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Role of Trade Associations**

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# PCCI-BOC Computerized Lodgment Facilities

- Entry Encoding Center (EEC)
- Electronic Data Interchange Gateway (EDI Gateway)

# PCCI-BOC Computerized Lodgment Facilities

- Improvement in cargo clearance procedures
- Reduction of human discretion
- Increase in transparency and efficiency
- Improvement in surveillance and monitoring of incoming and outgoing shipments

# PCCI-BOC Computerized Lodgment Facilities

- Current infrastructure no longer adequate
- Program enhancements needed



# BOC Computerization



- No upgrade of computerized system since 1992 given manifold increase in volume of transactions
- Resulted in delays, high costs, pilferage and security problems
- Possible loss of revenues
- Manual processing as stop-gap solution

# BOC Computerization PCCI Proposal

- Long-term solution
- Provide enhancements at no cost to the government
- Bid out project to IT companies
- Charge reasonable fees to recover costs

# Installation of X-Ray Container System

- Current manual container inspection prone human discretion, pilferage, and security risks
- Global call for heightened security to intercept prohibited items

# Installation of X-Ray Container System

- Philippine ports at par with the world's leading ports
- Speedy, accurate and efficient inspection process
- For transparency and verification



# Installation of X-ray Container System PCCI Proposal

- Participation of private port operators and Philippine Ports Authority for funding
- Charge fees to recover costs

# Conclusion

- Strategic importance of proactive participation and partnership with BOC
- Business community to benefit from enhancements in procedures and processes in BOC
- Be prepared for global competition

# Conclusion

- Tariffs will be negligible
- Critical factors are transparency, efficiency, speed, accuracy and security
- Only in partnership can there be better Customs operations and reduced cost of business

# THANK YOU!



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