

Republic of the Philippines

Tourism Infrastructure & Enterprise Zone Authority

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Hon. ROY A. CIMATU

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Thru:

Ms. MA. LOURDES G. FERRER, CESO III

Regional Executive Director, DENR IV-B/ Member, San Vicente TEZ Secretariat

Dear Hon. Secretary Cimatu:

Greetings from the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA)!

Pursuant to our mandate to designate, regulate and supervise Tourism Enterprise Zones (TEZs) as provided in Republic Act No. 9593 otherwise known as the Tourism Act of 2009, the entire Municipality of San Vicente in Palawan was designated as a Flagship TEZ on 29 September 2015. Prior to its designation, the TIEZA and the Municipal Government of San Vicente executed a Memorandum of Agreement dated 16 March 2015, creating the San Vicente Flagship TEZ (SVFTEZ) Management Committee (SVT ManCom), who will be the interim TEZ Operator in the joint management of the SVFTEZ by the Department of Tourism (DOT), TIEZA, Municipal Government of San Vicente and the Private Sector Association.

Relative to the implementation of the Integrated Tourism Master Plan (ITMP) and joint management of the SVFTEZ, the Private Sector Association have constantly raised the issue on the moratorium on land titling. This issue have been taking a toll on the Municipality's economy and complicated the processing of permits both for investors and land holders. Thus, in its virtual meeting last 05 November 2020, the SVT ManCom resolved to support the representation of the San Vicente FTEZ Private Sector Association to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Provincial Government of Palawan for the lifting of the moratorium on land titling.

In this regard, we respectfully endorse the copy of the Letter Request from the United Tourism Enterprise Association and the SVT ManCom Resolution No. 11-05-20-III.B.4 entitled "A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY ENDORSING TO GOVERNOR JOSE CHAVES ALVAREZ OF THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN THE LETTER FROM THE UNITED TOURISM ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION (Uni-TEA), THE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED PRIVATE SECTOR ASSOCIATION OF THE SAN VICENTE FLAGSHIP TOURISM ENTERPRISE ZONE, TO LIFT THE MORATORIUM IMPOSED ON ALL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO LAND TITLING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN VICENTE, PALAWAN, THE COUNTRY'S FIRST FLAGSHIP TOURISM ENTERPRISE ZONE AND PILOT ECO-TOWN".

Thank you and we look forward to continuing our partnership with you in working for the country's sustainable tourism.

Very truly yours,

MARK T. LAPID

Chief Operating Officer/
Chairperson, SVT ManCom

