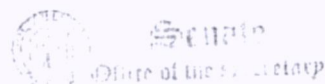


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GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KWOK HING CARLOS YEUNG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Though a national of Hong Kong (first as a territory of the United Kingdom then as a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China), Mr. Carlos Kwok-Hing Yeung has, for over 40 years, worked and lived as if he were a Filipino.

In 1978, he first came to the Philippines, fell in love and wed a Cebuana, Mariquita Salimbangon, and made Cebu not just his second home, but the home of his growing family and the focus of his ventures as an entrepreneur.

A partner of the highly successful diamond dealer Simplex Diam H.K. Ltd. in Hong Kong, Mr. Yeung soon expanded his investments to the Philippines through MSY Holdings Inc., of which he is Vice-Chairman, and whose affiliates are engaged in diverse businesses such as real estate development, the hospitality business, health and fitness, and others: Agujo Land Corporation, MFC Holdings Corporation, CY/FC Ventures Corporation, Cebu Sutherland Construction and Development Corporation and Kandaya Fitness Gym Inc.

MSY Holdings Inc. is responsible for building two distinct landmarks in Cebu: the Kandaya Resort, a luxury beach resort in Daanbantayan in northern Cebu, and the MSY Tower, the premier business address at the Cebu Business Park in Cebu City.

While his business ventures have created employment opportunities for thousands of Filipinos, it is in the area of philanthropy that Mr. Yeung excels and has touched tens of thousands of lives in Cebu and nearby provinces since 1991. Through MSY Foundation, Mr. Yeung, together with his wife, Dame Mariquita Salimbangon-Yeung, has funded the construction of health centers and the conduct of medical-surgical-dental missions in depressed areas in Cebu Province, a medical assistance program for indigent patients, assistance for the repair and reconstruction of public schools, financial assistance to poor and deserving students in the primary, secondary and tertiary levels, relief operations in times of natural calamity and support to worthy religious, social, civil and cultural projects. Its flagship project, Operation Smile, to help children with cleft lip and cleft palate, is now on its 19th year, and has given over 5,000 children new smiles and a new shot at life.

In recognition of MSY Foundation's philanthropy, its Founding Chairman, Dame Mariquita Salimbangon-Yeung, was recognized as a Papal awardee of the Order of St. Sylvester. Mr. Yeung and his wife share a home in Cebu City with their three children, who are all responsible and productive citizens of this country.

Citizenship is a high privilege as well as an awesome responsibility. It requires physical presence, integration into the community, investment in a nation's future, and a

demonstrable compassion for your fellowmen, particularly your future fellow citizens. If this is the standard, Carlos Kwok-Hing Yeung has shown that he is and should be a citizen of the Philippines.

Hence, this bill to grant him citizenship.



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

1 **Section 1.** Mr. Kwok Hing Carlos Yeung 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 **Section 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, Mr.
7 Kwok Hing Carlos shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his Philippine citizenship.

8 **Section 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of
9 Immigration shall issue Mr. Kwok Hing Carlos his Certificate of Naturalization.

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

Approved,