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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)  
TRAINING CENTER FOR PIÑA HANDLOOM WEAVING IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN,  
TO BE KNOWN AS THE KALIBO, AKLAN TESDA PIÑA  
HANDLOOM WEAVING TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT  
CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the  
“Kalibo, Aklan TESDA Piña Handloom Weaving Training and  
Assessment Center Act”.

SEC. 2. *Establishment.* – There is hereby established a  
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)  
Piña Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center in the  
Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan, under the supervision of  
the TESDA, to be known as the Kalibo, Aklan TESDA Piña  
Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center. It shall be  
established in a highly accessible location in the Municipality of  
Kalibo, Province of Aklan, pursuant to the purposes of this Act and

to the mutual agreement between the TESDA and the concerned  
local government units (LGUs).

SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* – The Kalibo, Aklan Piña  
TESDA Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center,  
hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide  
technical-vocational education and training (TVET) programs to  
students, local residents from low-income families, and out-of-school  
youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples,  
in the Municipality of Kalibo and adjacent localities in the Province  
of Aklan, to help them become productive, self-reliant and globally  
competitive labor assets in the art, craft, and trade of handloom  
weaving, particularly of piña fiber.

The Center shall offer training programs on relevant skills  
competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities  
needed to deliver the effective employment interventions that will  
hasten the development of the Municipality of Kalibo and adjacent  
localities in the Province of Aklan into human resource and  
productivity hubs in meeting the manpower qualification standards  
of both local and international labor markets for piña handloom  
weaving.

The Center shall serve as TESDA-accredited Assessment  
Center for acquired competencies in TVET programs for handloom  
weaving in the Municipality of Kalibo and adjacent localities in the  
Province of Aklan. It shall also provide teachers' training and  
curriculum design assistance to the secondary schools offering the  
technical-vocational livelihood (TVL) track under the K to 12  
Program in coordination with the Department of Education

(DepEd), TESDA, Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI), and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

SEC. 4. *Training Programs.* – The Center shall offer diverse short-term certificate courses and modular trainings in skills specialization in handloom weaving. To this end, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), PTRI, NCCA, business-industry partners, and other relevant agencies and instrumentalities, both local and international, shall provide the necessary assistance to enable the Center to develop skilled and competitive manpower to achieve a robust and inclusive economy in the host area and adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan.

The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology development farms, satellite or extension training centers, and promote mobile training programs for handloom weaving technology, skills standardization, design concepts, and product commercialization geared towards the acquisition of practical livelihood, employable skills, gainful employment, and entrepreneurship in priority areas in the Municipality of Kalibo and adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan.

To address the manpower needs for skilled artists, craftsmen, and designers for handloom weaving, the Center shall offer the following TESDA-registered training programs with competencies assessment leading to National Certification Levels I-III:

(a) Skills training in handloom weaving through the use of emerging new techniques and methods, and operation of small and

medium-scale handloom weaving machinery and equipment, especially for piña hand weaving;

(b) Short-term basic skills trainings and seminars focused on the re-introduction of handloom weaving, revival of traditional handloom weaving techniques and designs, funding and infrastructure support for handloom machines and equipment, and relevant market information on product promotion in both domestic and international trade exposition;

(c) Practical training methods in the use of natural and synthetic fiber materials, piña fiber, modern cloth-making technology, and development and production of alternative handloom weaving materials and sources;

(d) Training programs on handloom weaving design concepts in both indigenous patterns and modern designs, and product diversification and uses, specifically for piña cloth;

(e) Livelihood trainings and small business literacy programs on the institutionalization and commercialization of Philippine handloom weaving training, especially for piña cloth and end products, in all aspects promoting handloom weaving through research and development, production support and extension, education and training, fiber processing and utilization technologies, market promotion and investment facilitation, infrastructure development, standards implementation and trade regulation, including international demand benchmarking for handloom-made products;

(f) Strengthening collaboration of the various handloom weaving industry stakeholders, and development of the handloom weaving fiber sector;



(g) Basic business literacy training in financial management, marketing, practical accountancy, bookkeeping, office procedures, business processes and application procedures including registration, licensing, documentation, business patent and intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment opportunities sourcing, import-export accreditation, online home-based business operation, and use of social media business marketing; and

(h) Other relevant trainings that may be needed by the people of Kalibo and the Province of Aklan specifically focused on handloom weaving to enhance their capacities for practical livelihood, gainful employment and entrepreneurial activities.

SEC. 5. *Compliance with TESDA Requirements.* – The provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the Center shall become operational only upon the determination and certification by the TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and certificate of compliance, that the Center has satisfactorily complied with the minimum requirements for quality standards prescribed by the TESDA governing the following competency assessment:

(a) Standard procedures and guidelines for the establishment and operation of a Center;

(b) Operational sustainability of the Center, in terms of licensed faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment, training and laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and other standard requirements of a Center;

(c) Sustainable funding source and allocation of the budgetary requirement;

(d) Assurance that the training programs offered are fully aligned with the minimum standards of competency-based quality technical-vocational skills technology and the needs of the host area and adjacent communities served in the context of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Integration and the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) for TVET; and

(e) Compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and standards, as may be necessary and applicable in establishing a Center.

SEC. 6. *Administration.* – The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational Administrator, under the supervision of the TESDA, who shall render full-time service and be responsible for the administration and operation of the Center.

The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director General in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the qualification requirements for such office.

The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into agreements with locally-based private and public counterpart agencies or instrumentalities and persons, subject to the approval of the TESDA Director General, for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The TESDA Director General shall include in the Authority's program the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed

1 appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of  
2 the Center herein established.

3 SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within  
4 ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the TESDA shall, in  
5 coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST, Department of Budget  
6 and Management, DILG, NEDA, PTRI, NCCA, concerned LGUs,  
7 and such other relevant agencies and industry-business partners  
8 of the host locality, prepare and issue the necessary rules and  
9 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

10 SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section  
11 or provision of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid,  
12 the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and  
13 shall remain in force and effect.

14 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders,  
15 decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or  
16 inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed  
17 or amended accordingly.

18 SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
19 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper  
20 of general circulation.

Approved,

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