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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1772

Introduced by Representatives Peter "Sr. Pedro" M. Unabia,
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RESOLUTION
REQUESTING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE,
TO INCREASE THE BUDGET FOR FY 2019 FOR THE PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs),
SPECIFICALLY THE KAPATID MENTOR ME PROGRAM,
THE SHARED SERVICE FACILITIES PROJECT AND THE
TRADE FAIRS OF THE BUREAU OF DOMESTIC TRADE PROMOTION

WHEREAS, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) comprise 99.57% of all businesses in the country, of which 89.63% are micro, 9.5% small and 0.44% medium;

WHEREAS, such MSMEs employ 63.3% of the total labor force, and contribute 35.7% to total value added;

WHEREAS, among the barriers to the growth of MSMEs are low productivity and efficiency, and the lack of access to market;

WHEREAS, the strategies of the Department of Trade and Industry in support of MSMEs are focused on the provision of access to finance, business opportunities and capacity building, among others;

WHEREAS, during the 2017 ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, His Excellency, President Rodrigo Duterte announced: (1) to build the capacities of MSMEs, which form the backbone of the ASEAN's collective economy, in order to make them active and competitive players in the national, regional, and global economies; (2) to help the MSMEs integrate into the national/regional value chains; and (3) to increase the budget to support MSMEs;

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry implements the Kapatid Mentor ME Program which provides micro and small entrepreneurs with the necessary capability and linkages to financing and marketing through weekly coaching and mentoring by business owners and practitioners in different areas of entrepreneurship and business operations;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Kapatid Mentor ME Program is also in line with the Philippine Development Plan 2017 – 2022 to provide financial literacy training for MSMEs;

WHEREAS, the budget of the DTI for the Kapatid Mentor ME Program for FY 2018 is only P150 Million;

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry implements the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Project, which aims to improve the competitiveness, productivity and efficiency of MSMEs by providing them with machinery, equipment, tools, systems, skills and knowledge under a shared system;

WHEREAS, the budget of the DTI for the SSF Project for FY 2018 is only ₱1 Billion;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion (BDTP) of the Department of Trade and Industry conducts trade fairs, as a tool for the efficient marketing of local products and services;

WHEREAS, the budget of the BDTP for FY 2018 is only ₱20.6 Million for the conduct of two (2) major Sikat Pinoy trade fairs;

WHEREAS, the BDTP will mount an additional two (2) trade fairs in FY 2018 funded under the General Appropriations Act;

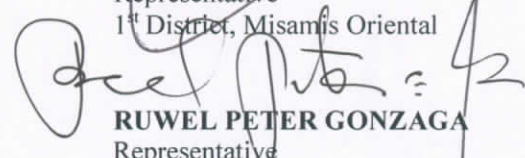
WHEREAS, the BDTP needs ₱44 Million to enable it to conduct four (4) major trade fairs in FY 2019;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development, in its meeting with the Department of Trade and Industry on February 27, 2018, has determined the need for the allocation of additional funds for the Mentor ME Program, the SSF and the trade fairs of the BDTP in the General Appropriations Act for FY 2019;

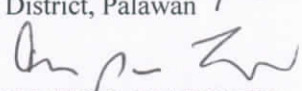
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved, to request His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, to increase the budget for FY 2019 for the following programs/projects for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs): Kapatid Mentor ME Program in the amount of ~~₱300~~ Million, the Shared Service Facilities Project in the amount of ₱1.5 Billion, and the trade fairs of the Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion in the amount of ₱44 Million.

Adopted,

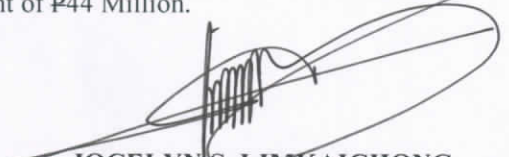

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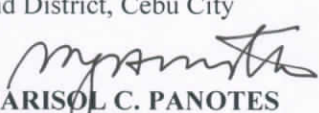

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