

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **2667**



Introduced by Representative **ANTONIO R. FLOIRENDO, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill seeks to convert the circumferential road situated in the Island Garden City of Samal, Province of Davao del Norte into a National Road and provide funds therefor.

Consisting of 118 km., the said circumferential road network traverses 26 barangays comprising of the then municipalities Babak, Samal, and Kaputian which were merged and consolidated into a component city by virtue of Republic Act 8471 in March 7, 1998. The road which starts off from barangay Pichon, Babak District up to barangay Aundanao, Samal District is a city road which leads all the way to Kaputian Poblacion, then connects to the Samal-Babal-Kaputian National Road and finally ends up in barangay Caliclic, Babak District anew. Most portions of the 118 km. road are existing, graveled roads while some are for opening and construction.

Less than a kilometer away from the bustling city of Davao, the Island Garden City of Samal is known the world over as a tourist haven. The Office of the President through the Department of Tourism has chosen Samal Island as part of its flagship tourism project. Republic Act No. 7916, which provides the legal framework for the establishment of special economic zones throughout the country, has also designated Samal Island among such designated sites.

The proposed conversion would ensure the maintenance and subsequent improvement and expansion of this vital infrastructure in order to propel socio-economic development in the city of Samal.

Its conversion into a national road would also complement ongoing efforts by the administration to link the large, medium, and small islands of the archipelago in order to provide faster and easier access to tourism attractions.

The accessibility of the Island Garden City as a tourist destination would certainly boost the tourism industry and earn more foreign exchange for the island and the country as a whole.

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



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

SECTION 1. – The circumferential road of the Island Garden City of Samal in the Province of Davao del Norte is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. – The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, maintenance, and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act

SECTION 3. – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,