

FedEx expands permit services

FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP. (FedEx), an American multinational logistics provider, has expanded its export permit services in the Philippines to help local businesses streamline the documentation required for international shipments.

“This latest initiative is part of FedEx’s broader efforts to foster the growth of the Philippine export sector,” FedEx said in a statement on Tuesday.

“By streamlining access to international trade, FedEx maintains its role as a trusted logistics provider for businesses of all sizes,” it added.

FedEx said its export permit services are now available at about 240 locations in the Philippines, including 199 2GO outlets, 23 newly added Airspeed sites, and 18 IPX centers.



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The logistics provider said each authorized retail store will be fully equipped to assist business owners with the necessary

documentation in compliance with existing regulations for international export shipments.

“This expanded network significantly enhances the availability and convenience of FedEx export permit services for SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) and e-commerce retailers across the country,” FedEx said.

FedEx earlier identified the Philippines as one of its growing markets in the Asia-Pacific region, alongside Vietnam and Indonesia.

The company’s hub in Clark is among its three gateway facilities, with the others located in Singapore and Japan. Its main hub is in China. Its 17,000-square-meter facility at Clark International Airport can sort 9,000 parcels per hour. — **Ashley Erika O. Jose**

PPA earmarks P436 million for Lamo port expansion

THE Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) is allocating nearly half a billion pesos for the expansion of Lamo (Liloy) Port in Zamboanga del Norte.

In a bid notice issued on Tuesday, the port regulator said interested parties may submit bids for the port expansion project until July 29. The PPA plans to spend up to P436.39 million on the project.

The winning bidder will be given 720 calendar days from receipt of the notice to proceed to complete the expansion of Lamo Port.

Bidders must have completed a similar contract to qualify, the PPA said, noting that the project will be procured through open competitive bidding procedures.

For this year, the PPA expects to complete at least four port projects valued at a combined P1.56 billion. These include the P426.18-million Salomague Port expansion project in Cabugao, Ilocos Sur; the P155.96-million San Andres Port expansion and improvement project; the upgrade of Banago Port in Negros Occidental; and the expansion of Balingoan Port in Cagayan de Oro.

Last year, the PPA said it had earmarked up to P16 billion for infrastructure projects until 2028.

The funds will be allocated for enhancing port efficiency and capacity, including 14 big-ticket projects targeted for completion within the period. — **Ashley Erika O. Jose**

PSE OKs Keppel Philippines’ voluntary delisting on July 8

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange, Inc. (PSE) has approved the voluntary delisting of investment holding company Keppel Philippines Holdings, Inc. (KPHI), effective July 8.

The bourse also ordered the removal of KPHI’s shares from the official registry on the same date, the PSE said in a public advisory on June 30.

KPHI announced its intention to voluntarily delist in February, with majority shareholder Kepwealth, Inc. launching a tender offer for all of KPHI’s outstanding common shares.

The tender offer period ran from April 28 to June 11.

Following the tender offer, Kepwealth now owns 56.85 million common shares, equivalent to 99.34% of KPHI, exceeding the



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95% threshold required to complete the voluntary delisting.

The tendered shares were crossed via block sale on June 18.

Incorporated in July 1975, KPHI was initially established to engage in shipbuilding and ship repair in the Philippines. It was listed on the Makati and Manila stock exchanges in 1987.

KPHI transitioned into an investment holding company in 1993. — **Revin Mikhael D. Ochavew**



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of SSI GROUP, INC. for the year 2025 will be held and conducted via virtual meeting on Thursday, 24 July 2025 at 2:00 P.M. via <https://livenow.ph/ssigroupasm2025>.

The Agenda for the meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Notice and Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 30 July 2024
4. Approval of Annual Report for the Year 2024
5. General ratification of all acts of the Board of Directors and management from the date of the last annual meeting up to the date of this meeting
6. Election of Directors for 2025-2026
7. Appointment of External Auditors
8. Other Matters
9. Adjournment

The minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is available at the website of the Company, <https://www.ssigroup.com.ph>.

The Board of Directors has fixed the end of trading hours of the Philippine Stock Exchange on 27 June 2025 as the Record Date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and vote at such meeting.

The Company will conduct the meeting virtually in accordance with the Revised Corporation Code and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Stockholders may attend the meeting and participate via remote communication and by voting in absentia, or by appointing the Chairman of the meeting as their proxy.

Stockholders who intend to participate and vote in the meeting should register on or before 14 July 2025 via <https://livenow.ph/ssigroupasm2025>. All registrations shall be validated by the Corporate Secretary in coordination with the Stock and Transfer Agent. Successful registrants will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to access an online web address which will allow them to join the meeting and cast votes in absentia or by proxy.

Stockholders who intend to appoint a proxy should submit duly accomplished proxy forms on or before 14 July 2025 at the Office of the Corporate Secretary at 6F Midland Buendia Bldg., 403 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City and/or by email to corporatesecretary@rgoc.com.ph.

The procedures for participating in the meeting through remote communication and for casting their votes in absentia are set forth in the Information Statement.

13 June 2025, Makati City.

MA. ALICIA G. PICAZO-SAN JUAN
Corporate Secretary

SM Supermalls elevates urban air quality

There’s nothing quite like strolling through a mall with breathtaking views, expansive arcades, and lush greenery. At SM Supermalls, shopping isn’t just about transactions — it’s about enjoying spaces designed for comfort, sustainability, and a healthier environment. More than ever, SM’s commitment to green infrastructure is shaping urban air quality while creating a more livable city for everyone.

DESIGNING FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

SM Supermalls prioritizes people-centric design, creating welcoming spaces that balance nature with modern convenience. The SM Mall of Asia’s arcades and the MOA Sky, for example, offer open, breezy walkways, encouraging leisurely strolls and even outdoor dining and entertainment. Meanwhile, SM Aura and SM North EDSA’s Sky Garden — the first in an SM mall — integrates lush vegetation and water features to reduce indoor heat, improve air quality, and create cooling effects in dense urban areas.

CHAMPIONING BIKE-FRIENDLY CITIES

Beyond providing open spaces, SM Supermalls is leading bike-friendly initiatives, with over 5,000 bike parking spaces across its properties. Studies show that replacing short car trips with biking can cut carbon emissions by up to 90%, significantly reducing air pollution and its long-term impact on climate change.

GREENING MALLS WITH NATIVE FLORA

Additionally, select SM malls feature endemic plant species that enhance air quality and support local biodiversity, filtering pollutants while creating a natural habitat for urban wildlife. These green spaces are designed not just for aesthetics but to actively contribute to a healthier environment.

MAKING PUBLIC TRANSPORT MORE CONVENIENT

To make sustainable transport more accessible, SM Supermalls operates transport terminals that support public transportation, providing seamless connections to buses, jeepneys, and other modes of transit. These terminals encourage commuters to opt for public transport, which can significantly



SM North EDSA houses the first Sky Garden in an SM mall, highlighting endemic plants and water features that bring nature onto a rooftop.



Bikers enjoy the convenience of secure parking as SM Supermalls champions eco-friendly transport solutions.

reduce individual carbon footprints and traffic congestion, contributing to cleaner air and more efficient urban mobility.

POWERING THE SHIFT TO EVS

Recognizing the need for cleaner transportation, SM Supermalls has also installed Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) in 69 malls nationwide. By providing essential infrastructure for electric vehicles, SM is helping to lower carbon emissions and reduce reliance on fossil fuels — a crucial step in improving urban air quality. Studies indicate that EVs produce up to 60% less greenhouse gas emissions compared to traditional gas-powered vehicles, making them a key solution for reducing pollution in crowded city centers.

MONITORING AIR, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

SM’s commitment to sustainability extends to air quality monitoring,



SM Supermalls monitors air quality in real time, empowering communities with data for cleaner, healthier cities.



The SM MOA Sky showcases greenery and open-air spaces that promote cleaner, cooler urban living.



Cyclists gather at SM Seaside City Cebu, championing greener, healthier urban mobility.

ensuring that urban pollution levels are tracked and addressed. Under SM Prime Holdings, the company partnered with Quezon City to establish an air quality monitoring system that records environmental data and provides updates through a publicly accessible website. This initiative allows communities to stay informed while encouraging long-term strategies for a cleaner, healthier urban space.

A GREENER FUTURE FOR URBAN LIVING

From green roofs and bike-friendly amenities to EVCS and air quality monitoring, SM Supermalls is

redefining retail spaces with a deeper environmental purpose. Every visit to an SM mall contributes to a better urban future, where sustainability and innovation go hand in hand.

40 YEARS OF BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

Celebrating 40 years of serving communities, SM Supermalls continues to lead as a shopping and lifestyle destination in the Philippines. True to its legacy, SM remains at the forefront of environmental sustainability through pioneering waste, water and energy innovations, as well as disaster resilience initiatives.