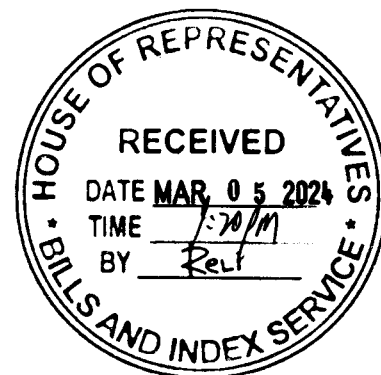


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HOUSE BILL NO. 10040



Introduced by REP. EMILIO BERNARDINO L. YULO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho, giving him 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.

Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho, the Co-Founder and CEO of The Kho Group has continuously worked to create opportunities for the Filipino people from its wide-ranging investments and operations across various sectors and has maintained a harmonious relationship between the Philippines and other ASEAN countries as part of the Friends of the Philippines Foundation. Kho's ties to Asia extend beyond his business ventures, with family businesses in China, Hong Kong, and the Philippines.

Luis, along with the Kho family, made significant contributions through the Foundation to the construction of the Northern Mindanao Wellness and Reintegration Center (NMWRC), a modern rehabilitation center in Malaybalay, Bukidnon. The NMWRC is a drug rehabilitation and mental health center that serves as a critical facility for the treatment of addiction and mental health issues in Region X and other parts of Mindanao. This is believed to be the largest drug addiction rehab center in Mindanao, with amenities like dormitories, a basketball court, a little amphitheater, medical facilities, a gym, and an administration building.

Furthermore, significant contributions to education and cultural exchanges between China and the Philippines were achieved through the seed money given for the establishment of Soledad College at Fujian Normal University named after his mother, Soledad, whose ancestors hailed from Isabela province. It offers scholarships to Filipino students interested in various fields. This endeavor was part of Kho's larger push to improve educational opportunities for Filipino students while also encouraging cultural exchanges and scientific cooperation.

Kho's contributions are also evidenced in his real estate ventures, such as the New Manila International Community, a smart city project in Manila Bay, in collaboration with the Kho Group and UAA Kinming Development Corporation. This project is a testament to his vision for urban development and his efforts to contribute to global urbanization and sustainability.

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Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho has contributed greatly and impacted the lives of countless Filipinos. His efforts underscore the importance of international collaboration and philanthropy in addressing global challenges and promoting mutual growth and understanding among nations.

In view of Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho's contributions to the betterment of the Filipino community and identity to the rest of the world, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO LUIS FABREGAS KHO, WITH ALL
THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND PREROGATIVES APPURTENANT THERETO**

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

SECTION 1. Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho 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. Upon taking his Oath of Allegiance before an officer duly authorized for this purpose, and the registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration, Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his Philippine citizenship.

SEC. 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall issue Mr. Luis Fabregas Kho his Certificate of Naturalization.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved