



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4270

BY REPRESENTATIVES TREÑAS, ARNAIZ AND MANDANAS, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 671

AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE CITIES DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR ASIA OR ITS SUCCESSORS FROM THE PAYMENT OF GIFT, FRANCHISE, SPECIFIC, PERCENTAGE, REAL PROPERTY, EXCHANGE, IMPORT, EXPORT AND OTHER TAXES, AND THE MEMBERS OF ITS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL STAFF FROM PAYMENT OF INCOME AND VALUE-ADDED TAX

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. The Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) is an
2 established Asia-wide regional technical assistance partnership facility
3 supported by the Asian Development Bank, and several of its Member
4 Countries' Governments for the purpose of providing assistance to Asian
5 countries, specifically medium-sized cities located in urban provinces, to
6 bridge the gap between their development plans and the implementation of
7 their infrastructure investments.

8 SEC. 2. The provisions of existing laws or ordinances notwithstanding,
9 the CDIA or its successors shall be exempt from payment of gift, franchise,
10 specific, percentage, real property, exchange, import, export and other taxes

1 provided under existing laws and ordinances. This exemption shall extend to
2 goods imported and owned by the CDIA to be leased or used by non-Filipino
3 members of its staff.

4 SEC. 3. All gifts, bequests, donations and contributions given to the
5 CDIA from any source whatsoever, or which it may grant to any individual or
6 nonprofit organization for educational or scientific purpose, shall be exempt
7 from payment of the taxes imposed under Title III of the National Internal
8 Revenue Code. All gifts, contributions and donations to the CDIA shall be
9 considered as allowable deductions for purposes of determining the income tax
10 of the donor.

11 SEC. 4. Non-Filipino citizens on the technical and scientific staff of the
12 CDIA shall be exempt from the payment of income tax on salaries and stipends
13 in dollars received solely and by reason of service rendered to the CDIA.

14 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* -- If any part, section or provision of this
15 Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby
16 shall remain in full force and effect.

17 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* -- All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
18 regulations or other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
19 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

20 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* -- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
21 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of
22 general circulation.

Approved,