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House Of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6567

Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL JOSE M. DALIPE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Known by his friends to be a good person and a samaritan, Mr. Tang Yong, for over sixteen years has built his good reputation in the Philippines as a man of honesty, dignity, generosity, and readiness to extend all forms of assistance to all person around him, especially Filipinos.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Tang Yong made numerous donations during his 16-year stay in the Philippines. Unfortunately, most, if not all, of them does not have any records as his intention was purely to help and not to monitor or expect anything in return. In fact, during the initial onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic alone, Mr. Tang Yong purchased and donated:

- i. Thirty thousand sets of RT-PCR test kits and equipment to the local government of Angeles City, Pampanga and Chinese General Hospital in Manila amounting to four hundred thirty-four thousand nine hundred dollars (US\$ 434,900.00); and
- ii. Thirty-four thousand kilos of rice to Municipality of E.B. Magalona amounting to one million five hundred thousand pesos (PhP1,500,000.00) as part of the relief efforts for families affected by the COVID-19 community lockdown.
- iii. Cash Donation of Philippine Pesos: One Million (Php 1,000,000.00) for the typhoon victims residing at the 3rd District of the Province of Leyte, Philippines.

In addition to the above, Mr. Tang Yong contributes to Philippine society and economy by providing thousands of employment opportunities to our countrymen through his many business ventures. Many Filipinos have long depended their livelihood and job to Mr. Tang Yong's business genius. Mr. Tang Yong is a visionary in the field of business. Among others, he has investment in companies and projects involving Grab, Stock X, and submarine cables for internet data connectivity.

During his 16-year residency in the Philippines, Mr. Tang Yong met his common law wife, Ms. Rochiel Calara Rueda ("Ms. Rueda"), a Filipino citizen, whom he has a child named David Yue Rueda Tang, also a Filipino citizen.

Mr. Tang Yong has long embraced the Filipino culture, values, practices, and virtues having moved to the Philippines in 2005. He has built lasting friendships in the Philippines whom he most value. He is a respected individual in his circles composed of mainly Filipinos. His friends have long treated him as a Filipino having shown respect and courtesy in treating his Filipino compatriots.

On top of this, Mr. Tang Yong has made it his personal commitment to retire in the Philippines and continue to spend his days with his Filipino family. So much so that he invested in Citicircle Group, Inc., a company he jointly owned with Ms. Rueda focusing on real estate property development, acquisition, lease, development, and management of real properties in the Philippines with an asset portfolio of over Five Hundred Million Pesos (PhP500,000,000.00).

It is without doubt, that in the eyes of his family, friends, and co-workers, Mr. Tang Yong is already a Filipino. What merely differentiates him from us is a piece of paper as legal proof that indeed he is one. After all, Mr. Tang Yong has spent half of his adult life in the Philippines.

The undersigned sincerely believes and confirms that once granted Filipino citizenship, Mr. Tang Yong will be able to do more to help our constituents.

More importantly, this humble representation is confident that Mr. Tang Yong will be an asset to our country. He is eligible and worthy of being conferred the honor of becoming our fellow countryman, a Filipino citizen.

For the information of my honorable colleagues, Mr. Tang Yong's application for the issuance of Filipino citizenship – House Bill No. 10565 was approved on third reading by the last Congress. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to for the previous Congress pass the said bill into a law.

Thus, this humble representation seeks the support of this august body for the immediate passage of this proposed legislation.



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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO TANG YONG

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

SECTION 1. *Grant of Philippine Citizenship.* – Mr. Tang Yong 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 the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

SEC. 2. *Oath of Allegiance.* – Mr. Tang Yong shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his Philippine citizenship after taking his Oath of Allegiance before any officer duly authorized for this purpose. Thereafter, his Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

SEC 3. *Certification of Naturalization.* – Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall forthwith issue Mr. Tang Yong's Certificate of Naturalization.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,