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DTI honors top PH exporters during the National Export Congress 2018



Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Ramon M. Lopez (10th from right) with Trade and Investments Promotion Group (TIPG) Undersecretary Nora K. Terrado (11th from left), Export Marketing Bureau (EMB) Director Senen M. Perlada (10th from left) and Philippine Exporters Confederation Inc. (PhilExport) President Sergio Ortiz-Luis Jr. (11th from right) with the representatives from the 23 Philippine companies who received their respective awards during the National Export Congress (NEC).

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Ramon M. Lopez, together with **Trade and Investments Promotion Group (TIPG) Undersecretary Nora K. Terrado**, **Export Marketing Bureau (EMB) Director Senen M. Perlada**, and **Philippine Exporters Confederation Inc. (PhilExport) President Sergio Ortiz-Luis Jr.** has awarded 23 Philippine companies for their exceptional report performance during the National Export Congress (NEC) on 7 December 2018 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City.

The awardees were recognized for their competitiveness, track record, excellence and innovation in the delivery of services, and continued contributions to the country's export revenue. Through the recognition, the DTI acknowledges the hard work of the country's top exporters, who serve as a testament to the strong partnership between the public and private sector in pursuing the Philippines' inclusive export development.

"Let me thank the export community for the contribution to the much needed export revenue. Your efforts keep our economy growing and your business provides much needed job to our countrymen. Through this event dedicated to the export sector, we hope that you continue to help our country towards sustainable growth and development.

Despite the odds and challenges, you still continue to do what's best to make your sector thrive. For that, I salute your resilience," says Sec. Lopez.

This year's Hall of Fame Awardees are Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction (HHIC) Philippines Inc. for machinery and transport equipment, Taganito HPAL Nickel Corporation for minerals, and Shin-Etsu Magnetics Philippines for electronic equipment and parts.

Given the Top Sectoral Awards were Amkor Technology Philippines Inc. for electronics, HHIC Philippines Inc. for machinery and transport equipment, LEAR Automotive (SVCS) Netherlands for motor vehicle parts (ignition wiring sets), Petron Corporation for chemicals, New Davao Oil Mill Inc. for coconut oil, and SCAD Services PTE LTD for woodcrafts and furniture.

Other awardees were Takata (Philippines) Corporation for automotive parts, components, and accessories, Taganito HPAL Nickel Corporation for minerals, Shin-Etsu Magnetics Philippines for electronic equipment and parts, Sumifru (Philippines) Corporation for fresh fruits (bananas), L7T International Group Philippines Inc. for apparel; and Nestle Philippines Inc. for processed food and beverages.

Meanwhile, the Excellence Award for Services was conferred to Toon City Animation (Morph Animation Inc.) for animation services, Golden ABC Inc. (Penshoppe Brand) for franchising services, GameOps. Inc for game development services, ADEC Innovations for Information Technology and Business Process Management (IT-BPM) services (knowledge process outsourcing on environmental management solutions), and Orange and Bronze Software Labs Inc. for IT services (software development).

Also, the Most Outstanding RIPPLES Plus Award was conferred to Peter Pail Philippine Corporation for Luzon, Profood International Corporation for Visayas, and Malagos Agri-ventures Corporation for Mindanao.

The NEC was organized by the DTI-EMB as part of the National Export Week (NEW), together with PhilExport, Export Development Council (EDC), Board of Investments (BOI), Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM) and Competitiveness Bureau (CB). The event aims to increase the reach of Filipino exporters, aside from urging them to keep exporting.

This year, the event introduced many firsts including the conduct of the Logistics Services Philippines (LSPH) Conference and Exhibition organized with the Competitiveness Bureau (CB), Business Matching Hub, and Export Enablers Exhibit.

"We have to stimulate the exporting community so they can take advantage of the opportunities of the global market. We have to promote exporters, develop their capabilities, and make sure they will be able to sustain their exports," says Perlada, who is also the Executive Director of the Export Development Council (EDC).

The LSPH and Export Enablers exhibit served as a venue for the participants to connect with government agencies, logistics providers, and other business organizations. The exhibits also provided delegates with updates on the country's current regulations and market prospects.

Another first during the NEC 2018 was the development of the NEC App which was made available via App Store and Google Play. Through the app, the participants were given access to the event agenda and the list of speakers in one platform. It also enabled them to connect with their fellow attendees and share photos on social media.