# BUILDING ON PAST GAINS

FINANCE SECRETARY CARLOS G. DOMINGUEZ MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES JANUARY 23, 2018, SHANGRI-LA AT THE FORT



This administration was voted to office on the promise of change. It intends to deliver on that.

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To fulfill this mandate, we started the year with the implementation of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion or the TRAIN law.

#### TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION



while also raising the resources needed to invest in our infrastructure and people

### This is the first time in our history that we passed a tax reform without a crisis and without an external force telling us what to do

#### This is also the first time we did a tax reform whose main purpose is not debt and deficit reduction, but rather **poverty and inequality reduction**

## BUILD MASS URBAN TRANSPORT, AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS MORE BRIDGES AND ROADS



**MORE RAILWAYS**,

Investments in our infrastructure will open many more opportunities in the economy

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# PACKAGE 1B

- Congress is now finalizing this package
  Covers estate and general amnesty, bank secrecy relaxation, automatic exchange of information, and the adjustment in the motor vehicle user charge
- We expect Congress to pass this by March 2018

#### PACKAGE 2 (submitted last January 15, 2018) - Corporate taxation and fiscal incentives

#### **PACKAGE 2 plus** (by the end of the month)

- Taxes on tobacco, alcohol, mining, coal, and casinos

## PACKAGE 3 and 4 (July 2018)

- Property taxation
- Passive income and financial taxes

#### We are not navigating blindly in pursuing these reforms. Instead, we are marching forward guided by the paths already paved before us



The country's first-ever Philippine Tax Academy will improve professionalism and competency in our revenue agencies, both national and local

We thank the Arroyo administration for courageously passing the VAT reform in 2005

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We also acknowledge the passage of the Tax Incentive Management and Transparency Act, or TIMTA, under the Aquino administration

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## **2015 INCOME TAX INCENTIVES**

SECTOR		INCENTIVES	INCENTIVES AS PERCENTAGE OF NTI
MANUFACTURING	240 BILLION	37 BILLION	16 %
SERVICES	327 BILLION	27 BILLION	8 %
ENERGY	81 BILLION	11 BILLION	14 %

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# In 2015 alone, we gave away a total of **301 BILLION PESOS**

worth of income, VAT, and customs duty incentives to various firms, and this does not yet include local taxes forgone and leakages

## **Tax Incentives System**

**BOARD OF** INVESTMENTS

Maximizing Opportunities for a Stronger Philippine Economy



- 14 Investment promotion agencies (IPAs): the BOI, PEZA, and 12 other special economic zone authorities, which are authorized to grant tax incentives under their respective charters.
- 123 investment laws and 210 non-investment laws that provide tax incentives.
- Income Tax Holiday (ITH) is the centerpiece of the incentives system followed by the 5% Gross Income Earned (GIE) tax, and customs duty exemption. The GIE is given indefinitely and is in lieu of income, VAT, and local taxes.
- Since 2015, Tax Incentives Management and Transparency Act (TIMTA) law requires reporting of the tax incentives granted for registered investments.



• **50 years** of picking winners thru the IPP, which started in 1968 (RA 5186).

We will continue to fervently champion and improve upon praiseworthy programs, such as the TIMTA, to institute bold reforms that we need to move our country forward

The comprehensive tax reform program will enable our government to deliver the promise of change so that everyone is accorded with equal opportunities

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