



INTERVIEW WITH DTI-STMO DIRECTOR JANICE SACEDON-DIMAYACYAC GETS FEATURED IN THE WORLD EXPORT CONTROL REVIEW JOURNAL

[Manila, March 24] – For its October 2023 issue, WorldECR sat down with the Atty. Janice Sacedon-Dimayacyac, Director of the Department of Trade and Industry – Strategic Trade Management Office (DTI-STMO) and talked about the Philippines' journey in developing its very own strategic trade management (STM) system.

Atty. Sacedon-Dimayacyac shared her experiences in taking up the herculean task of building a national strategic trade management system from scratch. In the interview, she talked about the key components involved in this ambitious endeavor, including the establishment of a licensing mechanism, an outreach framework, and the formulation of enforcement protocols and a comprehensive control list for strategic goods.

The Director recounted the challenges she and her team faced when the STMO was just starting to take off the ground. She noted the initial skepticism and pushback the bureau received from industry stakeholders regarding the relevance of STM in the Philippine economy. The Director detailed how the STMO patiently engaged with government partners, trade associations, and chambers of commerce to normalize STM despite facing setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the bureau's ever-expanding docket, STMO's resolve to delivering services did not waver. Atty Sacedon-Dimayacyac highlighted how STMO adapted to the crisis by introducing innovative solutions such as the office's e-learning platform and the full digitalization of its licensing system.

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In September, the Philippines will be hosting the 2024 Strategic Trade Management Summit which will convene senior-level government officials from different strategic trade agencies across the globe to discuss the latest trends, issues, and challenges surrounding Strategic Trade Management (STM). The forum will cover all aspects of counter-proliferation and will serve as a platform for exchanging perspectives and best practices on promoting informed compliance and enforcing STM laws.

As the Philippines enter the third phase of its STM implementation this year, Atty Sacedon-Dimayacyac commits to further building STMO's institutional capacity to monitor and facilitate trade of legitimate strategic shipments by working closely with its partners in ASEAN as well as the US EXBS and EU P2P Program.

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Note: The interview featuring Attorney Janice Sacedon-Dimayacyac can be accessed in the WorldECR Issue No. 123.

