



Abad speaks on anti-dumping at IPBA conference



Anthony Abad of TA Trade Advisory Services served as a speaker at the recently held 19th annual conference of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA). Mr. Abad was part of the panel on the session titled "The Nature and Operation of National Anti-Dumping in a Comparative Approach," along with speakers from Singapore, Taiwan, Brazil, China, India, the United States, and Germany.

A former Commissioner of the Tariff Commission, Mr. Abad presented the Philippine experience and legal framework on anti-dumping and shared his insights on the further study, focus and development of anti-dumping measures in relation to public interest, the political context, future prospects and development issues especially in developing countries. The IPBA's session on anti-dumping aimed to highlight significant issues and provide coping strategies

IPBA speakers on anti-dumping (L-R): C.Y. Huang of Tsar & Tsai, Edmund Sims of Hunton & Williams, Anthony A. Abad of TA Trade Advisory Services, Xiao Jin of King & Wood, and Raj Bhala of The University of Kansas School of Law.

for international business.

The conference was held at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila, from 28 April to 2 May 2009. The IPBA, founded in 1991 and with approximately 2,000 members from 67 jurisdictions, is an international association of business and commercial lawyers located or have an interest in the Asia-Pacific region. IPBA's next conference is scheduled to be held on 2 to 5 May 2010 in Singapore.

Go to www.TAadvisors.net/pub.html to read "Anti-Dumping: Philippine Experience" by Anthony A. Abad.

CaFiS' Silayan to present at carbon credits conference

Alan Silayan, Managing Director of CaFiS, Inc. is the main speaker at the upcoming conference organized by the Center for Philippine Futuristics Studies & Management, Inc. Mr. Silayan will be delivering a presentation on "The Prospects of Carbon Credits in the Philippines," particularly focusing on the drivers, trends and opportunities in carbon credits. Carbon credits, measured in

tons of CO2 equivalent, are a new commodity that can be sold to countries that have a commitment under the Kyoto Protocol to reduce greenhouse gases. The conference will be held on 16 June 2009 at the Audio Visual Room of DAP Building in Pasig City.

Go to www.cafisinc.com to know more about CaFiS and carbon credits.

Hamburg hosts International Conference on Competition



More than 300 participants from different countries attended the 14th International Conference on Competition held in Hamburg last 26 to 28 April 2009. The conference, organized by the Bundeskartellamt (Germany's Federal Cartel Office, an independent federal authority tasked to protect competition), featured discussions focusing on the "dominant company" categorization under competition law and

the delimitation between regulatory and competition law control.

Anthony A. Abad of TA Advisory Services was invited to participate in the said conference, a highly regarded biannual event in the field of competition law since the early 1980s. The photo shows (from the left) Mr. Abad with Dr. Rafaelita Aldaba of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), Dr. Bernhard Heitzer, President of the Bundeskartellamt, and Mr. Jayson Cainglet of the Agribusiness Accountability Initiative.

NEWS BITS

Senate approves Competition Act of 2009

The Philippine Senate has approved Senate Bill No. 3197, also known as the Competition Act of 2009, which aims to penalize unfair trade and anti-competitive practices, unfair competition and abuse of dominant power, as well as to strengthen regulation and appropriate funds therefore. Thirteen senators voted for the bill's approval on its third reading last 01 June 2009, while none voted against nor abstained. The bill was sponsored by Senator Juan Ponce Enrile and co-sponsored by Senator Mar Roxas. Anthony Abad of TA Trade Advisory Services served as the Vice-Chair of the bill's Technical Working Group under the Sub-Committee on Anti-Trust/Competition Policy. The schedule of the bill's public hearing in the House of Representatives is currently awaited.

CaFiS to participate in Climate and Clean Energy Week

Carbon finance solutions provider CaFiS, Inc., a member of TA Advisory Services, will be participating at this year's Climate and Clean Energy Week organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The events, to be held at the ADB Headquarters in Manila on 15 to 19 June 2009, include the High-Level Dialogue on Climate Change in Asia Pacific and the 4th Asia Clean Energy Forum. The talks will bring together climate change policy leaders to discuss various aspects of climate change and plans for the Asia Pacific region. CaFiS, specializing in carbon asset generation and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), sees Climate and Clean Energy Week as a good opportunity to enhance its network and bring together CDM clients with potential investors.

Erasmus Mundus Alumni hold General Assembly in Lithuania

The Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA) held its Third General Assembly in Vilnius, Lithuania on 5 to 6 June 2009, where delegates discussed the future of the EMA and elected its new president and vice-president. TA's Atty. Jill Marie Lopez attended the event as Country Representative of the Philippines. Erasmus Mundus, sponsored by the European Commission, is a worldwide program that promotes the enhancement of higher education and intercultural understanding. It provides financial support for institutions and scholarships for students. Atty. Lopez received her European Masters in Law and Economics under the program.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The "Remedial Perspectives on the Global Financial Crisis" conference has been postponed until further notice.