

## Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF BOHOL City of Tagbilaran



## PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXECOM) HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2017 AT BOHOL TROPICS RESORT, TAGBILARAN CITY, BOHOL, PHILIPPINES

In Attendance:

Gov. Edgar M. Chatto.....Chairman, Presiding Officer and Majority of the Members of the PDC Executive Committee

## PDC EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 16-2017

A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES (SEZ) IN STRATEGIC AREAS OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (PEZA) AND THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE (TIEZA) AND OTHER NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCES FOR SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Province of Bohol has identified the establishment of Special Economic Zones in strategic areas as one of its development priorities to support its efforts for the province's agro-industrialization and sustained economic growth;

WHEREAS, the development of Special Economic Zones has been initially identified in the following areas in each District:

## District I

Municipalities of Loon, Calape and Tubigon (Light Industrial Zone) Municipality of Cortes (Medical Tourism Park/ Center)

District 2 (Agro-Industrial Zone)

Municipalities of Getafe, Talibon and Ubay

**District 3** (Utilities Enterprise Economic Zone)

Municipality of Jagna

WHEREAS, the proposed sites takes into account the strategic geographical location of Bohol within the Central Philippines and the potential of the areas, particularly in the Loon-Calape-Tubigon zone, for its deep natural harbor along the Bohol Strait, which is suitable for the development of port bulk transport terminal and container yard. Municipality of Cortes, meanwhile is suitable for medical tourism park/ center supported with facilities such as wellness centers, sports and recreational facilities. The proposed economic zone in District 2 is suitable for agro-based industries, while the District 3 is appropriate for utilities enterprise economic zone development, owing to the strategic location of Jagna;

WHEREAS, the proposed Bohol Business Park (BBP), to be located at the Tagbilaran City Airport area once the new Bohol Airport in Panglao Island will be operational, is intended for the development of mixed but complementary prime areas for commercial, business and office spaces, tourism and high-technology uses, as well as for an information technology, all to stimulate economic growth not just in Tagblaran but the entire province;

WHEREAS, the Loon Tourism Enterprise Zone has also been identified for development, which is proposed for the development of Sandingan and Cabilao Islands as the main TEZ Islands. Such TEZ is contiguous with the PPA Cruise Tourism Port, the Loon Tourism Corridor from port vicinity to Loon town proper, the Loon-TEZ Bohol Tourism Road Network and the expansion of eco-marine and coastal tourism;

WHEREAS, Municipality of Loon is an ideal site for Tourism Enterprise Zone with its vantage location to catalyze economic development to adjacent towns being located midway of tourism clusters, transshipment to other ports thru well-paved road network, and the base for cruise tourism, with inter-regional links to Central Philippines Cruise Tourism Destinations;

WHEREAS, this Body, after discussion on the potentials of the proposed sites, recognized the foreseen impacts of ecozone development in stimulating further the economic growth in the Province of Bohol, thus, found it worthy of favorable endorsement to the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), and to other agencies that may be able to assist in the development of potential SEZ projects in the province;

WHEREFORE, upon proper motion duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body in a meeting duly convened -

to favorably endorse the Proposed Establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in Strategic Areas of the Province of Bohol to the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), and other National Government Agencies for Support and Technical Assistance

RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this resolution to all agencies concerned, for information, guidance and appropriate action.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

JOHN/TITUS J. VISTAL PPDC-Bohol

Head, PDC Secretariat

APPROVED:

EDGARDO M. CHATTO

Governor

Chairman, PDC-Bohol