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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION
AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)
TRAINING CENTER FOR PIÑA HANDLOOM WEAVING 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)
6 Piña Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center in the
7 Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan, under the supervision of
8 the TESDA, to be known as the Kalibo, Aklan TESDA Piña
9 Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center. It shall be
10 established in a highly accessible location in the Municipality of
11 Kalibo, Province of Aklan, pursuant to the purposes of this Act and

1 to the mutual agreement between the TESDA and the concerned
2 local government units (LGUs).

3 SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* – The Kalibo, Aklan Piña
4 TESDA Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center,
5 hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide
6 technical-vocational education and training (TVET) programs to
7 students, local residents from low-income families, and out-of-school
8 youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples,
9 in the Municipality of Kalibo and adjacent localities in the Province
10 of Aklan, to help them become productive, self-reliant and globally
11 competitive labor assets in the art, craft, and trade of handloom
12 weaving, particularly of piña fiber.

13 The Center shall offer training programs on relevant skills
14 competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities
15 needed to deliver the effective employment interventions that will
16 hasten the development of the Municipality of Kalibo and adjacent
17 localities in the Province of Aklan into human resource and
18 productivity hubs in meeting the manpower qualification standards
19 of both local and international labor markets for piña handloom
20 weaving.

21 The Center shall serve as TESDA-accredited Assessment
22 Center for acquired competencies in TVET programs for handloom
23 weaving in the Municipality of Kalibo and adjacent localities in the
24 Province of Aklan. It shall also provide teachers' training and
25 curriculum design assistance to the secondary schools offering the
26 technical-vocational livelihood (TVL) track under the K to 12
27 Program in coordination with the Department of Education

1 (DepEd), TESDA, Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI), and
2 the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

3 SEC. 4. *Training Programs.* – The Center shall offer diverse
4 short-term certificate courses and modular trainings in skills
5 specialization in handloom weaving. To this end, the Department of
6 Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and
7 Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST),
8 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), National
9 Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), PTRI, NCCA,
10 business-industry partners, and other relevant agencies and
11 instrumentalities, both local and international, shall provide the
12 necessary assistance to enable the Center to develop skilled and
13 competitive manpower to achieve a robust and inclusive economy in
14 the host area and adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan.

15 The Center may establish research and technology hubs,
16 technology development farms, satellite or extension training
17 centers, and promote mobile training programs for handloom
18 weaving technology, skills standardization, design concepts, and
19 product commercialization geared towards the acquisition of
20 practical livelihood, employable skills, gainful employment, and
21 entrepreneurship in priority areas in the Municipality of Kalibo and
22 adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan.

23 To address the manpower needs for skilled artists, craftsmen,
24 and designers for handloom weaving, the Center shall offer the
25 following TESDA-registered training programs with competencies
26 assessment leading to National Certification Levels I-III:

27 (a) Skills training in handloom weaving through the use of
28 emerging new techniques and methods, and operation of small and

1 medium-scale handloom weaving machinery and equipment,
2 especially for piña hand weaving;

3 (b) Short-term basic skills trainings and seminars focused on
4 the re-introduction of handloom weaving, revival of traditional
5 handloom weaving techniques and designs, funding and
6 infrastructure support for handloom machines and equipment, and
7 relevant market information on product promotion in both domestic
8 and international trade exposition;

9 (c) Practical training methods in the use of natural and
10 synthetic fiber materials, piña fiber, modern cloth-making
11 technology, and development and production of alternative
12 handloom weaving materials and sources;

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

16 (e) Livelihood trainings and small business literacy programs
17 on the institutionalization and commercialization of Philippine
18 handloom weaving training, especially for piña cloth and end
19 products, in all aspects promoting handloom weaving through
20 research and development, production support and extension,
21 education and training, fiber processing and utilization
22 technologies, market promotion and investment facilitation,
23 infrastructure development, standards implementation and trade
24 regulation, including international demand benchmarking for
25 handloom-made products;

26 (f) Strengthening collaboration of the various handloom
27 weaving industry stakeholders, and development of the handloom
28 weaving fiber sector;

1 (g) Basic business literacy training in financial management,
2 marketing, practical accountancy, bookkeeping, office procedures,
3 business processes and application procedures including
4 registration, licensing, documentation, business patent and
5 intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment
6 opportunities sourcing, import-export accreditation, online home-
7 based business operation, and use of social media business
8 marketing; and

9 (h) Other relevant trainings that may be needed by the
10 people of Kalibo and the Province of Aklan specifically focused
11 on handloom weaving to enhance their capacities for practical
12 livelihood, gainful employment and entrepreneurial activities.

13 SEC. 5. *Compliance with TESDA Requirements.* - The
14 provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the Center shall become
15 operational only upon the determination and certification by the
16 TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and
17 certificate of compliance, that the Center has satisfactorily complied
18 with the minimum requirements for quality standards prescribed by
19 the TESDA governing the following competency assessment:

20 (a) Standard procedures and guidelines for the establishment
21 and operation of a Center;

22 (b) Operational sustainability of the Center, in terms of
23 licensed faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment, training and
24 laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and other standard
25 requirements of a Center;

26 (c) Sustainable funding source and allocation of the
27 budgetary requirement;

1 (d) Assurance that the training programs offered are fully
2 aligned with the minimum standards of competency-based quality
3 technical-vocational skills technology and the needs of the host area
4 and adjacent communities served in the context of the Association of
5 Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Integration and the Philippine
6 Qualifications Framework (PQF) for TVET; and

7 (e) Compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and
8 standards, as may be necessary and applicable in establishing a
9 Center.

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

14 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by
15 the TESDA Director General in accordance with the rules and
16 regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the qualification
17 requirements for such office.

18 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into
19 agreements with locally-based private and public counterpart
20 agencies or instrumentalities and persons, subject to the approval of
21 the TESDA Director General, for such assistance as may be
22 necessary to effectively implement this Act.

23 SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The TESDA Director General shall
24 include in the Authority's program the operation of the Center, the
25 funding of which shall be included in the annual General
26 Appropriations Act.

27 The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall
28 set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed

1 appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of
2 the Center herein established.

3 SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within
4 ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the TESDA shall, in
5 coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST, Department of Budget
6 and Management, DILG, NEDA, PTRI, NCCA, concerned LGUs,
7 and such other relevant agencies and industry-business partners
8 of the host locality, prepare and issue the necessary rules and
9 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

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

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

Approved,

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