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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KALIBO, AKLAN TESDA PIÑA HANDLOOM WEAVING TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the
2 “Kalibo, Aklan TESDA Piña Handloom Weaving Training and
3 Assessment Center Act”.

4 SEC. 2. *Establishment.* – There is hereby established a
5 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)

1 Piña Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center in the
2 Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan, under the supervision of
3 the TESDA, to be known as the Kalibo, Aklan TESDA Piña
4 Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center.

5 SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* – The Kalibo, Aklan Piña TESDA
6 Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center, hereinafter
7 referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide training and skills
8 development programs to students, out-of-school youths, and
9 residents from low-income families and indigenous communities,
10 including persons with disabilities (PWDs), in the Municipality of
11 Kalibo and the rest of the localities in the Province of Aklan, geared
12 towards the acquisition of practical livelihood, employable skills,
13 gainful employment, and entrepreneurship in the art, trade and
14 business of handloom weaving of both natural and synthetic
15 materials, particularly from piña fiber.

16 The Center shall provide the continuous development and
17 upgrading of the traditional folk craft of piña handloom weaving as
18 a livelihood and economic activity, and in harnessing its market
19 potential for both domestic and for export demand. It shall elevate
20 the indigenous skills, practical know-how and techniques of
21 traditional piña handloom weaving into a competitive Filipino skills
22 and artistry of global standards.

23 The Center shall help train local residents to become
24 competitive middle to high-level skilled labor force to hasten the
25 socioeconomic development of the Municipality of Kalibo and the
26 adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan, in particular, and to

1 meet the manpower standards for both local and international labor
2 markets, in general, for handwoven piña cloth products.

3 The Center shall consider in the design of relevant piña
4 handloom weaving training programs to be offered thereat an
5 assessment of the socioeconomic profile, employment opportunities,
6 business climate, market and industry potentials, resources
7 available, and presence of support structures such as financing and
8 marketing assistance, including the overall development impact of
9 handloom weaving industry to the economic activities of the host
10 Municipality of Kalibo and to the adjacent communities within the
11 operational radius of the Center established herein. The Center
12 shall likewise consider the relevant skills competencies,
13 craftsmanship and entrepreneurship training programs and
14 activities needed to deliver the effective livelihood, employment, and
15 other necessary development interventions required to make the
16 Municipality of Kalibo and the rest of the localities in the Province
17 of Aklan as human resource and productivity hubs for piña
18 handloom weaving.

19 Preference in training admission and selection shall be given
20 to the most disadvantaged residents, including indigenous and
21 PWDs, and to the most economically depressed areas of the
22 Municipality of Kalibo and the adjacent localities in the Province of
23 Aklan within the service radius of the Center herein established.

24 The Center, in coordination with the Department of Education
25 (DepEd), the TESDA, the Philippine Textile Research Institute
26 (PTRI), and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts
27 (NCCA), shall offer relevant teachers' training assistance

1 and curriculum design to the secondary schools providing the
2 technical-vocational livelihood (TVL) track under the K to 12
3 Program of the DepEd in the Municipality of Kalibo and the
4 adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan.

5 SEC. 4. *Training Programs.* – The Center shall offer diverse
6 short-term certificate courses and modular trainings in skills and
7 trades, specialization in handloom weaving geared towards
8 achieving the development of a robust inclusive economy within the
9 host area and each of the adjacent localities and communities in the
10 province within the operational radius of the Center, in consultation
11 with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE),
12 Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of
13 Agriculture (DA), Department of the Interior and Local Government
14 (DILG), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), National
15 Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), PTRI, NCCA,
16 business-industry partners, and such other relevant agencies, both
17 local and international

18 The Center may establish research and technology hubs,
19 technology development farms, mobile training programs, and
20 satellite or extension training centers for handloom weaving
21 technology, skills standardization, design concepts, and product
22 commercialization in priority areas throughout the Province of
23 Aklan to create a strong business position and market presence, as
24 well as increased competitive productivity for handloom weaving
25 and product demand.

26 To address the development and manpower needs for skilled
27 artists, craftsmen, artisans, and designers of the Municipality of

1 Kalibo and the other adjacent localities of the Province of Aklan,
2 including the international market, the Center shall offer the
3 following TESDA-registered training programs with competencies
4 assessment leading to National Certification Levels I-III:

5 (a) Skills training in handloom weaving through the use of
6 emerging new techniques and methods, and operation of small and
7 medium-scale handloom weaving machinery and equipment,
8 especially for piña hand weaving;

9 (b) Short-term basic skills trainings and seminars focused on
10 the reintroduction of handloom weaving, revival of traditional
11 handloom weaving techniques and designs, including funding and
12 infrastructure support for handloom machines and equipment, and
13 relevant market information on product promotion in both domestic
14 and international trade exposition;

15 (c) Practical training methods in the use of natural and
16 synthetic fiber materials, including piña fiber, modern cloth-making
17 technology, and development and production of alternative
18 handloom weaving materials and sources;

19 (d) Training programs on handloom weaving design concepts
20 in both indigenous patterns and modern designs, and product
21 diversification and uses, specifically for piña cloth;

22 (e) Livelihood trainings and small business literacy programs
23 on accelerated institutionalization and commercialization of
24 Philippine handloom weaving training especially for piña cloth, and
25 end products in all aspects promoting handloom weaving through
26 research and development, production support and extension,
27 education and training, fiber processing and utilization

1 technologies, market promotion and investment facilitation,
2 infrastructure development, standard implementation and trade
3 regulation, including international demand benchmarking for
4 handloom-made products;

5 (f) Strengthening collaboration of the various handloom
6 weaving industry stakeholders, and development of the handloom
7 weaving fiber sector;

8 (g) Basic business literacy training in financial management
9 and marketing, practical accountancy, bookkeeping and office
10 procedures, business processes and application procedures including
11 registration, licensing, documentation, business patent and
12 intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment
13 opportunities sourcing, import-export accreditation, including online
14 home-based business operation and use of social media business
15 marketing; and

16 (h) Other relevant trainings that may be needed by the people
17 of Kalibo and the Province of Aklan to enhance their capacities for
18 practical livelihood, gainful employment and entrepreneurship
19 skills specifically focused in the development potentials of handloom
20 weaving industry for piña cloth weaving commercialization and
21 marketing.

22 *SEC. 5. Compliance with TESDA Requirements.* – The
23 provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the Center established
24 herein shall become operationally effective only upon the
25 determination and declaration of the TESDA, through the issuance
26 of a formal recommendation and certificate of compliance, that the
27 Center has satisfactorily complied with the minimum requirements

1 for quality standards prescribed by the TESDA governing the
2 following competency assessment criteria:

3 (a) Standard procedures and guidelines (SPGs) for the
4 establishment and operation of TESDA-accredited training center;

5 (b) Operational sustainability of the Center established
6 herein, in terms of the availability of licensed or accredited skilled
7 faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment, training and laboratory
8 facilities, instructional materials, and other standard requirements
9 as TESDA-accredited Center for handloom weaving;

10 (c) Sustainable funding source and allocation of budget
11 requirement of the Center herein established;

12 (d) Assurance that the training programs offered on
13 handloom weaving specialization are fully aligned with
14 the minimum standards of competency-based quality
15 technical-vocational skills in the context of the Association of
16 Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Philippine Qualifications
17 Framework (PQF) benchmarking for technical-vocational education;
18 and

19 (e) Compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and
20 standards in establishing a TESDA-accredited training center, as
21 may be applicable.

22 SEC. 6. *Administration.* – The Center shall be headed by a
23 Technical-Vocational Administrator, under the supervision of the
24 TESDA, who shall render full-time service and be responsible for
25 the administration and operation of the Center.

26 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by
27 the TESDA Director General in accordance with Civil Service

1 Commission rules and regulations and the qualification
2 requirements for such office.

3 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into
4 mutual agreements with locally-based private and public
5 counterpart agencies or instrumentalities and persons, subject to
6 approval by the TESDA Director General, for such assistance as
7 may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

8 *SEC. 7. Appropriations.* – The amount needed to implement
9 the provisions of this Act, and its continued implementation
10 thereafter, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
11 Act.

12 The local government units (LGUs) concerned, in consultation
13 with the TESDA, shall likewise set aside from any available local
14 revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund
15 to support the operation of the Center established herein.

16 *SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within
17 ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the TESDA, shall, in
18 coordination with DOLE, DTI, DOST, DA, the Department of
19 Budget and Management (DBM), DILG, NEDA, PTRI, NCCA,
20 concerned LGUs, and such other relevant agencies and
21 industry-business partners of the host locality of Kalibo, prepare
22 and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
23 implementation of this Act.

24 *SEC. 9. Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section
25 or provision of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid,
26 the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and
27 shall remain in force and effect.

1 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders,
2 decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or
3 inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or
4 amended accordingly.

5 SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
6 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper
7 of general circulation.

Approved,

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