



United Tourism Enterprise Association

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Re: Urgent Request to:

- A) Lift the Moratorium on the Issuance of Property Titles in San Vicente, Palawan
- B) Support for the reclassification of tourism related lands from Forestry to A&D

Dear Sir,

Our organization, The United Tourism Enterprise Association (Uni-TEA), the officially recognized association of the San Vicente Tourism Enterprise Zone (SVTEZ) seeks the urgent assistance of your office to urge relevant government agencies to move for:

A/ the lifting of the moratorium for land titling in the municipality of San Vicente, Palawan;

B/ reclassify San Vicente timberland with good potential for tourism development into alienable and disposable (A&D) properties.

We site the following reasons for this urgent request:

1/ San Vicente has been declared a Tourism Economic Zone. However, most of the land in the municipality is not yet titled due to the moratorium. This is a major hindrance to development as finance and capital can not be generated from untitled land.

2/ Majority of the beach areas in the municipality including Barangay Port Barton, Sto Nino, New Canipo, Cuaban and Binga are still classified as timberland despite the operation of many tourism related establishments in those barangays.

3/ Permit requirements to own and operate tourism establishments require solid instrument of ownership.

4/ The moratorium and the outdated classification of land runs counter to the intention of Government and the private sector to develop San Vicente as a major international tourism destination.

We hope that your office can help us in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

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President

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