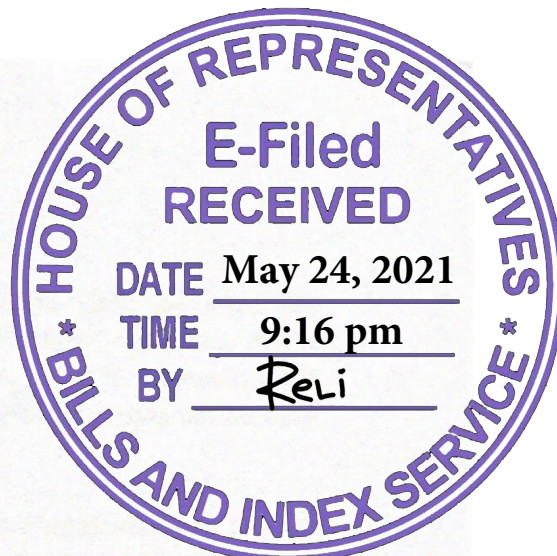


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House Bill No. 9454



Introduced by
HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ and
HON. WILTER "SHARKY" WEE PALMA II

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to **KWOK YAM IAN CHAN**, a British national who has planted his roots and contributed much to the Philippines as a businessman and a patron.

Mr. Chan was brought to the Philippines by his parents sometime in 1990. He studied and graduated from elementary and high school at the Chiang Kai Shek College in Manila. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Export Management at the Dela Salle College of St. Benilde and also holds a Master's Degree in Economics Major in Finance from the California Polytechnic University.

After graduation, he started to build his career here in the Philippines by occupying various positions in different companies. He is now a businessman with a very diversified line of legitimate businesses, thus, helping boost the economy as well as giving job opportunities to many Filipinos, especially during this time of Covid-19 pandemic.

During the pandemic, he co-organized Love Plus Charity Foundation, an organization founded by Chinese nationals. Amidst the lockdown, they provided food packs to frontliners manning checkpoints in several cities and municipalities all over the country. As they delivered food to remote areas that were not reached by mainstream media, they were able to attract the attention of several individuals and organizations. This resulted into the expansion of their organization as more and more people gave donations to their foundation. Aside from the food packs, they spearheaded the seamless coordination between the Chinese medical team and local health care officials to make sure no message is lost during vital communications. With over 50 individuals going hand

in hand to donate food, medical equipment, and other necessary items to combat the novel coronavirus, Love Plus Charity Foundation doubled its efforts especially in the months of April and May 2020 as they visited major hospitals in NCR, including Lung Center of the Philippines, RITM, Jose Abad Santos General Hospital, Bulacan Medical Center, among others.

Love Plus Charity Foundation was also one of the first organizations to provide food, water and other assistance to affected families when the Pandacan Church caught fire back in July 2020.

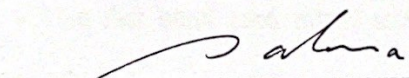
A total of 487 Chinese organizations and individuals have donated to Love Plus Charity Foundation, with cash donations totaling six million pesos (Php 6,000,000), three thousand one hundred forty-four (3,144) boxes of surgical masks, one thousand three hundred forty (1,340) sets of PPE, two thousand (2,000) sets of rapid test kits, baby essentials like formula milk and diaper, in addition to food donations such as rice, bread, instant noodles, canned goods, fruits and vegetables, among others.

When the government implemented another lockdown on August 4, 2020, Love Plus Charity Foundation did not waste any time to lend another helping hand to Filipinos despite unprecedented challenges.

Mr. Chan is currently a holder of a Special Resident Retirement Visa. He has sufficiently shown his true and sincere desire to stay for good in the Philippines and accomplish the dream he shares with his wife—to serve the country they have learned to love and embrace. With his distinguished work and service to the country, **Kwok Yam Ian Chan** has proven his sincere desire to become one of us—a true Filipino citizen. Granting him Philippine citizenship will definitely serve to benefit our country.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


Rep. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Representative, First District of Leyte


Rep. WILTER "SHARKY" WEE PALMA II
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**AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO
MR. KWOK YAM IAN CHAN, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND
PREROGATIVES APPURTENANT THERETO**

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

SECTION 1. - Kwok Yam Ian Chan is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives appurtenant thereto.

SECTION 2. - After taking and registration of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines, Kwok Yam Ian Chan shall enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

SECTION 3. - Upon the registration of Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall forthwith issue Mr. Kwok Yam Ian Chan's Certificate of Naturalization.

SECTION 4. - This Act shall take effect immediately fifteen (15) days upon publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,