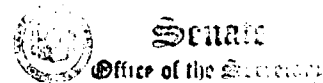


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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO LUIS FABREGAS KHO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho, giving him all the rights and privileges as well as the duties and obligations thereto under our Constitution and existing laws.

Mr. Kho is a 37-year-old Chinese national from Fujian, China, who has been residing in the Philippines since 2006. He has roots in the Philippines, through his grandfather who is a Filipino based in Isabela.

As Director General of Friends of the Philippines Foundation, a non-profit civil organization founded by The Kho Group, Mr. Kho has continuously worked to maintain a harmonious relationship between the Philippines and other ASEAN countries. Following the 2010 Rizal Park hostage-taking incident which resulted in the death of eight Hong Kong tourists and seriously injured seven more, Mr. Kho and his Foundation actively worked to help improve the strained relationship between the two countries by helping the Philippine government to finally conclude the incident and end the sanctions that were imposed on the country as a result of the incident. Mr. Kho also made significant contributions, through the Foundation, in the construction of the Northern Mindanao Wellness and Reintegration Center, a modern rehabilitation center in Malaybalay, Bukidnon. This facility aims to provide livelihood and technical skill development training for drug dependents, medical staff, health workers and volunteers. As a result of this, the Founder of the Foundation, Jose Kho, was conferred the Order of Lapu-Lapu Award Rank of Kamagi by then President Rodrigo Roa Duterte during a ceremony at the Malacañang Palace on 28 May 2018. As part of his charity work, Mr. Kho also donated a large number of urgently needed medical supplies such as test kits and personal protective equipment to the country at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Kho envisions providing an affordable and decent housing for low to middle-income households through his project "The New Manila Bay – City of Pearl." Said project is set to build more than 300,000 housing units in Metro Manila, and help relieve the city of congestion, subsequently aiding the city government in its efforts toward urban regeneration. Aside from this, he plans to bring in more investments in the future, which will surely bring economic growth and employment opportunities to more Filipinos.

Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho has spent almost twenty years of his life in the Philippines, during which he has contributed greatly to and impacted the lives of countless Filipinos. His love for the country is evident not only in the contributions he has made

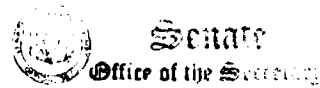
in the past, but more so by his plans of providing better lives and opportunities for our people.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

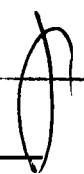
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **Section 1.** Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho is hereby granted Philippine citizenship
2 with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations
3 appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the
4 Philippines.

5 **Sec. 2.** Upon taking his Oath of Allegiance before an officer duly authorized
6 for this purpose, and the registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration,
7 Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his Philippine
8 citizenship.

9 **Sec. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of
10 Immigration shall issue Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho his Certificate of Naturalization.

11 **Sec. 4.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in at least
12 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,