# WELCOME REMARKS

FINANCE SECRETARY CARLOS G. DOMINGUEZ SULONG PILIPINAS AGRIBUSINESS SUMMIT 2019 DECEMBER 17, 2019 | DAVAO CITY





### SULONG PILIPINAS 2016 HAPPENED IN THE MIDST OF HECTIC PREPARATIONS FOR THE TRANSITION TO A NEW PRESIDENCY



#### O-10 POINT SOCIO-ECONOMIC AGENDA

# ULTIMATE GOAL: POVERTY REDUCTION

STATE OF THE PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE SECTOR



REFORMS THAT
WILL BENEFIT
AGRICULTURE
SECTOR

### 0-10 POINT SOCIO-ECONOMIC AGENDA OF THE DUTERTE ADMINISTRATION



Peace and Order Stability



Continue macroeconomic policies



Tax Reform



Ease of Doing Business



Rural Development



Land Administration



Human Capital Development



Massive Infrastructure Build-Up



Science and Technology



Social Protection Program



Reproductive Health

#### COMPREHENSIVE TAX REFORM PROGRAM

The tax reform program seeks to make the tax system



It also seeks to create a **LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR BUSINESS** and **GENERATE A RELIABLE REVENUE PROCESS** to support both economic investments and more robust social services.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION LAW (TRAIN LAW-PACKAGE 1)

#### We are putting more money in people's pocket.



Shifted to a simplified Personal Income Tax (PIT) system, and reduces the max rate to 30% over time



Restructured the tax for micro enterprises/ self-employed to an optional flat tax rate of 8%



Reduced and restructured the donor's tax to a single rate of 6%



Reduced and restructured the estate tax to a single rate of 6%

#### We are funding investments for our people for a more inclusive growth.



Broadened the VAT system by reducing the number of unnecessary exemptions.



Increased the excise tax on petroleum products gradually.



Simplified excise tax on automobiles.



Introduced a tax on sweetened beverages.



Introduced and updated taxes on: cosmetic procedures, coal excise, mining, tobacco, foreign currency deposits, capital gains, stock transactions, and documentary stamp taxes.

#### GAME-CHANGING REFORMS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



**EASE OF DOING BUSINESS LAW** 



**NATIONAL I.D. SYSTEM** 



**RICE TARIFFICATION LAW** 



UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM



**BUILD, BUILD PROGRAM** 

The law creates a unified business application form to make it easier to put up or renew business licenses in the Philippines.

The law will pave the way for efficient delivery of services and strengthen financial inclusion.

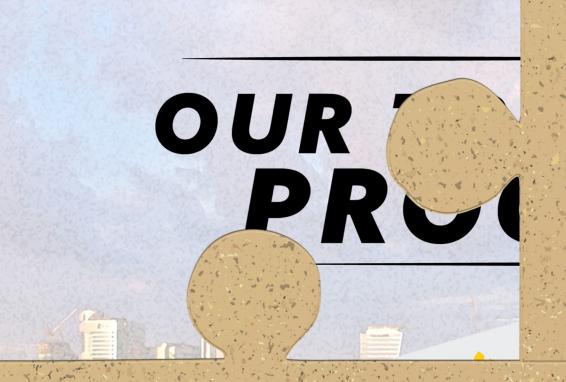
This promotes food security by lowering the price of rice for every Filipino family and opens up the rice market to both imports and domestic production.

Filipinos will now be considered to possess immediate eligibility for and have access to the full spectrum of health care.

The massive infrastructure modernization program will open many investment opportunities and create numerous jobs for our people. It will support the diversification of economic activities in the domestic economy and improve our competitiveness.

#### SULONG PILIPINAS WORKSHOPS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY



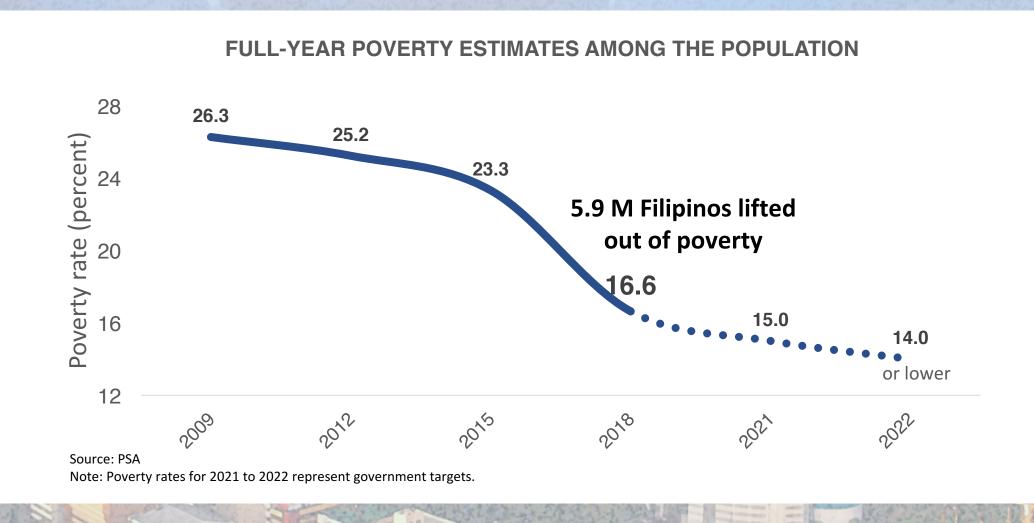


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### POVERTY INCIDENCE DECLINED TO 16.6 PERCENT IN 2018 FROM 23.3 PERCENT IN 2015

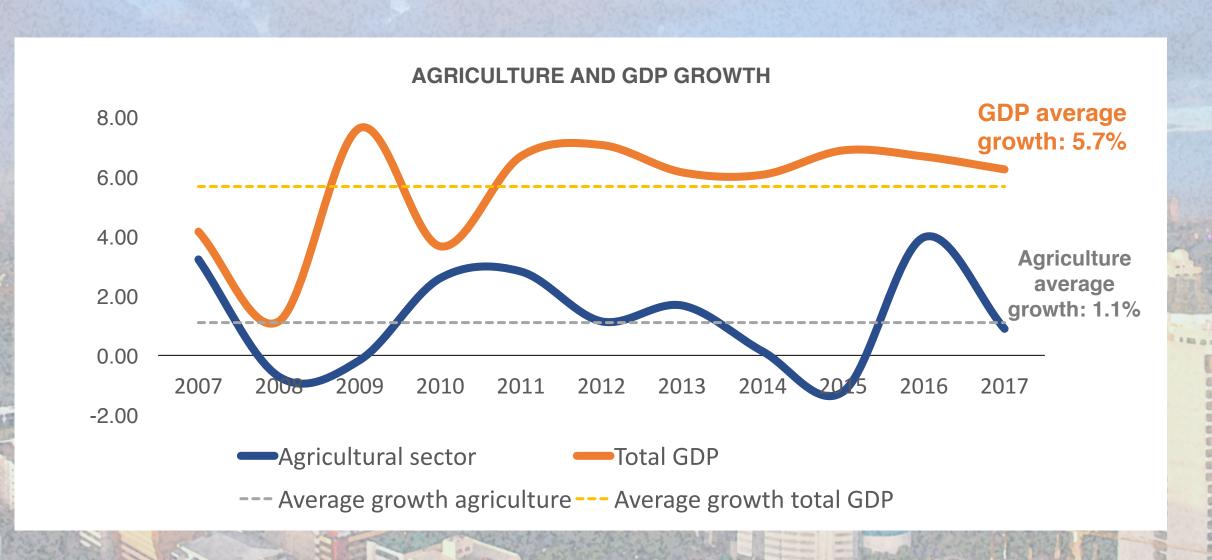


# OUR TRAINTO PROGRESS

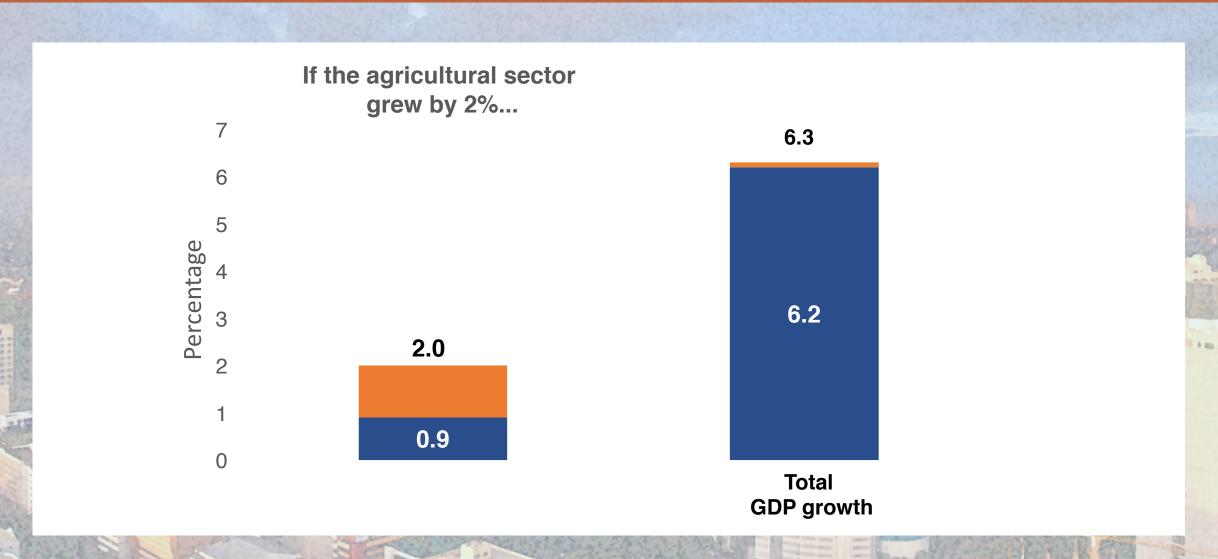
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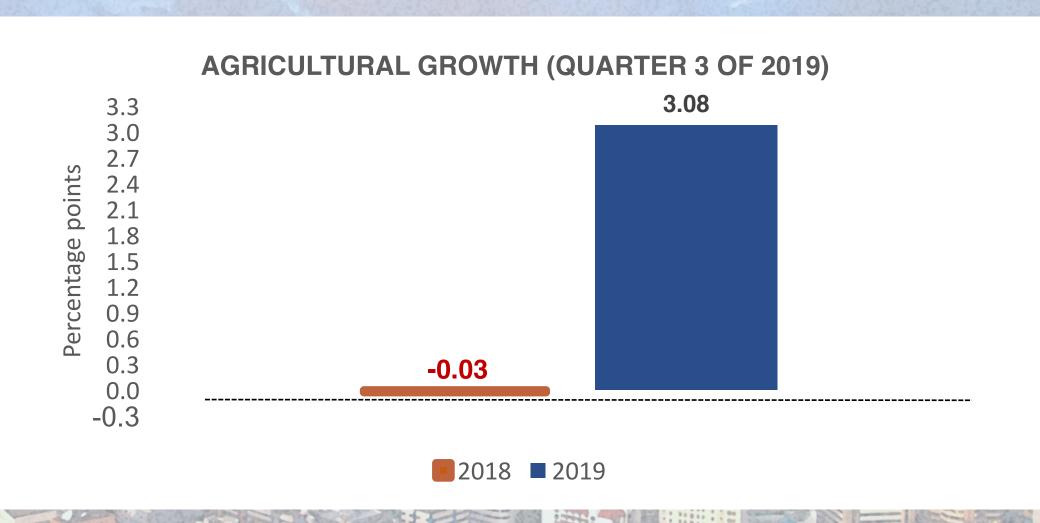
### FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, OUR AGRICULTURE ONLY GREW AT AN AVERAGE OF 1.1 PERCENT

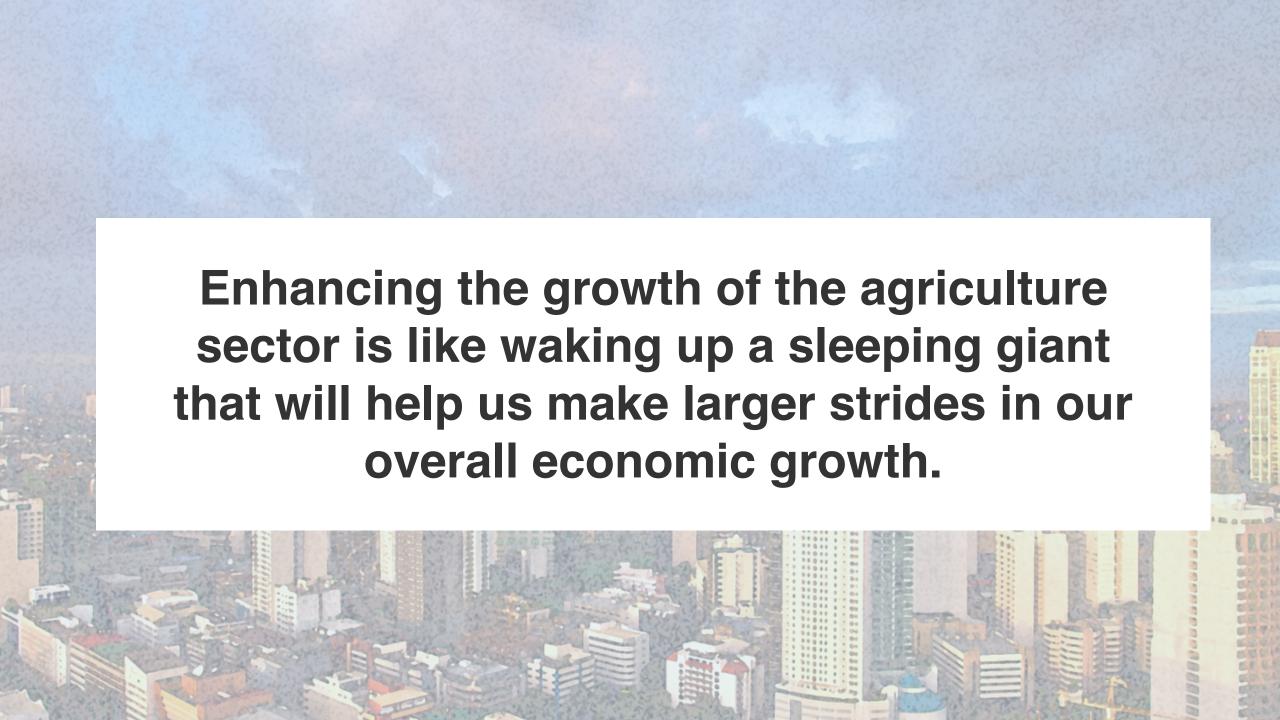


# IN 2018, IF AGRICULTURE GREW BY 2 PERCENT INSTEAD OF LESS THAN 1 PERCENT, OVERALL GDP GROWTH COULD HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT HIGHER

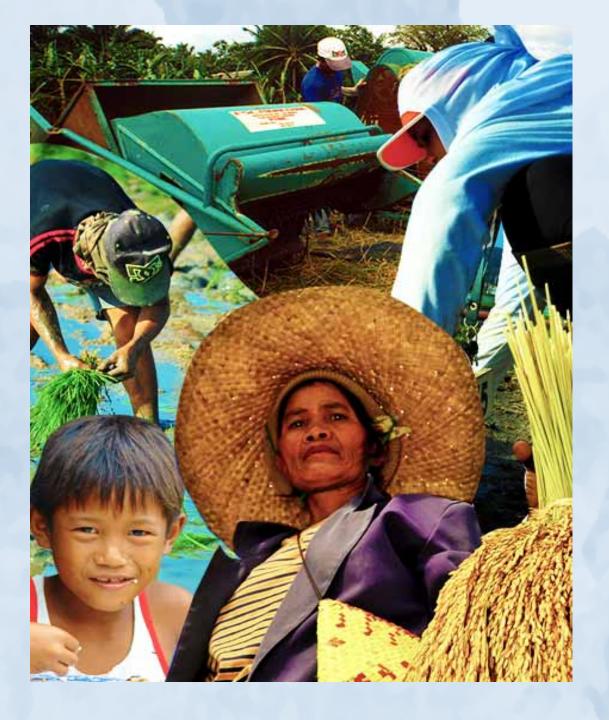


### AGRICULTURE GREW BY 3.1 PERCENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER THIS YEAR VS 0.03 PERCENT CONTRACTION RECORDED LAST YEAR









# RICE TARIFFICATION LAW (R.A. 11203)

Signed into law on February 14, 2019

- Promotes **food security** by lowering the price of rice for every Filipino family.
- Promotes **competition** by opening up the rice market to both imports and domestic production.
- Supports domestic rice production as it mandates the National Food Authority (NFA) to source the emergency buffer stock solely from local farmers.
- Provides funds for farmer education and mechanization to **improve productivity**.

#### CITIRA BILL HIGHLIGHTS

Reduction of corporate income tax rates

This will bring our tax regime closer to the regional average, help us attract investments to fuel our economic growth, and benefit small and medium enterprises that employ the biggest number of Filipinos.

Rationalization of fiscal incentives

This will create a level playing field for our enterprises and attract new players to compete.





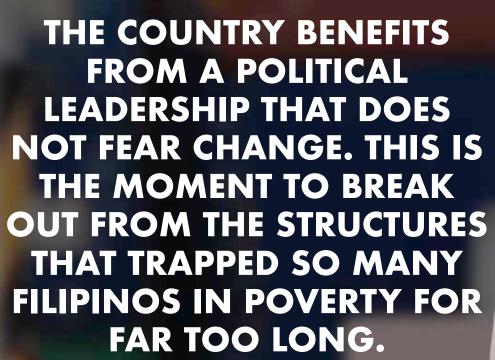


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