

DTI champions Guimaras Mangoes at IFEX Philippines 2025



Guimaras mangoes took center stage at IFEX Philippines 2025, held from May 22–24 at the World Trade Center in Pasay City. As the country's first and only GI-certified agricultural product, two tons of the famed mangoes were procured and transported directly from Guimaras by FAST Logistics for the event. Through the facilitation of DTI-SCLG, which connected FAST Logistics, CITEM, and the Guimaras Mango Growers Cooperative, FAST Logistics was able to secure prime exhibit space at the Buyers' Lounge, ensuring that the mangoes were prominently showcased to event participants.

The Guimaras Manggahan Festival booth drew significant attention and was graced by distinguished guests, including First Lady Liza Araneta Marcos, DTI Secretary Christina Aldeguer-Roque, and Senator Mark Villar. The event featured engaging activities such as the "FASTest Mango Slicing Contest" and the "TikTok Guimaras Mango Mukbang Challenge," both organized in collaboration with the Provincial Government of Guimaras. Adding a festive atmosphere to the booth, a cultural performance by Guimaras festival dancers—sponsored by Koko Mojo Mango Farm—showcased the island's vibrant heritage.



This initiative not only celebrated the exceptional quality and cultural identity of Guimaras mangoes before a global audience but also underscored the importance of strong supply chain collaboration in supporting local producers and expanding market reach.

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Speaking Out

This Section spotlights DTI-SCLG's participation in key events, where we share insights, spark dialogue, and champion progress in the logistics sector. Our goal is to be a catalyst for collaboration and meaningful change.

Supply Chain: Logistics on Location

This Section delivers firsthand accounts from our team's visits to various provinces across the Philippines. This section showcases DTI SCLG collaboration with Regional Operations Group (ROG) in the implementation of key supply chain and logistics projects, stakeholder engagement, and regional initiatives, highlighting both the unique challenges and opportunities in each location.

Building Smarter Supply Chains for SMEs

The Department of Trade and Industry – Supply Chain and Logistics Group (DTI-SCLG) gathered 18 public and private sector partners on June 18, 2025, for a ceremonial Pledge of Support to the Supply Chain and Logistics Center (SCLC). With support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and envisioned as a "go-to" hub for logistics information, advisory, and training, the SCLC aims to strengthen MSME access to cost-efficient, responsive, and tech-enabled logistics solutions.

The pledge marks a key milestone in the SCLC's rollout, with partners committing to build a more competitive and inclusive logistics ecosystem. Signatories included Airspeed, Cebu Pacific Cargo, DHL Express, F2 Logistics, FAST Logistics, Flash Express, FedEx Express, Grab, Lalamove, LBC Express, Maersk, Philippine Multimodal Transport and Logistics Association, Inc. (PMTLAI), Philippine Airlines Cargo, San Miguel Yamamura Packaging Corporation, SCMAP, 2GO, Yello X,

and Laguna Gateway Inland Container Terminal (ICTSI). With its hotline and digital portal already operational, the SCLC is set to serve as a central resource for businesses, driving collaboration toward smarter, more sustainable supply chains nationwide.



Section G: Blueprinting a Future-Ready Retail Sector



The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in partnership with the Philippine Retailers Association (PRA) and the Supply Chain Management Association of the Philippines (SCMAP), has launched the Section G: Job Blueprint for Wholesale and Retail Trade—a roadmap to strengthen a sector that employs over 10 million Filipinos and contributes ₱4.9 trillion to the economy. Developed through nationwide consultations, the Blueprint is anchored on six pillars: Consumer Centricity, Competitiveness and Cooperation, Collaboration and Public-Private Partnerships, Digital

Transformation, Human Capital Development, and Supply Chain Resilience and Integration.

The Blueprint was formally launched on June 16 at SM City North EDSA, alongside a two-day job fair with DOLE, SM, PRA, and SCMAP, attracting over 500 applicants and resulting in more than 50 on-the-spot hires. More than a policy document, Section G serves as an action platform to skill, reskill, and upskill the workforce, enhance competitiveness, and promote shared growth across the retail value chain.

DTI-SCLG's SCALE UP Program: Empowering the Logistics Workforce for Sustainable Growth



The DTI-SCLG is driving workforce development through its flagship initiative, the Supply Chain Accelerated Learning & Upskilling (SCALE UP) Program. Launched in collaboration with industry leaders and aligned with the Philippine Skills Framework, SCALE UP equips logistics professionals and MSMEs with vital skills to meet evolving market demands. This quarter,

DTI-SCLG expanded training access nationwide, focusing on digitalization, efficiency, and global competitiveness. By bridging skill gaps and fostering innovation, the program plays a key role in strengthening the logistics sector. Ultimately, SCALE UP supports the broader vision of inclusive economic growth and a resilient supply chain ecosystem.

Speaking Out

DTI Underscores Public-Private Collaboration at Logistics Innovation Hub Launch

The DTI-SCLG expressed strong support for private-sector-led innovation during the April 3 launch of FAST Logistics' Revv-EVODINE Venture Studio and Learning Hub. DTI-SCLG Director Mary Jean T. Pacheco underscored the importance of public-private collaboration to build a more efficient, tech-driven logistics ecosystem. The initiative, which leverages AI for solutions like demand forecasting and digital freight matching, was welcomed by DTI-SCLG as a timely response to key supply chain challenges, particularly for MSMEs.



Empowering the Next Generation: DTI at the Logistics and Supply Management Association (LSMA) Forum

DTI Undersecretary Mary Jean T. Pacheco delivered the keynote at the 2025 LSMA Annual Forum held at TIP-Manila, themed "Beyond Disruption." Speaking before logistics students, she highlighted the importance of innovation, collaboration, and upskilling to build resilient supply chain leaders. The event also marked the beginning of potential DTI-TIP partnerships in advancing logistics education and capacity building.



DTI Backs Port Reforms at the First Annual United Portusers Confederation of the Philippines, Inc. (UPC) Stakeholder's Summit

Undersecretary Mary Jean T. Pacheco joined the 1st Annual United Portusers Confederation of the Philippines, Inc. (UPC) Stakeholders' Summit on April 23 as a panelist, tackling the theme "Growth Hubs: Leveraging Opportunities for Sustainability and Competitiveness." She highlighted DTI-SCLG's key reforms, including the Logistics Services Philippines (LSPH) platform, emphasizing collaboration as key to reducing logistics costs and boosting national competitiveness.



DTI Pushes Key Reforms at PH Logistics Summit

At the Philippines Logistics Summit 2025 organized by PASIA on April 29, Undersecretary Mary Jean T. Pacheco joined a panel with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) to discuss game-changing logistics updates. She spotlighted DTI initiatives such as FreightMap+, Logistics Services Philippines (LSPH), and the formalization of the DTI-SCLG, while calling attention to the urgent need for cold storage investments to boost food supply chain efficiency.



The Foundation of the Society of Fellows in Supply Management, Inc. (SOFSM) Marks 19 Years of Advancing Supply Chain Excellence

The Society of Fellows in Supply Management (SOFSM) celebrated its 19th anniversary on May 8 and held its 3rd General Membership Meeting with the theme "SOFSM@19: Shaping the Professional Growth of Supply Chain Management."

Gracing the event as guest speaker, Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco spotlighted key government efforts to modernize the country's logistics and supply chain sectors. In her address, she emphasized the importance of upskilling, fostering innovation, and strengthening public-private partnerships to shape a future-ready supply chain workforce, underscoring SOFSM's vital role in this national transformation.



Globe Business Taps Gov't Insight for Connected Success Season 2

On May 21, 2025, Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco joined Connected Success: Season 2, Globe Business's premier thought leadership series, for an interview filmed at The Globe Tower in BGC.

In the episode titled "Resilient Supply Chains: Adapting to Disruptions and Global Market Shifts Through Government Support & Agility," Usec. Pacheco shed light on the government's pivotal role in fostering agile, future-ready supply chains. She emphasized the power of collaboration, the urgency of digital transformation, and the need to invest in workforce development to weather global uncertainties and maintain a competitive edge.



DTI-SCLG Joins Hackathon to Inspire Supply Chain Solutions

On May 22, 2025, DTI-SCLG's Maria Liza Sandina David joined the Founders Arena Hackathon, where tech innovators explored blockchain and AI solutions for supply chain efficiency. Representing the government's logistics agenda, she shared real-world challenges and highlighted the role of the Supply Chain and Logistics Center (SCLC), guiding participants to align their prototypes with national priorities and industry needs.



DTI-SCLG Highlights Cold Chain Opportunities at Mindanao Summit

Representing the DTI-SCLG, Mr. Jonathan Cabaltera spoke at the Mindanao Cold Chain Summit 2025, held on May 29, 2025, at New World Makati. With the theme "Strengthening Mindanao's Food Supply Chain Through Cold Chain Solutions," he spotlighted government efforts to boost logistics efficiency and food security, while also highlighting emerging investment opportunities to encourage private sector involvement in the cold chain sector.



DTI Underscores Blockchain's Role in Empowering MSMEs

DTI Undersecretary Mary Jean T. Pacheco took the stage at Philippine Blockchain Week 2025, held on June 10 at the SMX Convention Center, as a panelist on the session "Decoding Fishblocks: How Blockchain Innovation is Boosting MSMEs, Food Vendors, and Local Supply Chains."

Usec. Pacheco emphasized blockchain's potential to improve traceability, transparency, and market access for MSMEs. She also shared DTI's digital efforts through the Supply Chain and Logistics Center, showcasing how blockchain can help build a smarter, more inclusive supply chain ecosystem.



Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) 25th Anniversary Celebration - ISAng Bansa, ISAng Pangarap: Strengthening Institutions, Transforming the Nation WEBINAR

Undersecretary Mary Jean T. Pacheco joined the panel of the Institute for Solidarity in Asia's 25th anniversary webinar "ISAng Bansa, ISAng Pangarap" held on June 10, 2025 via Zoom. She shared DTI's governance transformation journey through the Performance Governance-



System (PGS), highlighting how the agency institutionalized scorecards, dashboards, and strategic roadmaps to improve public service delivery. Usec. Pacheco emphasized the importance of aligning national development goals with investments in

logistics, digital upskilling, and sustainable infrastructure. She also encouraged cross-sector collaboration as a key driver for building a future-ready and well-governed society by 2046.

DTI Underscores Public-Private Synergy at ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA) Semi-Annual Conference

DTI Undersecretary Mary Jean T. Pacheco addressed regional logistics leaders at the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA) Semi-Annual Conference on June 10 in Pasay City, highlighting the strong public-private partnership between DTI and Philippine Multimodal Transport and Logistics Association Inc. (PMTLAI) as a model for collaboration. In her keynote, she emphasized government initiatives to enhance supply chain efficiency through digitalization, infrastructure development, and regulatory reform. The conference gathered freight forwarders and logistics experts from across Southeast Asia to discuss key challenges and opportunities in cross-border trade and multimodal transport.



DTI Spotlights Supply Chain Resilience at Central Luzon Trade Conference

At the 3rd Central Luzon Transport & Trade Conference on June 19, the DTI-SCLG reaffirmed its commitment to building a more resilient and efficient logistics ecosystem. Representing the agency, Chief Trade-Industry Development Specialist Jonathan Cabaltera highlighted efforts to support MSMEs and regional growth through initiatives such as the Supply Chain and Logistics Center and the proposed national warehouse registry. He also shared updates on key reforms, including the Harmonized Online Freight Forwarding Accreditation System (HOFFA) and the International Maritime Trade Competitiveness Act (IMTCA).



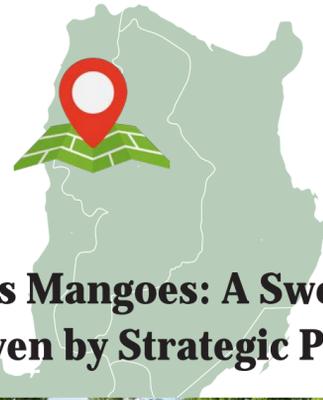
DTI Backs Cold Chain Growth at Cold Chain Association of the Philippines (CCAP) Annual Conference

DTI Undersecretary Mary Jean T. Pacheco joined the 23rd Annual General Membership Meeting and Training Conference of the Cold Chain Association of the Philippines (CCAP) as a guest speaker held on June 19 at the Boracay Newcoast Convention Center, highlighting DTI's strong push to boost cold chain infrastructure nationwide.

Usec. Pacheco underscored the importance of public-private collaboration in expanding cold chain capacity and improving food security. She also announced DTI's upcoming investment prospectus for the cold chain sector, aimed at attracting private capital to modernize facilities and strengthen the country's logistics backbone.



Supply Chain: Logistics on Location



DTI Leads Dialogue on San Juanico Bridge Disruptions

In response to mounting concerns over the San Juanico Bridge load limit, the DTI-SCLG, in partnership with CPAB and DTI Region 8, convened a Tripartite Supply Chain and Logistics Dialogue on June 13 in Tacloban City.

In line with the directive of Trade Secretary Maria Cristina Aldeguer Roque, the dialogue brought together manufacturers, distributors, logistics providers, and key officials from DPWH and DA to assess the impact of the bridge's restrictions on trade and commodity flow.

Among the proposed solutions: expanding Basey Port, dredging Tacloban Port, and developing alternative ports to ease the transport strain and ensure smoother movement of goods across the region.



Guimaras Mangoes: A Sweet Success Story Driven by Strategic Partnerships



The Guimaras mango is gaining stronger local and global market traction through strategic interventions led by the Department of Trade and Industry - Supply Chain and Logistics Group (DTI-SCLG). A two-day mission in May 2025 addressed key value chain gaps, including post-harvest handling, cold chain, packaging, and export readiness, through direct engagements with farmers, cooperatives, and logistics partners. Tangible outcomes included discounted LBC shipping rates during the Manggahan Festival, improved supply chain collaboration, and potential integration with e-commerce platforms like Shopee. The mangoes were prominently featured at IFEX Philippines 2025, with two tons of GI-certified produce delivered fresh and showcased alongside cultural performances, drawing national attention. A parallel dialogue with the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) explored stronger GI protection, reinforcing the push to elevate Guimaras mangoes on the global stage.



Bridging the Gap: Strengthening Inter-Island Connectivity in the Wake of San Juanico Bridge Restrictions

Field Insights from Northern Samar and Tacloban Port

In anticipation of the June 13 tripartite dialogue, the SCLG team embarked on a strategic field visit to Allen, Northern Samar on June 12, following the temporary closure of the iconic San Juanico Bridge. With inter-island logistics at stake, the team explored key alternative routes and port facilities that are playing a pivotal role in maintaining the flow of goods between Samar and Leyte.

Their visit included site assessments of BALWHARTECO (Balicutro Wharfage and Terminal Corporation), Dapdap Port, and the Santa Clara Shipping Corporation—all situated within the Municipality of Allen. These on-the-ground evaluations offered valuable insight into how local operators are adapting and

responding to the logistical challenges posed by the bridge restriction. The findings served as a critical foundation for the subsequent discussions held during the multi-stakeholder dialogue.

Post-dialogue, on June 14, the team shifted focus to the Port of Tacloban, where they met with Mr. Glenn Tabanao, General Manager of Global Port Tacloban—the official operator of the facility. The meeting provided a complementary perspective from the Leyte side, shedding light on current port operations and regional supply chain dynamics amid the temporary disruption.

A key topic of discussion was the viability of the Tacloban-Amendayahan port route as an interim logistics corridor. As a vital conduit for cargo movement between Leyte and Samar,

its continued functionality has become more critical than ever. The visit further deepened the team's understanding of adaptive logistics strategies in the region, reinforcing the need for agile infrastructure planning and inter-island collaboration.

