

MEET YOUR Supply Chain and Logistics Group (SCLG)

Department Order 25-07 Series 2025 issued by DTI Secretary Ma. Cristina Aldeguer-Roque created the DTI-Supply Chain and Logistics Group. The order states that the "SCLG shall play a vital role in streamlining supply chain networks and logistics operations by identifying gaps, bottlenecks, and inefficiencies."

In coordination with other DTI functional groups, the DTI Secretary Ordered the SCLG to develop comprehensive solutions and lead projects to enhance operational performance and strengthen supply chain resilience.



Supply Chain and Logistics Group (SCLG) 2025 Action Planning and Team Building

Vision

By 2030, the DTI-Supply Chain and Logistics Group champions public-private sector efforts in establishing a resilient, sustainable, and globally competitive supply chain ecosystem in the Philippines, using a whole of government approach.

Mission

The DTI-Supply Chain and Logistics Group champions a dynamic and innovative supply chain ecosystem in the Philippines by:

- **Fostering collaboration:** Building strong partnerships across public and private sectors.
- **Facilitating strategic investments:** Encouraging investments in infrastructure, technology, and human capital.
- **Promoting digitalization:** Driving the adoption of technology and data-driven solutions.
- **Driving down logistics costs:** Implementing strategies and initiatives to reduce the cost of moving goods across the country.

This will optimize logistics efficiency, enhance resilience, and champion sustainability for inclusive economic growth.

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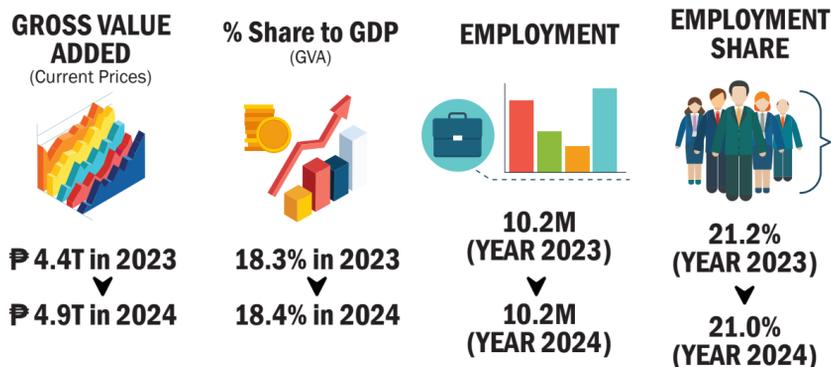
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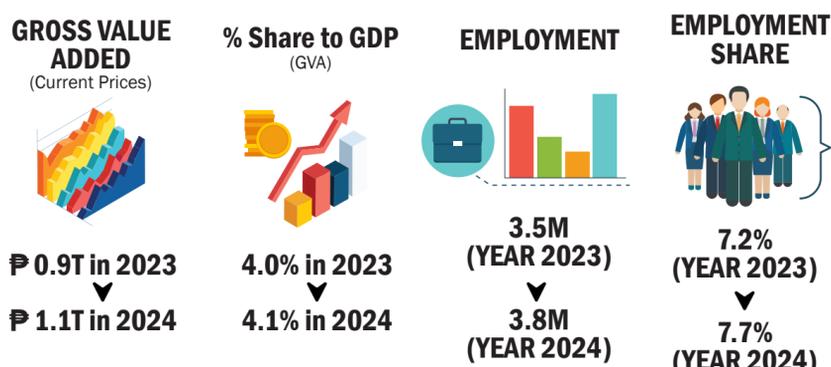
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#1 Supply Chain and Logistics Center

DTI setting-up Supply Chain and Logistics Center



Upon the directive of the DTI Secretary, the DTI SCLG has initiated the establishment of the Supply Chain and Logistics Center (SCLC) as “go to” office by businesses to improve their supply chain, reduce logistics costs, improve market access.

SCLG called on Logistics Services Philippines (LSPH) partners for support and technical assistance including data sharing. SCLG also secured ADB support for IT and consultancy as part of resource mobilization for the SCLC command center.

Efforts to integrate DTI databases are ongoing. Future plans involve intensified engagement with logistics providers, fintech firms, and regulators to create a comprehensive supply chain database and financing. The SCLC aims to provide businesses with information, advisory or consultancy services, market linkage, and training on supply chain and logistics.



Exploring Supply Chain Financing with Credit Bureaus



On March 4, the DTI-SCLG met with CRIF, a leading credit bureau in the Philippines offering integrated business information solutions, including credit risk management, vendor management, sales and marketing, and employment verification. To enhance the capabilities of its planned Supply Chain and Logistics Center (SCLC) partnership with CRIF was to improve supply chain financing and expand access to critical business information.

With the challenge of managing millions of business permits, DTI aims to leverage CRIF’s digital solutions for data consolidation and digitalization. Potential areas of collaboration include providing SMEs with free credit scores, industry heat maps, and other data-driven tools to empower informed decision-making and strengthen the overall logistics ecosystem.

DTI-SCLG, FedEx discuss support for Logistics Network

As an offshoot of FEDEX meeting with the DTI Secretary, the SCLG met with FedEx to explore and finalize partnerships to reduce logistics costs of small business.

Both parties explored potential shipping discounts, with FedEx confirming these would be open to DTI clients. The meeting concluded with plans for capacity-building sessions and further talks on competitive rates and special offers, strengthening efforts to enhance the competitiveness of Philippine products.

Co-Creation Workshop with LSPH Stakeholders Held

On March 3, the Department of Trade and Industry–Supply Chain and Logistics Group (DTI-SCLG) convened a Co-Creation Workshop to shape the development of the Supply Chain and Logistics Center (SCLC)—a centralized, data-driven hub envisioned to streamline operations, reduce costs, and support stakeholders across the logistics ecosystem.

The session brought together a diverse mix of stakeholders, including industry associations, manufacturers, retailers, logistics providers, and educational institutions. Through dynamic discussions, participants surfaced systemic issues such as market fragmentation, limited access to reliable data, financing gaps, and inefficiencies in transport and warehousing.

The workshop highlighted the need for improved farm-to-market routes, smarter freight cost tracking, digital supplier directories, and more consistent regulatory frameworks. These insights informed the proposed services of the SCLC, which include real-time data dashboards, business matchmaking platforms, logistics advisory services, and AI-powered tracking tools. Participants also outlined critical data needs—from freight benchmarks and warehouse availability to supplier lists -



and trade route optimization—and identified potential partners for data sharing and service integration.

With strong consensus from the workshop, DTI is now moving to build the front and back end support, finalize, partnerships, and pilot priority services, positioning the SCLC as a responsive network linking MSMEs with logistics services providers ensuring a more efficient supply chain efficiency across the country.





Modernizing PHLPOST: DTI holds strategic talks with PHLPost



On March 28, the DTI engaged PHLPost in a strategic meeting to explore expanded logistics solutions for SMEs and exporters. PHLPost presented its enhanced logistics and financial services—ranging from warehousing and e-commerce support to competitive international shipping rates—as part of its repositioning beyond traditional mail services. DTI expressed interest in leveraging these offerings to reduce costs for exporters, particularly in supporting CITEM trade fair participants managing returns of unsold goods. The session, attended by representatives from DTI's FTSC, BSMED, EMB, CIG, and CITEM, underscored the potential of harnessing PHLPost's broad network and cost advantages over private couriers to strengthen supply chain services.

In the afternoon, DTI-SCLG, together with PHLPost, convened a roundtable discussion with last-mile delivery service provide to tackle persistent gaps in nationwide delivery coverage, especially in remote underserved areas. While private courier dominates urban markets, rural logistics remain both costly and complex. The discussion focused on leveraging PHLPost's nation reach to expand service areas, enhancing operational synergies, advocating supportive policies, and improving digit integration for parcel tracking and routing.

The dialogue marked a concerted step toward inclusive, efficient, and accessible delivery solutions across the country.



#2 Supply Chain Interventions

DTI-SCLG teams up with PhilFIDA in Mapping PH Abaca Supply Chain

On February 17, DTI-SCLG Usec Mary Jean Pacheco met with the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA) Executive Director Arnold Atienza to explore joint project in supply chain mapping for the abaca industry. The partnership aims to support abaca as part of DTI Region 5 priorities.

The DTI SCLG and PHILFIDA agreed to develop a comprehensive supply chain map for the abaca sector—that will identify players from producer to consumer, pain points or issues and crafting strategies to address key challenges. The initiative is expected to boost efficiency, competitiveness, and sustainability within the industry.



Addressing Supply Chain Gaps in Coffee Industry



Following our recent visit to its Nestlé plant in Cagayan de Oro, the DTI-SCLG paid an appreciation visit to Nestlé Philippines HQ in Makati to thank Nestlé executives and explore possible future actions to improve the supply chain of instant coffee as a Basic Necessity and Prime commodity (BNPC). Nestlé raised concerns about logistics bottlenecks—including ease of doing business, and improved infrastructure as priorities to enhance country's competitiveness.



Navigating the Future: Banking, Finance, and Digital Payments in the Philippines Supply Chain & Logistics



On March 20, DTI-SCLG, the Fintech Alliance PH and RCBC hosted a roundtable with LSPH to discuss the digitalization of the Philippine logistics and supply chain sectors. During the session, fintech firms presented digital payment and cash management solutions designed to address these issues. Meanwhile, LSPH identified challenges such as manual processes, limited awareness, and regulatory barriers hindering progress. Moving forward, the group will work to map existing gaps, pilot innovative projects, and explore collaborative efforts aimed at accelerating digital adoption within the logistics services sector.



#3 Policy

Legislative agenda to improve Logistics Pushed for 20th Congress

The DTI-SCLG is strongly engaging LSPH to identify key legislative reforms for inclusion in DTI's legislative agenda for the 20th enhance efficiency, governance, and transport/trade infrastructure, aiming for a seamless and competitive logistics ecosystem.

The proposed International Maritime Trade Competitiveness Act to address high international shipping charges continue to be the top priority among stakeholders.

Also being pushed is the proposed Bagong Pilipinas Highway Act filed by Rep. Rufus Rodriguez during the 19th Congress for national connectivity. Shipping Lines propose amendments to Pilotage Act,

while truckers want a review of the overloading policy. Retailers, meanwhile are calling for a repeal of de minimis provisions under the CMTA.

SCMAP Board Endorses DTI's Section G Wholesale and Retail Jobs Plan



On March 14, the DTI-SCLG convened a meeting with Section G consultants to refine the keystones and strategic approaches for the development of the Wholesale and Retail Trade (WRT) Blueprint. The session focused on aligning objectives, identifying priority areas, and sharpening the strategies needed to drive sector growth.



DTI-SCLG, SCMAP Partner to Roll Out Section G Supply Chain Jobs Plan

On March 22, the Department of Trade and Industry's Supply Chain and Logistics Group (DTI-SCLG) presented the Section G: Job Blueprint to the Supply Chain Management Association of the Philippines (SCMAP). The consultation aimed to align the blueprint's priorities with private sector needs and encourage co-ownership of its implementation.

SCMAP expressed strong support for the initiative and offered key recommendations to strengthen the roadmap. Among these was a task to better incentivize local sourcing and production by both domestic and foreign firms that employ Filipinos and manufacture locally. SCMAP also recommended a more robust approach to B2B digital payment -

adoption, emphasizing the need to assess current practices and promote solutions such as electronic invoicing and bulk payments to improve efficiency. On workforce development, SCMAP backed the integration of retail and logistics skills in the K-12 curriculum and committed to identifying 50 individuals for a pilot micro credentialing program in supply chain management.



SCLG Meets Major Wholesaler on Section G Job Blueprint



On March 26, the Department of Trade and Industry-Supply Chain and Logistics Group (DTI-SCLG) met with Ms. Tina Tan, President of Suy Sing Commercial Corporation to validate the findings and strategies identified in the Section G: Job Blueprint and to provide Suy Sing's feedback on SCLG recent visit to Batanes.

The President of Suy Sing expressed strong support for DTI's Section G: Job Blueprint and offered policy-level recommendations to enhance its implementation.

As this was a job blueprint, Workforce quality need to be a priority concern, with Suy Sing highlighting the shrinking employment pool while reaffirming its support for upskilling initiatives under the blueprint. Digitalization remains a core priority for the company, which is currently transitioning its point-of-sale and other operational systems to more modern platforms.

On Batanes, Suy Sing suggested measures to improve inventory in Batanes, and committed to support training in inventory management should the planned warehouse in Batanes proceed.



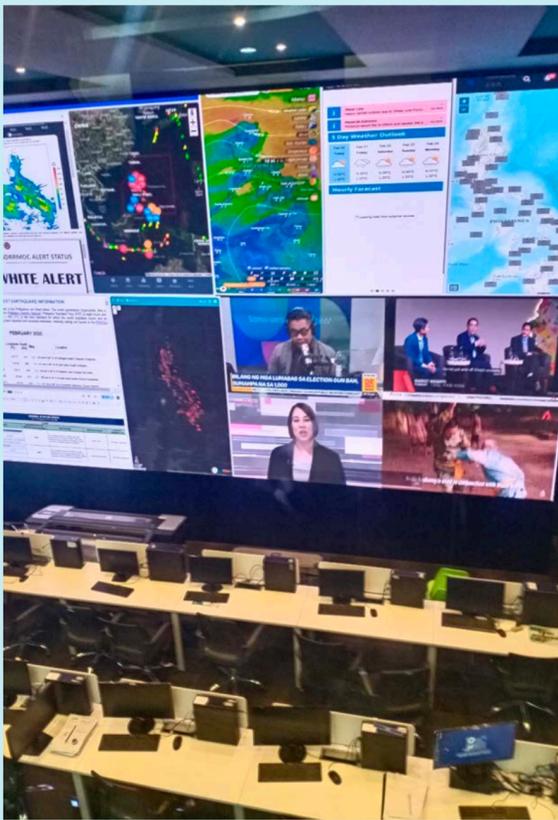
SGV joins DTI push to upgrade PH Wholesale and Retail Sectors



Expressing its interest to collaborate on Section G:Job Blueprint, SGV team met with DTI SCLG on March 27, to explore possible participation in the process. SGV express support to assist the DTI, PRA, and SCMAP to enhance strategies and suggest action plans. Key discussions touched on market shifts, the growing presence of online and informal businesses, and the evolving role of major manufacturers.

Highlight of the meeting was the future of sari-sari stores, with SGV presenting potential scenarios and emphasizing the need for innovative, demographic-specific retail strategies. Both parties outlined actionable next steps, including studies, and insights from experts, and participation in future policy studies and forums—laying the groundwork for sustained collaboration aimed at modernizing and growing the sector. The DTI suggested a “peer review” by retail experts from SGV.

NLS: DTI-SCLG x OCD meet on Humanitarian Logistics



On February 20, The DTI-SCLG met with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), led by Undersecretary Ariel Nepomuceno, to advance efforts in strengthening supply chain resilience. Both agencies agreed to formalize their partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DTI -



and OCD, supporting initiatives such as the Warehouse Registry Project and MSME capacity-building on business continuity planning.

SCLG also continues to engage with both government and private sector partners to finalize the National Logistics Strategy (NLS). The strategy aims to build the foundation for a more efficient, resilient, and future-ready logistics sector across the country.

Formulating Solutions in Trucking Overload Challenges



On March 26, NLEX Corporation sought a meeting with DTI Supply Chain and Logistics Group to tackle current challenges in the trucking industry specifically on overloading, particularly implementation and enforcement. With concerns raised about stricter weight limits potentially disrupting vital sectors like fuel transport, NLEX brought to DTI attention possible recommendations to balance logistics efficiency and need to preserve infrastructure. The meeting also discussed other road-related issues such as bridge clearances, and Viaduct restriction. Looking ahead, discussions explored investment opportunities in automotive and trucking innovations—particularly vehicle designs that meet regulatory standards while preserving freight capacity—to sustain competitiveness in the Sustainability Transport sector.



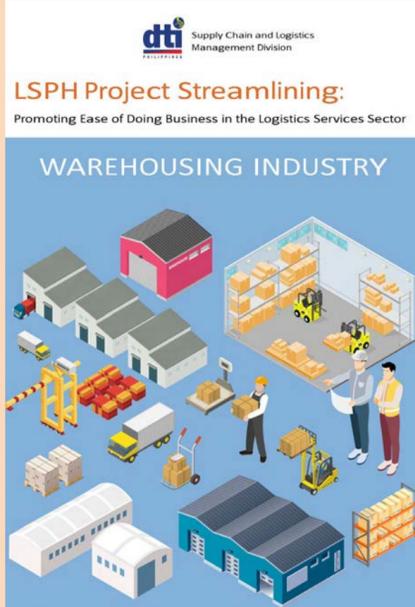
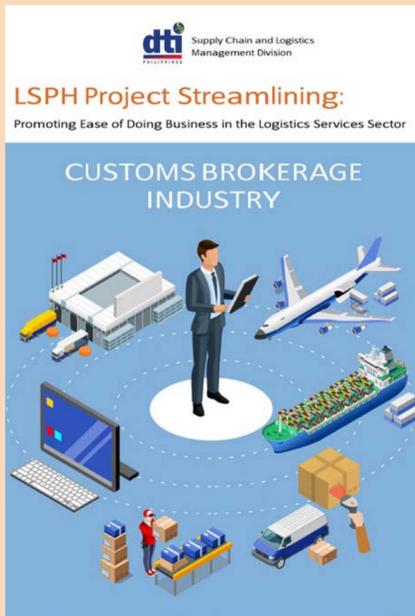
#6 Skills

Supply Chain Upgrade: DTI initiates talks for sector transformation

On March 18, the DTI-SCLG advanced its initiative to develop online training modules aimed at enhancing the capabilities of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and logistics service providers. These modules will cover supply chain fundamentals and specialized logistics skills, delivered through concise, easily accessible video formats.

SCLG is also facilitating with TESDA on the creation of an Industry TVET Board for Logistics.





#7 Streamlining

Easing the supply chain : DTI, ARTA align to review processes by logistics providers

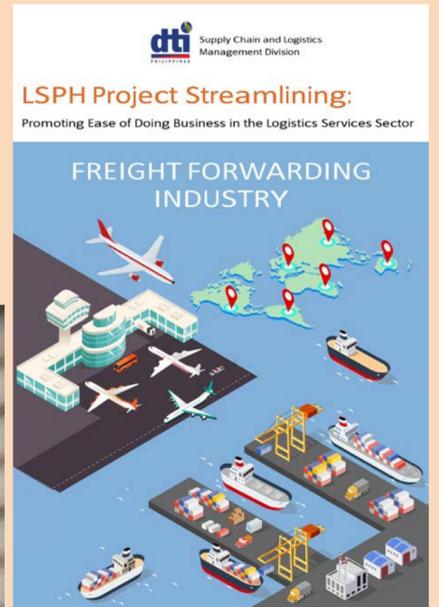
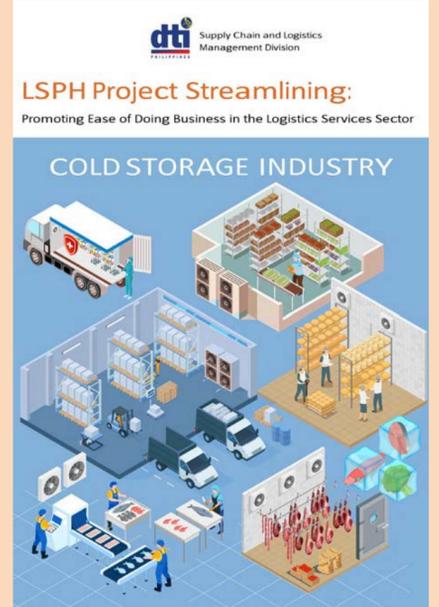
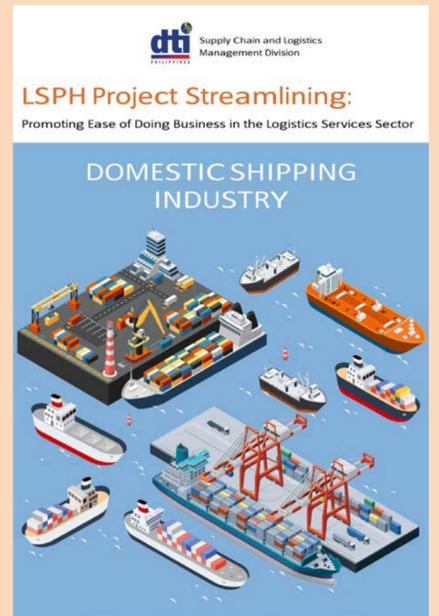


On March 3, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) held a consultative meeting to discuss the next steps for Project Streamlining.

In January 2023, the DTI formally endorsed the results of Project Streamlining to ARTA. This included a comprehensive assessment of the procedures and licenses required for starting, growing, and closing a business across six types of enterprises within the logistics services sector: trucking, freight forwarding, warehousing, domestic shipping, cold storage, and customs brokerage.

As part of its ongoing commitment to promoting ease of doing business, the DTI-Supply Chain and Logistics Group (SCLG) is now exploring Phase 2 of the initiative, which aims to review and streamline the licensing and procedural requirements related to import and export processing to improve overall supply chain efficiency.

This will involve close collaboration among key stakeholders in the logistics and trade ecosystem, particularly importers, exporters, retailers, and manufacturers.



DTI SCLG Seeks Partnership with FDA to Strengthen Supply Chain



On March 11, 2025, DTI-SCLG met with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Director General Samuel Zacate to promote ease of doing business and strengthen the supply chain.

The FDA shared regulatory updates, including the extended validity of the License to Operate (LTO) for SMEs and the upcoming Functional and Popular Products (FPOP) initiative to streamline product registration. The discussion centered on capacitating businesses regarding the latest regulations related to FDA permits and licenses. Other topics included the need to collaborate to address violations of FDA rules, particularly by online sellers.





LSPH Connect

(#8 Stakeholders Engagement)

EXTERNAL



"PMTLAI is committed to supporting DTI initiatives through data, expertise, and industry collaboration. We must urgently address the regulatory disconnect among ports, remove local barriers to humanitarian aid, and incentivize companies practicing reverse logistics."

- Erich Lingad, President,

Philippine Multimodal Transport and Logistics Association Inc. (PMTLAI)



On February 4, the DTI-SCLG met with the Philippine Multimodal Transport and Logistics Association Inc. (PMTLAI) to discuss some of the most pressing issues in the sector. Discussions centered on port governance, congestion, high shipping costs, regulatory challenges, and delays in humanitarian aid distribution.



The meeting also explored PMTLAI's ongoing training programs and a potential partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to support workforce development. Among the proposed next steps: standardizing port

policies, resolving freight forwarder accreditation concerns, improving reverse logistics, and possibly instituting a National Logistics Day to highlight the industry's importance.



"We lead in shaping the standards of supply chain management while fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement to anticipate and adapt to the dynamic market conditions."

- Gerard Magadia, President, Philippine Institute for Supply Management



On February 6, the DTI-SCLG met with the Philippine Institute for Supply Management (PISM) to explore collaboration on strengthening supply chain management in the country. PISM introduced its new board and highlighted focus areas such as purchasing, demand and replenishment, logistics, and customer service, along with upcoming training programs, advocacy efforts, and international partnerships.



DTI Undersecretary Pacheco presented ongoing initiatives, including the establishment of a Supply Chain Center, promotion of data-driven logistics solutions, and the rollout of a logistics strategy that covers reverse and humanitarian logistics.

Both sides expressed interest in working together on training, policy development, and circular economy efforts—committing to a shared goal of elevating the Philippines' supply chain and logistics capabilities.

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Association
of International
Shipping
Lines, Inc.

"We fully support legislation that seeks to regulate local charges imposed by international shipping lines to promote transparency, fairness, and competitiveness in the industry."

- Patrick Ronas, President, Association of International Shipping Lines



On February 12, the DTI SCLG met with the Association of International Shipping Lines (AISL) to introduce the newly formed group and present its work plan. The meeting opened the door for stronger collaboration on key policy reforms in the maritime sector.



Both parties agreed to push forward the International Maritime Trade Competitiveness Act and advocate for the adoption of a Container Ledger Account. AISL also committed to engaging the World Shipping Council to explore support for DTI's planned freight calculator under the upcoming Supply Chain and Logistics Center. AISL expressed full support for SCLG's direction and initiatives moving forward.



COLD CHAIN ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES INC.

"Food loss doesn't begin at the farm—it begins when cold chain systems fall short. Through a strong collaboration between CCAP and DTI-SCLG, we have the opportunity to create a resilient, efficient cold chain that reduces waste and strengthens food security."

- Anthony Dizon, President, Cold Chain Association of the Philippines



On February 19, the DTI-SCLG met with the Cold Chain Association of the Philippines (CCAP) to boost investment promotion efforts in cold chain logistics. With a national gap of 500,000 pallet positions, DTI-SCLG is developing an Investment Prospectus for Cold Storage to guide local government units (LGUs) in expanding cold storage infrastructure. To support this, CCAP committed to providing technical specifications and industry insights to help LGUs make informed decisions despite limited expertise in cold chain operations.



The discussion highlighted the importance of a public-private model where LGUs build infrastructure and the private sector manages operations for long-term sustainability. CCAP will also share key data, such as available cold storage sites and indicative costs, to be included in the prospectus. This collaboration aims to enhance cold chain efficiency, reduce food losses in distribution, and strengthen the Philippines' position as a competitive logistics hub.



"We're building beyond ports—uniting networks, logistics, and partnerships to deliver robust economic platforms and sustainable end-to-end supply chain solutions. Leveraging [ATI] our Philippine partner's strategic port assets, our vision of facilitating faster and smarter flow of trade is gaining traction by the day, benefiting our customers, stakeholders, and ultimately the consumers."

- Ian Baking, Vice President, DP World Logistics Philippines



On March 5, the DTI-SCLG met with Asian Terminals Inc. (ATI) as part of its ongoing stakeholder engagement efforts. The discussion focused on Manila port operations, ATI's role as DP World's local arm, and its strategic shift toward offering end-to-end logistics solutions in the Philippines.



The meeting also covered ATI's cargo handling capabilities, strategic port locations, upcoming investments, and efforts to improve port efficiency. Both parties explored potential areas for collaboration, including investment opportunities and ways to enhance domestic shipping connectivity.



"Connecting systems is simple; building trust is the real challenge. In logistics, collaboration moves faster when confidence leads the way."

- Mr. Voltaire Wycoco, Director of Management Services & Government Affairs, International Container Terminal Services, Inc.



On March 11, the DTI-SCLG team met with Mr. Voltaire Wycoco of International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) to catch up and regroup. The conversation centered on the SCLG work plan, including updates on the proposed National Logistics Strategy (NLS). Also tackled with updates on EO 41 particularly USAIDxDTI FreightMap. SCLG Usec shared findings

including possible suggestions in the implementation of TABS. The meeting agreed on the need for digitalization and interoperability within the ecosystem.



"Ships and ports are inseparable—one cannot thrive without the other. Investing in a modern vessel means nothing without a modern port equipped with proper infrastructure like a breakwater."

Mark Parco, President, Philippine Liner Shipping Association

On March 19, DTI-SCLG team met with Mr. Mark Parco of the Philippine Liner Shipping Association (PLSA) to discuss maritime logistics issues and explore reforms to enhance inter-island cargo transport and port efficiency. Mr. Parco highlighted the need for purpose-built vessels to navigate the Philippines' challenging maritime conditions, aiming to improve safety, cargo reliability, and reduce delays.

The meeting also addressed ongoing issues such as disorganized cargo handling, pilotage shortages, and the limitations of port equipment, particularly at Pier 18. Both parties recognized these challenges as part of broader gaps in infrastructure and regulation. PLSA expressed support for DTI's efforts to institutionalize a National Port Policy and modernize cargo movement through better berthing coordination, containerization, and rationalized chartering practices. While Batanes was noted as a high priority area, the discussion emphasized scalable solutions that could benefit the entire country. The partnership between DTI-SCLG and PLSA reflects a shared commitment to improving the nation's logistics network.



**Alliance of Concerned
Truck Owners &
Organizations**

"The trucking sector stands ready to support national growth, but we need unified policies, fair enforcement, and infrastructure that works with-not against-us. From standardizing infrastructure compliance such as vertical clearances and weighbridges that will provide enabling facilities rather than hindrances to trucking operations as they are now is the way forward. With strong collaboration between government and industry, we can move the economy faster, safer, and smarter."

- Connie Tinio, Alliance of Concerned Truck Owners and Organizations Director



On March 25, the DTI-SCLG met with Kathleen Penuela and Connie Tinio, Venarica Papa (online) of the Alliance of Concerned Truck Owners and Organizations (ACTOO) to share latest developments affecting truckers. Some of the concerns raised were NLEX and vertical clearance concerns, policy and enforcement of

overloading policy and LGU fees under EO 41. ACTOO reported that varying fees imposed by local governments, as annual fees need to be reviewed by the government. The meeting also touched on concerns on truck ban policy, TABS as well as NLEX related concerns. ACTOO called for a unified, national policy on truck weight regulations to address the problem on overloading. Usec Pacheco noted ongoing senate hearings.





Customs Bonded Warehouse Operators Confederation, Inc.

"We're not against regulation—we're against strangulation. Customs policies must be reformed, and with support from DTI-SCLG, we can work toward solutions that actually move trade forward."

- Emmanuel "Manolet" Dela Paz, President, CBW Operators Confederation Inc.



On March 27, the DTI-SCLG met with the Customs Bonded Warehouse Operators Confederation, Inc. (CBWOCI) to discuss key challenges facing the logistics sector. CBWOCI voiced concerns over restrictive customs regulations, high fees, and complex policies that are hindering the smooth operation of Customs Bonded Warehouses.



Both organizations committed to working together to streamline processes and improve efficiency within the industry. The goal is to foster a more competitive and responsive environment for Customs

Bonded Warehouses, with both sides agreeing to continue the dialogue and pursue joint initiatives to address the sector's challenges.



On February 5, the DTI-SCLG met with Mr. Lito Villanueva of Fintech Alliance PH to explore collaboration on accelerating digital adoption in the Philippine logistics sector. At the heart of the discussion was a proposed "kapihan" session—a knowledge-sharing workshop designed for members of the Logistics Services Philippines (LSPH).

The initiative aims to boost financial literacy among logistics providers while promoting the use of fintech solutions, particularly digital payment systems, across supply chains. By combining Fintech Alliance PH's digital trade know-how with LSPH's on-the-ground network, the partnership seeks to drive efficiency, innovation, and greater digital integration across the industry.

INTERNAL

DTI offices internal meeting on 8 Strategic Priorities (SCLC + SCM)



On February 13, the DTI-SCLG held an internal meeting to align on its strategic goals, with a strong focus on leveraging data to transform the nation's supply chain. Undersecretary Mary Jean T. Pacheco led the discussion, emphasizing the pivotal role of information in advancing the SCLG's eight strategic initiatives, particularly the ambitious development of the Supply Chain and Logistics Center (SCLC).

The meeting highlighted the need for comprehensive data to build a clear picture of the current supply chain landscape. This data-driven approach will enable the SCLG to identify critical gaps, design targeted interventions, and drive improvements in logistics efficiency throughout the country.

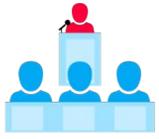
DTI-SCLG, PEZA Strengthen Logistics Collaboration and Investment Promotion



On February 18, 2025, the DTI-SCLG met with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) to explore opportunities for stronger collaboration in logistics and investment promotion. Undersecretary Mary Jean T. Pacheco introduced SCLG's eight strategic initiatives, which include supply chain mapping and investment promotion, underscoring the importance of partnerships given the limited funding available for these initiatives.

Both parties recognized the value of working together to address logistical challenges and promote investments in the sector, aiming to foster a more efficient and competitive logistics environment across the country.





Speaking Out

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Building a Stronger Future: The Synergistic Power of Fintech and Logistics

On February 14, Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco delivered a keynote address at the 2025 Chinese New Year Business Seminar-Luncheon in Quezon City, co-hosted by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC). In her remarks, she underscored the growing synergy between fintech and logistics, highlighting the Department of Trade and Industry's (DTI) strategic efforts to integrate financial technologies into the logistics sector to drive efficiency, innovation, and inclusive growth.



Aiming for Advanced Logistics in the Philippines - Improvement of Logistics in ASEAN Island Region

On February 19, Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco participated as a panelist at the Japan-Philippines Logistics Symposium. During the panel, Undersecretary Pacheco showcased the DTI's ongoing initiatives aimed at addressing logistical bottlenecks, enhancing supply chain efficiency, and building a more competitive and resilient logistics sector in the Philippines.



Strengthening Synergy and Collaboration: Charting the Future with Industry Players

On February 21, Chief Jonathan Cabaltera, on behalf of Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco, expressed support at the event hosted by Container Ledger Account (CLA) Philippines, Inc., since its launch in 2021, the CLA system has grown from nine to 30 shipping lines and NVOCCs, significantly reducing administrative burdens and improving efficiency for shippers, brokers, and logistics providers.



Public-Private Partnerships: Transforming the Logistics Landscape in the Philippines

LogisticsNews PH Launch

On February 24, Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco served as the guest speaker at the launch of LogisticsNews PH. In her address, Undersecretary Pacheco highlighted the DTI's ongoing efforts to enhance the logistics sector through cost reduction, improved connectivity, and digital transformation initiatives.



Visayas Trade Logistics: Navigating a Competitive Landscape

On February 27, Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco was a guest speaker at the 2025 Visayas Shipping Conference, organized by PortCalls in Cebu City. Themed "Visayas Trade Logistics: Navigating a Competitive Landscape," the event focused on tackling regional logistics challenges and enhancing the Visayas' competitiveness as a trade and logistics hub.



Breakthrough: AI-driven Future of Manufacturing and Logistics Operations

On March 20, Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco was both a keynote speaker and panelist at the "Breakthrough: AI-driven Future of Manufacturing and Logistics Operations" masterclass, hosted by Globe Business. The discussions emphasized how AI is revolutionizing industries, enhancing operational efficiency, and driving innovation toward a more resilient and competitive future.





Supply Chain: Logistics on Location

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Consumer Protection Initiative: Securing Food Sufficiency for the Province of Batanes through Ensuring Effective and Efficient Logistics for Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities

Batanes — Upon the invitation of DTI Batanes, a composite team from the DTI Consumer Policy and Advocacy Bureau and the Supply Chain and Logistics Group visited Batanes to tackle supply chain issues, including the high prices of basic necessities and prime commodities.

A focus group discussion with local government units, traders, cooperatives, and transport providers highlighted problems such as limited shipping schedules, high fuel costs, and port issues in Manila. Stakeholders called for government-backed financing, streamlined processes, and infrastructure improvements.

The team paid a courtesy call to Batanes Governor Marilou H. Cayco and met with various local chief executives (LCEs).



Building a Logistics Alliance in Cebu to Drive Competitiveness in the Supply Chain

Cebu City — It was a full packed visit to Cebu organized by DTI R7. As part of the 3-year Food Logistics action plan to revolutionize the Food distribution system, the team visited the Carbon Market and was met by executives from Cebu2World, and local Executives.

DTI Cebu also facilitated a visit to Cebu Port Authority (CPA) including a courtesy call on Port Manager. The day concluded with a dialogue with regional logistics stakeholders, where DTI Region 7 presented findings from recent focus group discussions. DTI Committee to work with the private sector on the issues raised while the private sector supported the recommendation to expand the Logistics Services Philippines (LSPH) in Cebu.



DTI RX Adopts Supply Chain Lens

Cagayan de Oro and Gingoog City — DTI officials and staff from the Supply Chain and Logistics Group of DTI Region 10 and the Provincial Office of Misamis Oriental were warmly welcomed by Nestlé executives at its CDO manufacturing facility, where the team was briefed on the processing of instant coffee. The visit was a learning experience in preparation for the planned supply chain mapping under the RAPID project.

While in CDO, SCLG visit also included a tour of the Bulua Cagayan de Oro Food Terminal as part of the 3-year Food Logistics Action Agenda to help revolutionize the food distribution network. The visit was highlighted by dinner with Cong. Rufus Rodriguez, author of the proposed National Food Hub and House Bill 10506, the Bagong Pilipinas Highway.

The visit to Misamis Oriental was organized to initiate Project Silhig. On March 7th, DTI, the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), and the Procurement Service of the Department of Budget and Management (PSDBM) visited Gingoog to explore the supply of "walis tambo" to government agencies. One of the priorities of the government is to encourage government procurement of locally made goods.

