



The Foundation for Economic Freedom is a public advocacy organization dedicated to advancing the cause of economic and political liberty, good governance, secure and well-defined property rights, market-oriented reforms and consumer protection. It counts among its members former and present Cabinet secretaries and undersecretaries, leading figures in the academe, respected media personalities and opinion-makers, and prominent members in the business and finance community.

Vision

The Foundation envisions a free, caring and economic society that:

- Promotes equity and civic responsibility as its primary values.
- Is based on a market-oriented and sustainable economic regime.
- Values efficiency and equity in an interdependent global economy.
- Balances the need for economic growth with the development needs of its people.

Goals

The Foundation aims to:

- Present market-oriented reforms to government decision-makers;
- Influence policy-makers in government, business, and industry to aim for inclusive growth;
- Expose economic inefficiencies to government, business and industry, and the general public to guide decision-makers in pursuing policies that will strengthen institutions; and
- Promote well-defined and secure property rights

Corporate Philosophy

We believe that:

- Economic freedom is the capstone of any democratic society without which political, civil, social and other human rights will be rendered ineffective.
- Ensuring a secure property rights regime will result in a stable and fertile environment ripe for economic progress.
- Government has an important role in promoting, maintaining, equalizing and sustaining economic growth.
- Consumer protection is a vital component of long term economic growth.
- The Philippines has all the potential to be a vibrant economy and respected member of the community of nations.

Trustees, Officers and Fellows

The Foundation has for its Board of Advisers, former Prime Minister Cesar E.A. Virata, and former Socio-economic Planning Secretary Dr. Gerardo Sicat.

The Foundation is led by its Board of Trustees composed of former Finance Secretary Roberto de Ocampo, OBE as Chairman, and former Finance Undersecretary Romeo Bernardo as Vice-Chairman. Political economist and entrepreneur Mr. Calixto Chikiamco acts as President together with former Finance Secretary Ernest Leung as Treasurer and Atty. Ricardo Balatbat as Executive Director and Corporate Secretary.

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Current Projects

Partnership for Land Rights and Governance (PLG)

The Partnership for Land Rights and Governance (PLG) is a project of the Foundation for Economic Freedom supported by Australian Embassy – The Asia Foundation Partnership in the Philippines. PLG supports the implementation of the Residential Free Patent Law or RA 10023 that allows the administrative titling of residential lands through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). FEF does this primarily by advocating for the creation of land management offices in various municipalities based on a formal partnership between DENR and the concerned LGU.

Series of Workshops to Enhance the Business and Investment Climate in Muslim Mindanao

Overview of the Business and Investment Climate in Bangsamoro. A forum on the Business and Investment Climate of the Bangsamoro was organized by FEF, Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID) and DFAT, Australian Embassy on November 26-27, 2013 at the Waterfront Hotel, Davao City.

Islamic Banking and Finance. In partnership with the PCID and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), the second workshop was conducted on March 11-12, 2014 at the BSP Executive Business Center, Manila.

Land and Property Rights. In partnership with (PCID and the UP College of Law, the third workshop was conducted on June 4-5, 2014, at the Soliven Room, Malcolm Hall, UP Law, UP Diliman, Quezon City.

Business and Labor Regulations. Conducted in partnership with PCID and the AIM Policy Center, the fourth workshop was conducted on September 24-25, 2014, at the Fuller Hall, Asian Institute of Management, Makati City.

Fiscal Management. Conducted in partnership with PCID and the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), fifth and last workshop was conducted on March 11-12, 2015, at the Bulwagan ng Diwang Pilipino, DBP, Makati City.

FEF – Infrastructure Policy Group

The Infrastructure Policy Group of the Foundation for Economic Freedom (FEF-IPG) aims to contribute to improving the PPP framework through policy recommendations grounded on the principles of transparency, fair competition, appropriate risk allocation, and value-for-money project selection.

FEF-Center for Political Economy

Recognizing the importance of having a political environment conducive for economic development to occur, the Foundation for Economic Freedom – Center for Political Economy (FEF-CPE) was established to manage FEF's political reform-oriented advocacy.