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House Bill No. 1847

Introduced by **HON. ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill seeks to change the name of Alcantara National Trade School to be known as Romblon National Institute of Technology located in the Municipality of Alcantara, Province of Romblon.

Republic Act (RA) 4581 of 1965 established the Alcantara National Trade School (ANTS) to offer secondary courses that would create a pool of middle-level skilled workers under the Bureau of Technical Vocational Education (BTVE) of the Department of Education. However, in 1997, ANTS has been placed under the administration of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) having qualified to offer tech-voc education and trainings. In 2000, the Secondary Program was phased out due to the Rationalization of the Secondary Program.

ANTS continue to offer more programs and services, not only to the residents of the municipality, but also of the whole province. In fact, students from other nearby provinces like Mindoro, Palawan and others enroll in this trade school.

The change of name would respond to the call of time of opening doors for other higher technical courses and trainings that the TESDA has to offer. More importantly, the mandate of the trade school under Section 1 of RA 4581 which states that "There shall be established under the supervision of the Director of Vocational Education, a national trade school in the Municipality of Alcantara. Courses of the secondary level shall be offered in said school" is of no moment considering that the trade school is now administered by TESDA and no longer offering secondary courses.

Thus, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CHANGING THE NAME OF ALCANTARA NATIONAL TRADE
SCHOOL TO ROMBLON NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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

SECTION 1. *Renaming of National Trade School.* – The name of Alcantara National Trade School in the Municipality of Alcantara, Province of Romblon is hereby changed to Romblon National Institute of Technology.

SEC. 2. *Location of the Main Campus.* – The main campus of the Romblon National Institute of Technology shall continue to remain in its present location in the Municipality of Alcantara, Province of Romblon.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.