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Responsible Care

#### First Stakeholder's Meeting for the Implementation of the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap



The First Stakeholder's Meeting for the implementation of the Philippines Chemical Industry Roadmap 2023-2028: Enabling Industry Linkages, Sustainability, Safer Materials and Operations, and Productivity was held on April 03, 2024, at the BOI, Makati City. We are honored by the presence of Executive Director Maria Corazon Halili-Dichosa of the Board of Investments as Government Co-Chair with SPIK President Engr. Gretchen Fontejon- Enarle as Industry Co-Chair. The meeting was also attended by representatives from SPIK, PPCAI, PAPIM, APMP, PACSI, EPAP, FIAP assisted by the officers of BOI MIS led by Ms. June Villasanta.

It is noteworthy that SPIK through the leadership of former SPIK President Engr. Dennis Tirthdas and Senior SPIK Adviser Mr. Roberto "Bobby" Batungbacal spearheaded the updating of the Philippines Chemical Industry Roadmap in the first quarter of 2023 and completed in October 2023 through the assistance of Dr. Lawrence A. Limjuco as the Consultant. The completion was made possible through the support of the partner government agencies especially the DTI- BOI which co- funded the Project and the support of DOST-PCIEERD and DENR-EMB.

### ReCAP 2024: Responsible Care Awareness in the Philippines

The Samahan saPilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) successfully conducted the Responsible Care Awareness in the Philippines dubbed as ReCAP 2024 on April 05, 2024. A total of 106 participants attended the webinar organized by the SPIK in partnership with the Pollution Control Association of the Philippines (PCAPI).

Responsible Care is the chemical industry's voluntary initiative to improve environmental, health and safety performance. It has 7 Codes of Management Practices: Pollution Prevention, Employee Health and Safety, Product Stewardship, Process Safety, Community Awareness and Emergency Response, Distribution and Security.



Congratulations to the Responsible Care Council led by its RC Chairperson Engr. Reinier Jay Bagabay, Director. Engr. Albert Samuela, to the esteemed speakers, Engr Joy Pena of Dow Chemicals Philippines, Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle of Atlantic Coatings, Inc., Ms. Janet Marcellana of Pilipinas Shell, Ms. Jenny Nunez of Diversey (a Solenis Company), Ms. Dorris Torres of STAMM International, Ms. Maphel Lao of BASF Philippines and finally to Ms. Tonette Fallarme and Ms. Charisse Balibay of SPIK Secretariat and Ms. Christine Vidallo of PCAPI Secretariat.

#### SPIK Joins the RCLG Conference Call



The Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) led by Engr. Reineir Jay Bagabay, Director and Concurrent Responsible Care Chairman attended the monthly conference call of the Responsible Care Leadership Group (RCLG) last April 10, 2024.

Significant progress on the development of the Self-Assessment Toolkit (SAT) and Key Performance Indicator (KPI) platforms as well as the updates on the revision of the Responsible Care logo were reported.

#### **SPIK and PIChE Revisit the MOU**

The SPIK through the leadership of its Vice President for External Affairs and Concurrent National Issues on Trade and Industry Committee (NITIC) Chairman, Engr. Albert Samuela together with SPIK President Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle and Director Engr. Reinier Bagabay virtually met the officers of PIChE led by its President, Dr. Nathaniel P. Dugos and Dr. Josephine Borja last April 10, 2024 to revisit scope of cooperation included in the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2021.

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to develop a framework of cooperation between the PARTIES and develop mutually beneficial programs in areas of common interest.



#### Tatak Pinoy (Proudly Filipino) Act Public Consultation



The Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) attended the Hybrid Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with Industry Associations and Businesses on the Tatak Pinoy Act organized by the Department of Trade and Industry - Competitiveness and Innovation Group (DTI-CIG) on April 11 and 22, 2024.

The FGD, as part of a series of stakeholder dialogues, seeks to solicit comments and recommendations on the drafting and formulation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 11981 or the Tatak Pinoy (Proudly Filipino) Act.

#### **Orientation on RA 11898 to PPCAI Members**



On April 11, 2024, President Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle provided an overview of the RA 11898 or the "Extended Producer Responsibility Act of 2022" to the members of the Philippine Paint and Coatings Inc. (PPCAI) on their general membership meeting held at the Eastwood Le Grand Tower.

#### **ITDI Chemicals and Energy Division Meeting with SPIK**

The ITDI Chemicals and Energy Division (CED) led by Engr. Apollo Victor Bawagan and Dr. Kim Christopher Aganda virtually met with the Officers of the SPIK led by its President Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle last April 15, 2024.

The meeting seeks to explore areas of potential collaboration to effectively drive progress in the area of research and development to address the challenges and opportunities within the local chemical industry.



### SPIK at the 44th PCAPI National Annual Convention and General Assembly



The Pollution Control Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PCAPI) held its 44th National Annual Convention and General Assembly last April 1-19, 2024 at the Boracay New Coast Convention Center, Malay, Aklan.

Present at the said event were Engr. Reinier Bagabay, Director and Responsible Care Chairman, SPIK President Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle who is the current Vice President- Internal Affairs of PCAPI, Former SPIK President Mr. Ramon S. Abadilla who was invited as plenary speaker, Ms. Lyn Valdez, Responsible Care Council Member and current PCAPI Board of Trustee.

The Convention with the theme Sustainability Synery 2024: Promoting Innovations for a Greener Environment was attended by about 350 participants from diverse industries.

# SPIK Attends the Madrid Protocol on International Trademark Registration Treaty

Engr. Bob Chaervin Castrence and Ms. Jenny Rose Nunez, members of the SPIK Responsible Care Council participated in the recently concluded seminar on Madrid Protocol on International Trademark Registration Treaty organized by the Chamber of the Cosmetics Industry of the Philippines, Inc. in partnership with the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines last April 29, 2024. This activity is in conjunction with the future trademark registration process for the revised Responsible Care logo which the International Council of Chemical Association will launched in May.

The Madrid Protocol is a one-stop solution for national and regional trademark holder to obtain and maintain protection of brands overseas and in multiple markets simultaneously.





### Consultative Meeting on House Bill No. 7705 or the Low Carbon Economy Act

Members of the Responsible Care Council attended the virtual Consultative Meeting on House Bill No. 7705 or the Low Carbon Economy Act last April 19, 2024. The meeting was organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI).

The bill aims to maximize the contribution of industrial and commercial sectors in reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and minimize the adverse effect of climate change through the establishment of a policy environment for technological development and transfer, capacity building, sustainable finance supporting just transition towards low carbon economy, including the configuration of a nationally-appropriate market-driven system of tradable GHG allowances, among other options, to optimize the country's carbon goal-based transformation.

#### **Chemical Threat and Risk Assessment Workshop**

The Anti-Terrorism Council-Program Management Center (ATC-PMC) recently concluded the fourday seminar on Chemical Threat and Risk Assessment Workshop held on April 22-25 2024. The said initiative was organized by the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency (US DTRA) and subject matter experts from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL). Representatives from TNC Chemicals, Inc. JG Summit Olefins Corporation and Pacific Paint (Boysen) Philippines, Inc. participated in the said event.

The four-day engagement aims to equip stakeholders to design a chemical security regulatory framework for the Philippines that manages chemical threats and risks. Among others, the workshop included sessions and activities on defining threats, graded regulatory approaches, chemical security hazards, considerations in listing Chemicals of Security Concern (COSC), as well as assessing potential required security measures to mitigate the identified chemical security risks.





# TESDA Validation of Skills Requirements on Advanced Manufacturing

SPIK attended the Online TESDA AMDev Skills Validation Meeting on April 22, 2024 where TESDA presented the results of the Skills Mapping Survey sent to the stakeholders to accomplish. The presentation identified the areas of importance, challenges and oppurtunites.

# 14th Meeting of the DOST-ITDI Industry Advisory Council (IAC)

The 14th Meeting of the Industry Advisory Council (IAC) of the DOST- ITDI led by Dr. Annabelle V. Briones, DOST-ITDI Director was held on Aptil 29, 2024.. The meeting tackled the Ways Forward following the successful run of the TechClinic on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) last March 14, 2024 held at the Dusit Thani Manila. The Responsible Care Council led by Engr. Reinier C. Bagabay, Director and Responsible Care Chairman attended the TechClinic.





# Collaboration Meeting with Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)



Promotion of chemical security is one of the advocacies of SPIK. We are proud to share the different activities and initiatives of SPIK in this area to our members, stakeholders, and partners from the government agencies. Over the years, SPIK was able to engage with international and local organizations for capacity and capability building on chemical security for our members.

We are in the forefront of promoting Responsible Care throughout our supply chain. Guided by the strategies of the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap (PCIR), we started the discussion with the Security & Elimination Cooperative Threat Reduction Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA).

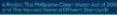
The meeting with Ms. Lauren Richardson of DTRA held last April 29, 2024 aims to align with their ongoing projects in the Philippines that will also support the Safer Materials and Operations principle in the PCIR. Brought to you by:





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