

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 9540



Introduced by Rep. Rowena Niña Taduran

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to **Jia Yongfei**, a Chinese National who has planted his roots through his enterprise and has benevolently helped tragedy-stricken Filipinos as a humanitarian. Jia Yongfei was born in the Hebei province of China on January 1, 1975. In 2016, Mr. Yongfei decided to migrate to the Philippines when he was offered a job as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a company that invests in local development projects. In his almost 5 years of stay here in the Philippines, he has largely contributed to the company he works at and has touched the lives of those under his purview while being supported by his acquaintances who translated for him.

To some, Jia Yongfei's civic contributions may be little and to no great effect, but for an alien to be so helpful to people whom in truth, he has no rooted relationships with – that alone speak volumes on Mr. Yongfei's character. He sympathizes with those who are struggling. He has been channelling his donations through partner organizations who have the same resounding purpose for helping. Jia Yongfei is unlike all the other applicants for naturalization. Through his own, silent ways, he has been able to remarkably partake in civic duties that is becoming of a model Filipino citizen. If Mr. Yongfei were to be naturalized, there could be many more things he could contribute to the country through his simple but plentiful donation drives or perhaps even through more astounding things that he could do as a true Filipino. Jia Yongfei is a productive member of society who dutifully pays his taxes, works very hard, and is vigorous in his line of business.

Fascinated with the warm hospitality, the colorful culture, the delicious food, and the determination of the Filipino people in spite of whatever situation they may find themselves in, Mr. Yongfei realized how much he wanted to belong. Jia Yongfei is certain that through being naturalized, he will be able to contribute further. He knows that through being naturalized, he can finally, deeply 'root' here – build his own warm, welcoming home, bring his family in and educate his future children with Filipino culture and traditions, make them experience the kindness and hospitality of the people, and build a new life in a country that makes living worthwhile.

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


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AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO JIA YONGFEI

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

SECTION 1. Granting of Citizenship to Jia Yongfei. — Jia Yongfei is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

Upon taking and registration of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines, Jia Yongfei shall enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. — Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule of regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,