over HOAs. The DHSUD also has authority concerning constructions without permits in subdivisions and can regulate on the license to sell by the subdivision.









# <sup>30</sup> Other Meetings

## December 13, 2019



## Malaysia Corruption Watch

The Malaysia Corruption Watch (MCW), an NGO affiliated with Malaysia's anti-corruption body Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), visited the PACC during its study tour on December 13, 2019.

The event was attended by twenty-nine (29) MCW delegates, accompanied by Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) officials and some media outfits from the Philippines and Malaysia.









## Motu Proprio Cases

#### Calabanga Fishport Investigation (September 17, 2019)

The ongoing investigation of the Calabanga Fishport by the PACC and the Office of the Presidential Assistant for Bicol Affairs (OPABA) resulted in the recommendation of filing administrative/criminal cases against certain public officials responsible for the violations committed in the construction of the facility in Calabanga, Camarines Sur.

The findings of the Regional Inspectorate Team (RIT) of DPWH-Region 5 placed doubt on the structural integrity of the terminal due to serious and extensive damages in its physical structure. The report ultimately led the OPABA to recommend the discontinuance of the facility's operations and use by fisherfolk and the local community.

#### PACC Recommended Charges for 12 NHA Officials (October 9, 2019)

On April 12, 2019, in Tacloban City, Leyte, PACC Chairman Jimenez and Commissioner Luna imposed an ultimatum to resolve in six months thereat the (6)anomalies in the construction of substandard housing units for the victims of super typhoon Yolanda, and have public officials the responsible be charged at the proper forum. Exactly six months thereafter. PACC concluded its investigation



and recommended to the Office of the Ombudsman the filing of

#### REPORT ON THE GEOLOGIC INVESTIGATION OF THE SABANG FISH PORT AND TERMINAL SHED SITE IN BGY. SABANG, CALABANGA, CAMARINES SUR



#### 4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Based on the field observations, the following conclusions are given:
- The presence of cracks on the flooring, walls, beams and slab roof and the uneven horizontal level of the fish port and terminal shed indicates uneven settling due to differential settlement.
  The differential settlement could have been the result of any, or the
  - a. The footing of the fish port/terminal shed was not embedded at depths prescribed under the National Structural Code of the Philippines. Instead, concrete platforms were constructed on top of the boulder-sand-gravel fill and these were used as footings for the columns of the building.
  - b. The boulder-sand-gravel fill may have been distributed unevenly and may not been compacted appropriately causing consolidation and differential settlement due to the dead load of the fish port of the fish port and terminal shed.
  - c. The natural sandy ground may have also settled unevenly due to the weight of the structure; and
  - d. Erosion of the finer sand-silt particles in between the large boulders and gravels may have been eroded internally by groundwater flow, although this is a remote possibility.
- Since the fish port and terminal shed was to be constructed along the shoreline that is a young environment with generally uncompacted silts and sands, a geotechnical study should have been made first, the results of which should have been made the basis for the design and construction of the building foundation.
- Based on the results of the investigation made and the pictures during the development of the project site, it appears that the foundation of the building was not in accordance with the National Structural Code of the Philippines and the National Building Code.
- 5. On the basis of these conclusions, it is recommended that the fish port and terminal shed should be provided with structural re-mediation that is based on a full geotechnical exploration of the area. If this could not be done, it is best



criminal and administrative charges against 12 NHA officials.

The PACC said the construction of 2,559 units was bagged by a sole contractor, J.C. Tayag Builders, Inc., with a total contract cost of more than P700 million. However, only 36 housing units were completed as of November 2017 when the

contract was terminated by the government.



# <sup>32</sup> Motu Proprio Cases

#### **Bicol Medical Center and Calabanga Infirmary**

The on-going fact-finding investigation on Bicol Medical Mission and Calabanga Infirmary reveals violations of laws committed by different government agencies involved in the construction thereof.

Non-compliance with the law for procurement and construction of government infrastructure has led to the non-operation of these facilities for years.



# PhilHealth Your Partner in Health

#### **PhilHealth Anomalies**

The fact-finding investigation by PACC on PhilHealth has resulted in the recommendation to the Office of the President the termination from service of a certain public official and is about to recommend to the Office of the Ombudsman the filing of criminal and administrative charges against certain officials of PhilHealth.

Since the start of the fact-finding investigation through the initiative of PACC, it has discovered various anomalies in PhilHealth, involving personnel from different levels- from rank-and-file to officials, to the detriment of the government

## **Entrapment and Other Operations**

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P75 Million BIR Entrapment (June 20, 2019)

Two (2) officials of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) were arrested during a joint entrapment operation conducted by the NBI and the PACC last June 20, 2019.

The operation was conducted following a tip that several BIR officials were demanding P160 million from a telecommunications company to settle a supposed tax deficiency in March. After negotiations, the BIR officials agreed to reduce the amount to P85 million, P75 million of which will be "for the boys."

Charges were also filed against two other alleged cohorts, also BIR employees, who were not present during the operation.



#### LTFRB Fixer (July 26, 2019)

In a joint operation by the PACC, ARTA, and NBI, an LTFRB Lady Fixer was nabbed through the use of a P10,000 marked money in Quezon City.

According to PACC Commissioner Greco Belgica, the suspect offered a "sure slot" in getting provisional authority—in exchange for P5,000 to P100,000, depending on the complexity of the request.

The suspect was brought to the National Bureau

of Investigation (NBI) for investigation. Following the entrapment operation, LTFRB Chairman stated "The LTFRB will continue to aggressively push its anti-corruption campaign, and shall remain unrelenting in investigating and conducting audits on its employees and officials. (LTFRB) will not spare anyone from administrative sanctions if found guilty of graft and corruption."



# <sup>34</sup> Entrapment and Other Operations

#### National Museum Extortion (August 19, 2019)

Led by Commissioner Belgica, the PACC conducted an entrapment operation for an alleged attempt to extort ₱120,000 from treasure hunters by Treasure Hunting Section Chief Mr. Ernesto Toribio, Jr. and Deputy Director General Angelo Bautista, both officials of



the National Museum. Treasure hunting permits usually range from only ₱3,000 to ₱10,000 from small to large-scale treasure hunting activities.

The Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission, thru the Office of Commissioner Belgica, received reports of the alleged malfeasance in July 2019 which prompted a coordinated operation with the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

According to the NBI, what Toribio and

Bautista did was bribery and extortion, a violation of RA 3019 or the Anti-graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

In an interview after the operation, Commissioner Belgica said that the National Museum has no clear procedures on the acquisition of



I Museum has no clear procedures on the acquisition of licenses and permits which may lead to bribery by certain officials.

### Massive Raid in Ortigas Center (September 11, 2019)

The PACC, together with agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation's Fugitive Search Unit (BID-FS), took part in a massive raid in Ortigas Center that led to the arrest of 277 Chinese nationals wanted for fraud in their home country.



The raid was initiated following a report of four Chinese fugitives in the area operating a large-scale investment fraud victimizing more than a thousand individuals of more than ₱730 million, Police Attaché Chen Chao of the Chinese Embassy in the Philippines said.

Operatives caught the suspects in the act of conducting illegal online operations. All 277 accosted Chinese had their visas already canceled, making their stay in the country unlawful.

On October 11, 2019, 243 out of the 277 were deported back to China.





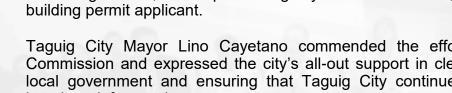
## **Entrapment and Other Operations**

#### **Taguig City Building Permit Extortion** (November 19, 2019)

Together with ARTA and the Philippine National Police (PNP), PACC conducted an entrapment operation at the Taguig City Satellite Office at the SM Aura Office Tower in Bonifacio Global City that resulted to the arrest of Emma Robianes and Edward Buncab of the Local Building Office of the said city.

According to PNP, the suspects allegedly tried to extort P10,000 from a

Taguig City Mayor Lino Cayetano commended the efforts of the Commission and expressed the city's all-out support in cleansing the local government and ensuring that Taguig City continues to be a benchmark for good governance.







# <sup>36</sup> Entrapment and Other Operations

#### Divisoria Raid on Smuggled Goods (December 23, 2019)

On 23 December 2019, Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) Commissioner Greco Belgica, Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Bureau of Customs (BOC), Bureau of Immigration (BID), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Intellectual Property Office (IPO), Philippine National Police (PNP) conducted an interagency operation in Divisoria, Manila to validate reports of rampant smuggling and alleged foreign nationals who are working without a valid working permit, among others.

It was discovered that the bulk of fake imported products being sold at the malls in Divisoria were smuggled and that business enterprises/ stores selling the products are not compliant with the requirements of the BIR and are not duly registered with the DTI. It was estimated that at least P4.5B worth of products were illegally imported. Commissioner Belgica also revealed that there are foreign nationals who are not authorized to do business in the country.

"We need to seal the loopholes in the system that allow smuggling and illegal aliens to work. We are doing this to protect the consumers from hazardous products being sold in the market," Commissioner Belgica said. He added, "We are losing more in this process. Legitimate businessmen who follow rules and pay the right taxes will be disheartened to invest in the Philippines. This illegal practice, if not stopped, will promote lawlessness and may cost the government to lose billions of pesos in revenue".



## **Corporate Corruption Cases**



On July 28, 2017, the President signed EO 36 Suspending the Compensation and Position Classification System of Government-Owned and Controlled Corporation (GOCCs) as part of the Administration's belt-tightening measures to curb the wanton excesses in spending, allowances and incentives by GOCCs and other government agencies.

During Chairman Jimenez's 1st Ulat sa Bayan on October 4, 2018, he reported that among all government agencies in the country, the GOCCs ranked second in the most number of complaints the Commission has received. PACC is mandated to investigate cases involving executives of GOCCs, including all co-conspirators, may they be in government or private citizens.

As of March 2020, the Commission has on-going cases against officials from the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), Zamboanga Special Economic Zone (ZSEZ), Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA); cases under investigation on Philhealth, Coconut Industry Investment Fund (CIIF), the now-dissolved Philippine Forest Corporation (Philforest); and recommendations pending approval by the Office of the President against former and current officials of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Social Housing and Finance Corporation (SHFC), Philippine National Railway (PNR), National Electrification Administration (NEA), and APO Production Unit Inc. (APO-PUI).

## National Electrification Administration (November 2019)

An official of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) was formally charged by the Commission after formal complaints were filed by various individuals.

After complying with due process under the PACC rules of procedure, the Commission issued a resolution in November 2019, finding the NEA official administratively liable for Grave Misconduct and violation of Batas Pambansa Bilang 881, otherwise known as the Omnibus Election Code, that public utilities shall not participate in partisan political activities. Thereafter, the complete records of the case were transmitted to the Office of the Executive Secretary.

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) is a government agency tasked for the attainment of 100% electrification of the Philippines and therefore exercising control and supervision over the management of Electrical Cooperatives.



## <sup>38</sup> Anti-Corruption Initiatives – Katarungan Desk

Following the directive of the President to fight corruption and injustice in every level of public administration. the Commission office through the of Commissioner Belgica conceptualized and established "Katarungan Desk", the а responsive and safe reporting platform for the public to lodge all kinds of complaints regarding corruption, peace and order, and similar matters.



On March 10, 2020, the PACC, led by Commissioner Belgica, and the Philippine National Police signed a Memorandum of Agreement to formalize the framework of an operational partnership between the two agencies in relation to their respective participation in the "Katarungan Desk" project. The salient parts of the said agreement are as follows:

- a. The Katarungan Desk shall be established and institutionalized in all PNP units from Regional, Provincial and Municipal Police Stations to provide quality service through efficient and effective handling of the public's complaints and requests;
- b. The Katarungan Desk shall be attended by at least two (2) or more PNP personnel or as many as the personnel strength of the station may allow and the volume of work may require.
- c. The PNP shall provide the initial point of contact for all citizens'/ public's concerns or problems requiring government intervention and proactively analyze such concern/problem to assist in its resolution. The client's concerns, if beyond the jurisdiction and responsibility of the PNP, shall be

referred to the proper government agencies for appropriate action.

- d. The PACC shall provide 'dulugan' forms and 'dulugan' box which shall be made readily available at all Katarungan Desks.
- e. The PACC shall assess the complaints and/or cases referred by the Katarungan Desk and act on it accordingly. For cases outside



PACC's jurisdiction, it shall issue the corresponding endorsement to the appropriate government agency.



## Anti-Corruption Initiatives - DZRJ 810 PACC Hour Teleradyo Show









In an effort to extend its reach to the public, the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) on a multimedia embarked initiative and forged a partnership with Mr. Ramon Jacinto and Rajah Broadcasting Network, Inc., more popularly known Radyo as Bandido over DZRJ 810.

In October 2019, PACC Chairman Dante La. Jimenez went live in the PACC Chairman's Hour, which was broadcast free-to-air in radio, TV and online streaming via Facebook at DZRJ 810 AM -Voice of the Philippines. The weekly program allowed Chairman Jimenez more flexibility in sharing the PACC's accomplishments and activities with the public, and assure its continued advocacy and vigilance in carrying out its mandate towards good governance and public accountability.





## <sup>40</sup> PACC Activities



President Duterte Addresses 64 Bureau of Customs Officials in Malacañan Palace (July 18, 2019)

President Duterte, together with members of his Cabinet including PACC Chairman Dante Jimenez, confronted sixty-four (64) BOC officials accused of corruption.

During the event, the President announced that he would dismiss all 64 officials over allegations of corruption and that administrative charges will be filed against them before the Office of the Ombudsman.

Presidential Spokesperson Sec. Panelo added, "The President has



been forthright in telling these Customs officials and employees that corruption has no place under his watch. He told them that consistent with due process, they will be given their day in court,"



PACC Fun Shoot 2019 (November 25, 2019)

The PACC held a fun shoot activity last November 25, 2019, at the PNP NCRPO Shooting Range at Camp Bagong Diwa, Lower Bicutan, Taguig City. Before the activity started, all PACC personnel were briefed on firearm safety and responsible handling, proper stance, and use of firearms in carefully managed environments. The activity fostered cooperation, interaction, and camaraderie among PACC officials and the employees.

## **PACC** Activities



Gender Sensitivity Training (August - October 2019)

Officials and personnel from the Office of the President attended a two-day Gender Sensitivity Training from the month of August to October at The Manila Hotel, Manila.

The two-day training imparted enhanced everyone's awareness and understanding of gender concepts and the manifestations of gender bias not just in the workplace, but in the society as well.

The event was sponsored by the Office of the President, through the Gender and Development Focal Point System (OP-GFPS).



Courtesy Visit to New Chinese Ambassador (December 17, 2019)

On December 17, 2019, the PACC, led by Chairman Dante La. Jimenez, paid a courtesy call to newly-appointed Ambassador Huang Xilian of the People's Republic of China. Ambassador Huang shared the high expectations of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte of his role as the new ambassador of China to the Philippines and looks forward to the continuity of cooperation between the two countries. Important matters of mutual interest and concern were discussed, including the twin problems of illegal drugs and corruption and the growing concern on illegal operations of Philippine offshore gaming operators (POGOs).

Ambassador Huang assured the PACC that anti-corruption initiatives

remain a priority of Chinese President Xi Jinping under the Clean Silk Road Forum, in which the PACC participated as part of the Philippine delegation in April 2019.





#### PACC Inclusion in ICAD / Chairman Jimenez Designation as ICAD Co-Chairman (January 14, 2020)

Through its Resolution No. 1, Series of 2020, the Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs (ICAD) voted to include the PACC as a member of the ICAD, placing it under its Justice Cluster.

On February 21, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte designated PACC Chairman Dante La. Jimenez as Co-Chairman of the ICAD, with Director-General Aaron Aquino of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

The ICAD was created by the President by virtue of E. O. No. 15 to suppress the drug problem in the country. It is organized into four (4) clusters: Enforcement, Justice, Advocacy and Rehabilitation and Reintegration.





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#### Team-Building and Strategic Planning Workshop (February 20-22, 2020)

On February 20-22, 2020, the PACC held its Team Building and Strategic Planning Workshop at Canyon Cove Hotel & Spa in Nasugbu, Batangas.

Matters that were discussed during the workshop were the PACC's programs, activities and plans for the Year 2020; the amendment of the Commission's rules of procedure regarding cases, and the proposed Department of Good Governance (DOGG).

PACC personnel participated in various team-building activities to promote leadership and cooperation, develop problem-solving skills and employee motivation.





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