

Celebrating 30 years of investor confidence

Pasay City - The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) capped its 30th Anniversary celebration with its annual Investors' Recognition Night last 15 December 2025, honoring the ecozone investors and partners whose contributions have driven industrial growth, job creation, and national development.

Held at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City, the event gathered around 3,000 attendees from government leaders, industry stakeholders, and global partners in a collective celebration of collaboration and sustained investor trust.

In a video message, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. commended PEZA, ecozone developers and PEZA-registered enterprises for empowering the country's distinction as one of the leading investment hubs in Southeast Asia and the Asia Pacific region. He reinforced the government support stating, "Rest assured that we, through PEZA, will continue to work with you to ensure the best possible environment where your companies can grow, thrive, and expand."

Building on the President's message, PEZA Director General Tereso O. Panga, in his keynote address, reflected on the Agency's three-decade journey and its impact on national development, describing PEZA as "a legacy—polished through time, perseverance, and determination. This is PEZA: The Pearl of Progress."

He cited the Agency's impact since 1995—over PHP 4.5 trillion in investments with more than 1.81 million high quality jobs, and over US\$1.12 trillion in exports—and stressed the pivotal role of partnership to sustaining momentum. He noted, "We cannot do this alone. The most essential element that has allowed PEZA to be so successful are the synergies built through time with our industry partners. Without them, we would not have achieved so much."

Strong Government and Industry Reinforced Confidence in PEZA

Government and foreign investor confidence in PEZA were reinforced during the celebration, as Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary and PEZA Board Chair Cristina Roque cited the Agency's consistent commitment to both investors and workers as central to strengthening the country's investment climate.

She said, "PEZA has always had a steady commitment to both investors and workers, making it one of the most trusted investment promotion agencies (IPAs). DTI takes pride in walking alongside PEZA and the rest of the economic team as we strengthen the country's investment climate."

This strong vote of support was echoed by Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Philippines, His Excellency Endo Kizuya, who delivered a video message recognizing Japan as PEZA's top country investor and congratulating the 18 Japanese companies honored during the Investors' Recognition Night.

Noting the presence of more than 730 Japanese enterprises operating within PEZA ecozones, the Ambassador underscored Japan's long-standing partnership with the Philippines, saying, "This makes Japan the largest investor of PEZA. I also pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of all individuals, especially the Filipino workers. Together with PEZA, we will continue to work tirelessly to further strengthen the already robust economic ties between our two nations."

This was further affirmed by industry leaders led by PHILEA President Francisco S. Zaldarriaga, SEIPI President Dr. Danilo Lachica, and IBPAP President Jack R. Madrid, who expressed continued trust in PEZA's policy stability, investor-centric governance, and institutional credibility.

They emphasized that PEZA's sustained advocacy for globally competitive ecozones has supported industrial expansion across the manufacturing, electronics, semiconductor, and IT-BPM sectors, positioning the Philippines as a reliable partner in global value chains.



PEZA honored Golden Achievement Awardees for the past 30 years which now include CANON BUSINESS MACHINES (PHILIPPINES), INC.

Special Recognition: Toshiba Information Equipment (Philippines), Inc. (2012), Western Digital Storage Technologies (Philippines), Corp. (2013), Amkor Technology Philippines, Inc. (2015), Rohm Electronics Philippines, Inc. (2016), Samsung Electro-Mechanics Philippines Corporation (2022).

PEZA Director General Tereso O. Panga addresses ecozone developers, locators and industry partners at the 30th Investors Recognition Night 2025

PEZA Excellence Awards 2025

The celebration featured the conferment of the PEZA Excellence Awards 2025, recognizing 37 outstanding ecozone investors for their contributions to innovation, sustainability, employment generation, and national development. The awards were presented by Secretary Roque, together with DG Panga and Deputy Director General for Operations Vivian S. Santos, honoring enterprises whose continued partnership has significantly contributed to PEZA's growth and accomplishments over the past three decades.

PEZA also presented the Golden Achievement Award to Canon Business Machines Philippines Inc. for having been elevated to the Hall of Fame for all three categories. PEZA likewise honored the six (6) other recipients of the award in recognition of its exemplary performance and significant contributions to export development, employment generation, social responsibility, and environmental

stewardship over the course of PEZA's thirty years of

The celebration concluded with a ceremonial toast led by Deputy Director General for Finance and Administration Maria Veronica F. Magsino, who reiterated PEZA's commitment to integrity, service excellence, and fostering a business environment anchored on trust and partnership.

DDG Magsino said, "Thirty years is not just a measure of time; it is a measure of trust, tenacity, and triumphant partnership. May we continue to build, innovate, and prosper together for many decades to come."

The PEZA Investors' Recognition Night reflected the strong collaboration between government and industry—one measured not only by investment milestones, but by quality jobs created, communities strengthened, and sustained investor confidence as PEZA and its partners continue to advance the country's long-term economic growth.



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Warmest congratulations to the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) on its 30th Anniversary. You have stood as a true Pearl of Progress, driving sustainable economic growth, fostering global competitiveness, and generating meaningful employment for millions of Filipinos. As you mark this milestone, we celebrate not only your achievements but also your vision for a future driven by resilience, global competitiveness, and shared prosperity for all Filipinos.

KPPI OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Kanepackage Philippine Inc. shift K towards renewable energy. In today's world, where we care more about the environment, Kanepackage Philippine Inc. are looking for ways to be eco-friendly while staying efficient. One great option is solar power. By using the sun's energy, our company can reduce its environmental impact and save money. We can use this energy to run our operations sustainably. Using solar panels at Kanepackage Philippine Inc. not only helps the environment but also shows our commitment to sustainability in the packaging industry.

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PEZA has inducted to the Hall of Fame five (5) locators namely CEBU MITSUMI, INC., TDK PHILIPPINES CORPORATION, PHILIPPINE MANUFACTURING CO. OF MURATA, DENSO TEN PHILIPPINES CORPORATION, COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS PHILIPPINES, INC.



Warmest congratulations to the Philippine Economic Zone Authority on 30 years of shaping future-ready economic zones. Your quiet consistency, policy clarity, and long-term vision have fostered an environment where industries grow with confidence and purpose—truly a Pearl of Progress.

KPGROUP CSR PROJECTS

KP Group's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives

reflect a long-term commitment to people, communities, and the environment. Since 2009, KP Group has led large-scale mangrove planting efforts, successfully planting over 15 million mangroves to support coastal protection in Visayas Region covering over 270 ha, promoting biodiversity and climate resilience. Beyond environmental programs, KP Group actively invests in community development through classroom and clinic donations, medical missions, book and gift-giving activities, and calamity relief support for communities affected by natural disasters. These initiatives underscore KP Group's belief in sustainable growth—where business success goes hand in hand with social and environmental responsibility.



Outstanding Community Project Awardee KPGroup Philippines Inc. received by President/CEO of Kanepackage Group of Companies Mr. Yoshikazu Kanekasa awarded by PEZA Deputy Dir. Gen. for Operations Ms. Vivian S. Santos, DTI Secretary Ma Cristina A. Roque, and PEZA Dir. Gen. Tereso O. Panga.



KPGroup Philippines Inc. CSR projects- commended for the steadfast commitment to social welfare initiatives that uplift and create positive impacts on the Filipino community.



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KPPI OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER

Kanepackage Philippines Inc. (KPPI) has been recognized as an Outstanding Employer by the Philippine Economic Kanepackage Philippines Inc. (KPPI) has been recognized as an Outstanding Employer by the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), a testament to its exemplary workplace practices and strong commitment to employee welfare. This prestigious award highlights KPPI's dedication to fostering a positive, inclusive, and empowering work environment where employees are valued, supported, and motivated to grow. Beyond providing competitive benefits and professional development opportunities, the company promotes a culture of teamwork, safety, and well-being, ensuring that every employee can thrive both personally and professionally.



Outstanding Employer Awardee Kanepackage Philippines Inc. received by President of Kanepackage Philippines Inc. Mr. Yuji Kanehira awarded by PEZA Deputy Dir. Gen. for Operations Ms. Vivian S. Santos, DTI Secretary Ma Cristina A. Roque, and PEZA Dir. Gen. Tereso O. Panga.



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