

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

## I. START-UP TOOLS

### Registering Your Business

**[www.dti.gov.ph/SME\\_Basics\\_StartingYourOwnBusiness.ph](http://www.dti.gov.ph/SME_Basics_StartingYourOwnBusiness.ph)**  
Starting Your Own Business

Posted here is the DTI–BMSMED publication “Starting Your Own Business”, which guides would-be entrepreneurs on the process flow of starting a small business, the risks and rewards of going into business, and tips on writing a business plan. It also provides the list of requirements in registering with the various government institutions. The handbook is available in English and Filipino versions.

**[www.bnrs.dti.gov.ph/bnrspub/filing.jsp](http://www.bnrs.dti.gov.ph/bnrspub/filing.jsp)**  
Business Name Registration System (BNRS)

Posted here are procedures and requirements in getting your business name registered with the DTI.

**<http://iregister.sec.gov.ph/MainServlet>**  
SEC-iRegister

This is the web-based Company Registration System of the Philippines Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), offering the public the convenience of online registration through SEC-iRegister. With SEC-iRegister, clients can do the following online: (1) Verifying the availability of the desired name for corporation or partnership; (2) Reserving the verified name; and (3) Accomplishing and printing the registration online without the need to buy the SEC forms.

**[www.bir.gov.ph](http://www.bir.gov.ph)**  
eTIN

Taxpayers classified as professionals will have the convenience of getting their Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) merely by visiting this website. However, the eTIN system is currently limited to TIN inquiry (for taxpayers with existing TIN) and issuance of TIN for new registrants classified as professionals. Other taxpayer groups will soon be covered under Phase 2 of the project.

**[www.sss.gov.ph](http://www.sss.gov.ph)**  
SSS number

Posted here are the procedures and requirements in getting a social security number for yourself and your employees.

**[www.cda.gov.ph](http://www.cda.gov.ph)**

Cooperative registration

You can click in this website the frequently asked questions button to know more about setting up a cooperative and how to register it.

**[www.ble.dole.gov.ph/issuances/DO\\_18-02\\_s02.pdf](http://www.ble.dole.gov.ph/issuances/DO_18-02_s02.pdf)**

Registering a Contractor and Subcontractor with the DOLE

Posted here is a copy of the rules and regulations governing contracting and subcontracting arrangements as well as the requirements for DOLE registration for this type of business arrangements.

**[www.ble.dole.gov.ph/issuances/PRPA\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.ble.dole.gov.ph/issuances/PRPA_Guidelines.pdf)**

Registering a DOLE License for a Private Recruitment and Placement Agency

Posted here is a copy of the rules and regulations governing the activities of all individual entities engaged in the recruitment and placement of persons for local employment. Also in here are the requirements in getting a license for a private recruitment and placement agency.

**[www.doh.gov.ph/doing\\_business/license](http://www.doh.gov.ph/doing_business/license)**

Department of Health (DOH)

By clicking the doing business button you will know the requirements for licensing health facilities and similar services. The Bureau of Health Facilities and Services (BHFS), in coordination with the Centers for Health Development (CHDs), currently regulates these health facilities and services.

**[www.dti.gov.ph/SME\\_Basics\\_Incentives.php](http://www.dti.gov.ph/SME_Basics_Incentives.php)**

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

By clicking the SME Incentives and Laws option under the SME concerns button, you will see a copy of the Guide to Republic Act 9178, otherwise known as the “Barangay Micro Business Enterprises (BMBEs) Act of 2002”. Read and find out if your company is eligible to register and avail of the incentives under this Act.

**[www.sme.com.ph/sme-resources-tools/resources-tools.php?page=govtforms](http://www.sme.com.ph/sme-resources-tools/resources-tools.php?page=govtforms)**

SME Resources and Tools

Posted here are downloadable forms that businesses usually use when dealing with various government agencies in the Philippines such as SSS, PAG-IBIG, DTI, BIR, LTO.

## **Government Contracting/Procurement**

**[www.bir.gov.ph/announcements/bidbulletin.htm](http://www.bir.gov.ph/announcements/bidbulletin.htm)**

Bureau of Internal Revenue

You will find here the BIR bidding announcement for the procurement of supplies, furniture, equipment, services and other requirements.

**[www.bsp.gov.ph/procurement/overview.asp](http://www.bsp.gov.ph/procurement/overview.asp)**

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)

Posted here are notices of bidding for BSP's various procurement needs.

**[www.da.gov.ph](http://www.da.gov.ph)**

Department of Agriculture (DA)

Click the Invitation to Bid option under Announcements to view notices of bidding for DA's various procurement needs.

**[www.dbm.gov.ph/index.php?pid=4](http://www.dbm.gov.ph/index.php?pid=4)**

Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

This is the DBM's web section for announcements allowing contractors to retrieve products and services requirements of their agency.

**[www.denr.gov.ph](http://www.denr.gov.ph)**

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

View Announcements for Notices of Bidding at the DENR homepage for the Department's various procurement needs.

**[www.deped.gov.ph/bidding/default.asp](http://www.deped.gov.ph/bidding/default.asp)**

Department of Education (DepEd)

When you click the bidding button, you will view notices of bidding for DepEd's various procurement need.

**[www.dilg.gov.ph/bac.aspx?BidId=0](http://www.dilg.gov.ph/bac.aspx?BidId=0)**

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)

Click the Invitation to Bid button to view the latest postings and notices of bidding of the agency.

**[www.doh.gov.ph/ssrs/](http://www.doh.gov.ph/ssrs/)**  
Department of Health (DOH)

Log on to DOH's Simplified Supplier's Registration System to access the agency's invitation to bid for goods and consulting services.

**[www.doj.gov.ph/invite.html](http://www.doj.gov.ph/invite.html)**  
Department of Justice (DOJ)

Click the Invitation to Pre-qualify and to Bid button to view notices of bidding.

**[www.dole.gov.ph/bids/](http://www.dole.gov.ph/bids/)**  
Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)

Click the Bid Bulletin button to view current notices of bidding issued by the Department.

**[www.dpwh.gov.ph/doing\\_business/procurement/CIVIL\\_WORKS/Bid\\_bulletin.asp](http://www.dpwh.gov.ph/doing_business/procurement/CIVIL_WORKS/Bid_bulletin.asp)**  
Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

Click the Bid Bulletin option under Doing Business section to view notices of bidding issued by the Department for their various products and services requirements.

**[www.dswd.gov.ph/publications.php?pubid=4](http://www.dswd.gov.ph/publications.php?pubid=4)**  
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

View notices of bidding for the various procurement needs of the Department by clicking the Procurement Opportunities section of the website.

**[www.dti.gov.ph/Bids\\_Notices\\_Invitation.php](http://www.dti.gov.ph/Bids_Notices_Invitation.php)**  
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

Click the Invitation for Bids button to find postings of notices of bidding for products and services.

**[www.nfa.gov.ph/index.php?id1=12](http://www.nfa.gov.ph/index.php?id1=12)**  
National Food Authority (NFA)

Click the Bids/Auction Notices button to find postings of notices of bidding for products and services.

## **Business Ideas**

**[www.entrepreneur.com/businessideas/index.html](http://www.entrepreneur.com/businessideas/index.html)**

Entrepreneur.com

Posted here are business ideas, success stories, and startup toolkit to get started with your chosen business.

## **Business Search Engines**

**<http://www.thebizplace.com/>**

Posted here are the business-specific directory and search technology. Advertisers are assured of highly targeted traffic through a relevant keyword match in partnership with an unequaled global network of branded business websites.

**<http://www.business.gov.ph>**

Philippine Business Registry (PBR)

This is an online business registration facility, highlighting the collaborative efforts of the national and local government agencies to help streamline business registration procedures in the country.

You can search in its database the registry for names of sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations duly registered with the DTI and the SEC, as well as entities registered with the BIR and the cities of Makati, Manila, Marikina, and Quezon City. Other local government units (LGUs) as well as various National Economic Research and Business Assistance Centers (NERBAC) will be joining the PBR soon.

Registrants for sole proprietorships, who are required to physically go to the DTI, BIR, and the LGUs to fill-out separate application forms, can now file a single online application form which will be automatically submitted to the concerned agencies.

Up-coming features of the PBR will be the application for partnerships, corporations, and other juridical entities with the SEC, registration with the SSS, PhilHealth, PAG-IBIG, Cooperative Development Authority

(CDA) and other licensing agencies; business renewal, business matching, online payment; and report generation facilities.

**[www.businessgateway.ca](http://www.businessgateway.ca)**

Canada Business Gateway

A portal to Canada's system and networks of SME programs and support services. The Business Gateway brings together relevant information on Canadian business on subjects identified as priorities by business stakeholders, including startups, financing, taxation, regulations, and human resources.

## **II. REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND GOVERNANCE**

### **Trade**

**[www.apectariff.org](http://www.apectariff.org)**

Tariff Database

This covers tariffs of APEC member economies that is accessible through the Internet, aimed at increasing transparency and access of SMEs to authoritative trade information at no cost.

### **IPR**

**[www.apec.org/content/apec/apec\\_groups/committee\\_on\\_trade/intellectual\\_property/ip\\_info\\_center.html](http://www.apec.org/content/apec/apec_groups/committee_on_trade/intellectual_property/ip_info_center.html)**

Information Center

IPEG provides SMEs with access to information of the APEC member economies. The key IPR issues/concerns (i.e., procedures, fees and charges) have been selected and linked to the specific economy site where the information is available.

### **Governance/Anti-corruption**

**[www.doingbusiness.org](http://www.doingbusiness.org)**

WB Doing Business Project

This site is a guide for evaluating regulations that directly impact economic growth, downloading underlying laws, making cross-country comparisons, and identifying good practice reforms. Posted here are

important publications, findings, and database of the doing business project.

**[www.respondanet.com/english/index.htm](http://www.respondanet.com/english/index.htm)**

Respondanet

This offers complete information on the anti-corruption efforts worldwide. It provides a comprehensive clearinghouse of information regarding anti-corruption initiatives, events, case studies, and best practices.

**<http://www.nobribes.info/en/>**

Anti-Corruption Gateway for Europe and Eurasia offers primary materials and direct links to major information sources for anti-corruption practitioners and analysts engaged in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. It also serves as an easily accessible repository of anti-corruption project documents, legislation, regional and international agreements, news, survey results, reports, and research.

**[www.acfe.com/](http://www.acfe.com/)**

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)

This is a network of the 25,000-member professional organization dedicated to fight fraud and white-collar crime. With offices in North America and Europe – and chapters around the globe – the association is networked to respond to the needs of anti-fraud professionals everywhere. Since 1987, ACFE has published The White Paper, a bimonthly magazine devoted to timely, insightful articles on white-collar crime and fraud examination techniques.

**[www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/governance/corruption](http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/governance/corruption)**

Eldis

This is an information gateway hosted by the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, which aims to help disseminate the best in development policy, practice, and research. It hosts a series of resource guides and publications on relevant topics including governance, accountability, corruption, and transparency.

**[www.unesco.org/iiep/eng/focus/etico/etico1.html](http://www.unesco.org/iiep/eng/focus/etico/etico1.html)**

Ethics and Corruption in Education (ETICO)

This is an information platform launched by the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP), which was created by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1963 to share knowledge among specialists working in the field of ethics and

corruption in ministries, international organizations and agencies, NGOs, universities and research institutions, among others.

**[www.globalintegrity.org](http://www.globalintegrity.org)**

Global Integrity

This is the portal of the independent, non-profit organization tracking governance and corruption trends around the world.

**[www.12iacc.org/index.php](http://www.12iacc.org/index.php)**

International Anticorruption Conference (IACC)

The conference website of the IACC provides updates, offering visitors plenary speeches and papers, workshop reports and presentations, as well as key follow up documents to fight corruption. Visit the News and Conference Programme sections to download these documents.

**[www.iccwbo.org/policy/anticorruption/](http://www.iccwbo.org/policy/anticorruption/)**

International Chambers of Commerce (ICC)

The site provides rules of conduct to combat extortion and bribery in international business. It also provides links to related articles on corruption.

**[www.intosai.org/](http://www.intosai.org/)**

International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI)

This site showcases the works and activities of the INTOSAI, which organization plays a major role in auditing government accounts and operations and promoting sound financial management and accountability in their governments.

**[www.iaati.org/default.asp](http://www.iaati.org/default.asp)**

International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI)

This is the official website of IAATI members, representing over 35 countries, including law enforcement agencies, as well as many others with a legitimate interest in auto theft investigation, prevention, and education.

**[www.norad.no](http://www.norad.no)**

Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)

Posted here are information about NORAD, a directorate under the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). Also to be found here are relevant publications on anti-corruption.

**[http://www.oecd.org/topic/0,3373,en\\_2649\\_37447\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_37447,00.html](http://www.oecd.org/topic/0,3373,en_2649_37447_1_1_1_1_37447,00.html)**

Organisation For Economic Co-Operation And Development (OECD)

OECD's corruption site features documents and reports regarding bribery and export credits, corruption and development, ethics and corruption, fighting bribery and corruption, tax treatment of bribes, corporate governance, money laundering, and public governance and management. OECD has assumed a leading role in preventing international bribery and corruption through its Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials.

**[www.traceinternational.org/](http://www.traceinternational.org/)**

TRACE International

This is the website of the organization created to provide business intermediaries - sales agents, consultants, suppliers and subcontractors - with an opportunity to commit to an anti-corruption policy and submit voluntarily to an independent due diligence review.

The Transparency and Anti-Bribery Initiatives portion provides links to 16 sites on combating bribery of foreign public officials.

**[www.osec.doc.gov/ogc/occic/tabi.html](http://www.osec.doc.gov/ogc/occic/tabi.html)**

Transparency International (TI)

Posted here are articles, speeches, Foreign Corruption Practices Act, and anti-corruption resources.

**[www.uncjin.org/](http://www.uncjin.org/)**

United Nations Crime and Justice Information Network (UNCJIN)

This is an electronic clearing-house of the culmination of several years of incremental efforts coordinated by the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention, Vienna, Austria.

**[www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/democracy\\_and\\_governance/technical\\_areas/anti-corruption/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/democracy_and_governance/technical_areas/anti-corruption/)**

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

USAID's Anticorruption Resource Site contains information about and links to the growing collection of anticorruption resources that are available on the Internet. This also contains descriptions of the anticorruption programs currently operated by the USAID, other government agencies, and the many USAID partners who are active in the effort to combat corruption.

**[www1.worldbank.org/publicsector/anticorrupt/](http://www1.worldbank.org/publicsector/anticorrupt/)**

World Bank (WB)

This aims to disseminate knowledge about the latest anti-corruption tools, techniques, and resources, and provide updates on the most recent develop in the organization's anticorruption efforts.

Regional Initiatives/Resources on Anti-Corruption

**[www.oecd.org/pages/0,3417,en\\_34982156\\_34982385\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1,00.html](http://www.oecd.org/pages/0,3417,en_34982156_34982385_1_1_1_1_1,00.html)**

ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific

This initiative aims to help countries of the region that wish to do so to build effective anticorruption mechanisms and lay the foundations for the sustained fight against corruption.

**[www.apgml.org/](http://www.apgml.org/)**

This is the website of the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APGML), which facilitates adoption, implementation, and enforcement of internationally accepted anti-money laundering standards, including assisting jurisdictions to enact laws, confiscation, forfeiture, and extradition. APG also provides guidance in setting up systems for reporting and investigating suspicious transactions, and helping in the establishment of financial intelligence units.

**<http://www.comb.gov.au/>**

This is the site of Australian Commonwealth Ombudsman (COMB), which investigates complaints about Commonwealth Government departments' and agencies' actions to see if they are unlawful.

Country-level Initiatives/Resources

**<http://www.amlo.go.th/Eng/index.htm>**

Anti Money Laundering Office (AMLO) – Thailand serves as the Financial Intelligence Unit for law enforcement agencies in Thailand which collects and analyzes reports by financial institutions and other information to identify subjects for investigation.

**[www.developmentgateway.com.au/jahia/Jahia/lang/en/pid/193](http://www.developmentgateway.com.au/jahia/Jahia/lang/en/pid/193)**

Australian Development Gateway presents tools and expertise to identify and undermine the many forms of corruption that will maximize the interchange of development information, assist countries achieve sustainable development, and reduce poverty.

**[www.opensecrets.org/index.asp](http://www.opensecrets.org/index.asp)**

Center for Responsive Politics/Open Secrets.org (CRP) is a non-partisan, non-profit research group based in Washington, D.C. that tracks money in politics, and its effect on elections and public policy. It conducts computer-based research on campaign finance issues for the news media, academics, activists, and the public at large.

**<http://cvc.nic.in/>**

Central Vigilance Commission was set up by the Government of India in February 1964 to be the apex vigilance institution, free of control from any executive authority, monitoring all vigilance activity under the central government and advising various authorities in central government organizations in planning, executing, reviewing, and reforming their vigilance work.9+

**[www.anticorruption.bg/index\\_eng.php](http://www.anticorruption.bg/index_eng.php)**

Coalition 2000 is an initiative of a number of Bulgarian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) aimed at combating corruption through a process of cooperation among governmental institutions, NGOs, and individuals drafting an Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Bulgaria and implementing an awareness campaign and a monitoring system.

**<http://app.cpiib.gov.sg/newcpib/user/default.aspx?pgID=21>**

Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) is an independent body which aims to prevent corruption in the public and private sectors in Singapore.

**<http://www.kpk.go.id/modules/edito/content.php?id=15>**

Corruption Eradication Commission of Indonesia (KPK/CEC) is the primary government agency charged with combating corruption in Indonesia. The site provides an overview of relevant laws, ongoing activities, and resources like case studies and publications about corruption in Indonesia.

**[www.icac.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/)**

Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Australia exposes and minimizes corruption in the New South Wales public sector through investigation, corruption prevention, and education.

**[www.nccc.thaigov.net/nccc/en/main\\_eng.php](http://www.nccc.thaigov.net/nccc/en/main_eng.php)**

National Counter Corruption Commission-Thailand is an independent organization that investigates and suppresses corruption and promotes transparency and accountabilities to achieve equality and honesty in the Thai Society.

**[www.fraud.org/](http://www.fraud.org/)**

NFIC offers a nationwide toll-free hotline for consumers to get advice about telephone solicitations and report possible telemarketing fraud to law enforcement agencies.

**[www.icac.org.hk/en/home/index.html](http://www.icac.org.hk/en/home/index.html)**

Independent Commission Against Corruption. Hong Kong/China (ICAC) is committed to fight corruption through effective law enforcement, education, and prevention to help keep Hong Kong fair, stable, and prosperous.

**[www.kicac.go.kr/english/E\\_Index.jsp](http://www.kicac.go.kr/english/E_Index.jsp)**

Korea Independent Commission Against Corruption is an independent governmental organization established under the Office of the President to improve laws and institutions for the prevention of corruption, and formulate and implement anti-corruption policies.

**[www.psic-ispcc.gc.ca/index.php?lang=en](http://www.psic-ispcc.gc.ca/index.php?lang=en)**

Public Sector Integrity Canada (PSIC) handles disclosures concerning potential wrongdoing in Canada's public sector and ensures protection from reprisal for making such disclosures.

**[www.sfo.gov.uk/](http://www.sfo.gov.uk/)**

Serious Fraud Office investigates and prosecutes serious and complex fraud.

**[www.fbi.gov/](http://www.fbi.gov/)**

The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is the principal investigative arm of the US Department of Justice.

**[www.usdoj.gov/criminal/pin/](http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/pin/)**

The United States Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice (PIN) oversees the federal effort to combat corruption through the prosecution of elected and appointed public officials at all levels of government who are proven corrupt.

**[www.amlc.gov.ph](http://www.amlc.gov.ph)**

This site provides information on the activities of the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC), which is composed of the Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) as Chairman and the Commissioner of the Insurance Commission (IC) and the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as members.

**[www.tag.org.ph](http://www.tag.org.ph)**

This site provides information on the activities of the - Transparent Accountable Governance (TAG) project, an attempt to summarize how, why and to what degree corruption exists in the Philippine society.

## **Government sites**

**[www.eserbisyo.gov.ph](http://www.eserbisyo.gov.ph)**

The e-Services Portal tagged as “eSerbisyo” is a single entry point designed as a one-stop source that is citizen-centric, business-friendly, and, frontline web-facility of multiple government agencies.

**[www.mmda.gov.ph/main.html](http://www.mmda.gov.ph/main.html)**

This site provides information about the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) its programs and services.

**<http://www.bas.gov.ph/>**

This site provides information about the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS), which collects, compile and releases official agricultural statistics. It contains various databases related to agriculture from price bulletin to sector/crop performance. It is also connected to the BAS-

Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), an online catalogue of information materials on various fields stored at the BAS library. Specifically, it contains bibliography records of all printed BAS, non-BAS publications, and other collections.

### **Local Government Units**

Below are some of the websites of the cities and municipalities in the Philippines. The sites provide key information on the services, tourism, procedures in applying for business permit, and the usual cost of doing business in their locality.

[www.bacolodcity.gov.ph](http://www.bacolodcity.gov.ph)  
Bacolod City

[www.baguio.gov.ph](http://www.baguio.gov.ph)  
Baguio City

[www.bagocity.gov.ph/index2.htm](http://www.bagocity.gov.ph/index2.htm)  
Bago City, Negros Occidental

<http://www.bais.gov.ph/>  
Bais City, Negros Oriental

[www.cityofbalanga.gov.ph/home/index.php](http://www.cityofbalanga.gov.ph/home/index.php)  
City of Balanga, Bataan

[www.bani.gov.ph](http://www.bani.gov.ph)  
Bani City, Pangasinan

[www.batangascity.gov.ph](http://www.batangascity.gov.ph)  
Batangas City

[www.bauang.gov.ph](http://www.bauang.gov.ph)  
Bauang, La Union

[www.bayawancity.gov.ph/](http://www.bayawancity.gov.ph/)  
Bayawan City, Negros Oriental

[www.cityofcalapan.gov.ph](http://www.cityofcalapan.gov.ph)  
City of Calapan, Mindoro

[www.cebucity.gov.ph](http://www.cebucity.gov.ph)  
Cebu City, Cebu

cotabatocity.gov.ph  
Cotabato City, Cotabato

[www.davaocity.gov.ph](http://www.davaocity.gov.ph)  
Davao City, Davao

[www.escalantecity.gov.ph](http://www.escalantecity.gov.ph)  
Escalante City, Negros Occidental

<http://www.gensantos.gov.ph>  
General Santos City, Cotabato

[www.gingoog.gov.ph](http://www.gingoog.gov.ph)  
Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental

[www.gumaca.gov.ph](http://www.gumaca.gov.ph)  
Gumaca, Quezon

[www.koronadal.gov.ph](http://www.koronadal.gov.ph)  
Koronadal, South Cotabato

<http://www.laspinascity.gov.ph>  
Las Piñas City

## **Legal Research**

**[www.washlaw.edu/forint/asia/philippine.html](http://www.washlaw.edu/forint/asia/philippine.html)**

This site provides links to all known law-related materials on the Internet. The information is arranged alphabetically, by subject, and by geographic location. Many pages have full text searching of local as well as distant resources. Information is added on a daily basis.

**[www.chanrobles.com](http://www.chanrobles.com)**

This site is a repository of laws, statutes, and codes issued in the Philippines and in other countries. It also features an alphabetical list of thousands of major search tools and other comprehensive legal sites worldwide.

### **III. MARKETING**

#### **Market Research**

**[www.instat.com](http://www.instat.com)  
Instat**

This website is the leading provider of actionable research, market analysis and forecasts of advanced communications services, infrastructure, end-user devices and semiconductors. Technology vendors, service providers, technology professionals, and market specialists worldwide rely on In-Stat's tenured, experienced staff and in-depth research to support critical business, product, and technology decisions.

#### **Visual Merchandising**

**[www.retaildesigndiva.blogspot.com](http://www.retaildesigndiva.blogspot.com)  
Retail Design Diva.Com**

RetailDesign Diva is the industry's first retail design weblog dedicated to hashing out the issues, opinions, and frustrations in retail management. It works like a community that works like a forum offering you the chance to vent, praise, share, enlighten, and be inspired from Retail Design Diva's members and other people's postings.

**<http://visualmerchandisingexpert.blogspot.com/>  
Visual Merchandising Expert**

This site specializes in specialty retail industry. This includes but does not limit to retail merchandising units, kiosks, luxury merchandising units, in-lines, and online visually aesthetics online retail site design.

**[www.visualstore.com/](http://www.visualstore.com/)**

This site provides tools to improve your retail store, visual merchandising design news, information and other resources.

#### **Logistics**

**[www.logisticsworld.com/](http://www.logisticsworld.com/)**

This is a worldwide directory of transportation and logistics services. Posted here are logistics companies, logistics providers, supply chain consultants, supply chain management, freight forwarders, freight

companies, trucking companies, moving companies, movers, shipping companies, air freight, air carriers, ocean freight, ship lines, rail freight, third party logistics providers, warehouses, freight transportation and more. It is your guide to sites related to the industry and other quality sites on the web.

**[www.logisticsonline.com](http://www.logisticsonline.com)**

This is an online publication that has a weekly e-newsletter focused on information technology-based automation systems for the logistics industry. Logistics software (for warehousing, transportation, and e commerce) and logistics hardware (for implementing AIDC and automated material handling) are prominently featured here.

**[www.rapidtranslogistics.com/](http://www.rapidtranslogistics.com/)**

This is the website of Rapidtrans Logistics, Inc., an independent Philippine-based freight forwarding and logistics company providing domestic and international sea and air transportation services.

**[www.asianterminals.com.ph](http://www.asianterminals.com.ph)**

This is the website of the Asian Terminals, Inc. a logistics and port company that handles shippers' cargo at the port and undertakes storage and movement of goods from source to end-user. This site is tooled with a Web Track - an on-line electronic inquiry facility providing real-time information pertaining to vessel schedules, container and cargo movements in South Harbor.

**[www.ictsi.com/](http://www.ictsi.com/)**

This is the website of International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) a business that involves in acquiring, developing, managing and operating container ports and terminals worldwide. It manages five terminals and freeports in the Philippines, namely: Manila international Container Terminal, NSD Terminal Subic Bay Freeport, Bauan, Terminal, Batangas, Makar Wharf, General Santos City, and Sasa Wharf, Port of Davao City. Listed here are the information on the operations of these ports and terminals.

## **Payment Systems**

**[www.myglobe.com.ph/gcash](http://www.myglobe.com.ph/gcash)**

G-cash

This site provides information on how to use the g-cash technology of Globe Telecom - Philippines. G-cash has given globe and Touch Mobile (TM ) subscribers access to a cashless and cardless method of facilitating money remittances, donations, loan settlements, disbursement of salaries or commissions, and payments of bills, products, and services, with just a text message.

**[www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)**

Paypal

This is the site of the Paypal, an online payment solution. The service allows anyone to pay in any way they prefer, including through credit cards, bank accounts, buyer credit or account balances, without sharing financial information.

**[www.westernunion.com](http://www.westernunion.com)**

Western Union

This is the site of Western Union, providing consumer-to-consumer money-transfer services. It offers money transfer services that allow consumers and businesses to send and receive funds in minutes in agent locations throughout the world.

## **Local Market Research Websites**

The following are company websites of existing market research institutions in the Philippines:

**<http://www.mores.com.ph>**

Marketing and Opinion Research Society of the Philippines (MORES)

**<http://www.mccannmanila.com>**

McCann Worldgroup Philippines

**<http://www.goodthinking.com.ph>**

Good Thinking, Inc.

## **IV. TECHNOLOGY**

### **Packaging**

**[www.packworld.com](http://www.packworld.com)**

This site provides information on packaging machines, tools and other resources. It has a supplier link icon for instant access to company-specific information, including contact information, products and services, editorial coverage, videos, white papers, and more.

**[www.packagingdigest.com](http://www.packagingdigest.com)**

This site contains design trends, white papers, tools, and other resources related to packaging. Found here are contact details of major packaging associations in the U.S.

**[www.packagingeurope.com/](http://www.packagingeurope.com/)**

The World of European Packaging website contains news and events on designs, branding, and innovations.

**[www.packagingdigest.com/](http://www.packagingdigest.com/)**

This site is an online packaging solution delivery. Found here are event calendar, industry news, associations list, product information, and application guide.

### **Internet Tools**

**<http://www.yousendit.com>**

## **V. FINANCE**

### **Banks**

The following are the web sites of the popular banks in the Philippines. Each site contains the products and services (i.e., deposits, consumer loans, business loans, etc.) of the bank, branches, Automated Teller Machine (ATM) locations, and properties for sale, internet banking facilities, and career opportunities.

**[www.asiatrustbank.com](http://www.asiatrustbank.com)**

Asiatrust Bank

**[www.asiaunited.bank.com.ph](http://www.asiaunited.bank.com.ph)**

Asia United Bank

**[www.bdo.com.ph](http://www.bdo.com.ph)**

Banco de Oro

**[www.citibank.com.ph](http://www.citibank.com.ph)**

Citibank

**[www.equitable.com.ph](http://www.equitable.com.ph)**

Equitable PCI Bank

**[www.fpbank.com](http://www.fpbank.com)**

First Priority Bank

**[www.hsbc.com.ph/ph](http://www.hsbc.com.ph/ph)**

Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation, Philippines

**[www.landbank.com](http://www.landbank.com)**

Landbank of the Philippines

**[www.metrobank.com.ph](http://www.metrobank.com.ph)**

Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (Metrobank)

**[www.pnb.com.ph](http://www.pnb.com.ph)**

Philippine National Bank

**[www.rcbc.com](http://www.rcbc.com)**

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation

**<http://www.unionbankph.com>**

Unionbank of the Philippines

**[www.securitybank.com](http://www.securitybank.com)**

Security Bank

**<http://ucpb.com/bank/index.html>**

United Coconut Plansters Bank

## **Blog Directory, Business and Economy**

**[www.pinoymoneytalk.com](http://www.pinoymoneytalk.com)**

Pinoy Money Talk (PMT)

This is a web log and an online community of Filipinos involved in online investments and other income opportunities.

**<http://myfirstonemillionpesos.wordpress.com/>**

My First One Million Pesos

This is a blog about struggling to save that first million pesos while living in a third world country. Doing it so and some saving tips and techniques are discussed.

**[www.satfin.com](http://www.satfin.com)**

Financial Satire

This includes satire on the leading news stories in banking and the investment world, plus blogs from some of the world's leading authorities and trade ideas.

**<http://www.themortgagerebel.com>**

This site is designed to expose the myths, schemes and scams in the mortgage finance industry as well as to give practical advice about mortgage finance, real estate, and general personal finance.

**<http://blog.mycreditapply.com>**

This finance network provides up to the minute finance, credit, business, foreign exchange (forex), and investing and budgeting news tips. This provides users the option to create their own finance blog to make money online.

**[www.forexadvice.eu](http://www.forexadvice.eu)**

This contains blogs about Forex and related topics.

**[www.financingyourfamily.com](http://www.financingyourfamily.com)**

This is a blog devoted to providing simple financial solutions to families in a hurry. This also provides tips on how to handle other family issues. Mark, the main writer, may even help organize your finances for free if you ask.

**<http://club.ino.com/trading/?ltblogcat>**

Traders Blog is a free resource for every type of traders. It showcases commentary, tips, and analysis and covers equities, mutual funds, commodities and forex.

## **VI. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**[www.phil-lmi.dole.gov.ph](http://www.phil-lmi.dole.gov.ph)**

This Labor Market Information site focuses on the Philippine setting for the operations of labor demand and supply; wages, hours of works; employer hiring practices, worker job preferences; worker relationship; policies and programs of the government; investment decision by employers, and job selection by workers, among others.

**[www.phil-job.net](http://www.phil-job.net)**

This is an internet-based job and applicant matching system which aims to fast track jobseekers search for jobs and employers search for manpower. This is a facility of the DOLE with centralized database maintained by the Bureau of Local Employment.

Phil-JobNet services are free of charge both for jobseekers and employers.

## **VII. INFORMATION ABOUT COMPANIES**

### **Shipping Lines**

The following are the websites of the popular shipping lines in the Philippines. Each site features the rooms and other facilities of their respective shipping line. Some of the sites allow online booking inquiries and reservations.

**[www.negrosnavigation.ph](http://www.negrosnavigation.ph)**

Negros Navigation Inc.

**[www.sulpiciolines.com](http://www.sulpiciolines.com)**

Sulpicio Lines, Inc.

**[www.superferry.com.ph](http://www.superferry.com.ph)**

WG&A Superferry – Aboitiz Transport System

**[www.supercat.com.ph](http://www.supercat.com.ph)**

SuperCat Fast Ferry Corporation- Cebu

**[www.cebuferries.com](http://www.cebuferries.com)**

Cebu Ferries Corporation

**[www.oceanjet.net](http://www.oceanjet.net)**

Ocean Jet -Ocean Fast Ferries Corp. – Cebu

**[www.zimnet.com/weesam/php/index.php](http://www.zimnet.com/weesam/php/index.php)**

Weesam Express - SRN Fast Seacraft, Inc. - Zamboanga

## **Hotel and Lodging**

The following are the websites of the popular hotels and resorts in the Philippines. Each site features the rooms, conference facilities, restaurants and bars, and other facilities of their respective hotels and resorts including accommodation rates. Some of the sites allow online booking inquiries and reservations.

**[www.centurypark.com](http://www.centurypark.com)**

Century Park Sheraton Manila

**[www.shangri-la.com/en/property/manila/edsashangrila](http://www.shangri-la.com/en/property/manila/edsashangrila)**

EDSA Shangri-La

**[www.holiday-inn.galleria-mla.com](http://www.holiday-inn.galleria-mla.com)**

Holiday Inn Galleria Manila

**<http://manila.regency.hyatt.com/hyatt/index.jsp>**

Hyatt Regency Manila

**<http://www.manila.casino.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>**

Hyatt Hotel and Casino Manila

**[www.millenniumhotels.com/ph/heritagemanila/index.html](http://www.millenniumhotels.com/ph/heritagemanila/index.html)**

Heritage Hotel Manila

**[www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com)**

Mandarin Oriental Manila

**[www.diamondhotel.com](http://www.diamondhotel.com)**

Manila Diamond Hotel

**[www.manila-hotel.com.ph](http://www.manila-hotel.com.ph)**

Manila Hotel

**[www.manilapavilion.com.ph](http://www.manilapavilion.com.ph)**

Manila Pavilion Hotel

**[www.legendvillas.com.ph](http://www.legendvillas.com.ph)**

The Legend Villas

**[www.panpacific.com/Manila/Overview.html](http://www.panpacific.com/Manila/Overview.html)**

Pan Pacific Hotel Manila

**<http://manila.peninsula.com>**

Peninsula Manila

**[www.westinmanila.com](http://www.westinmanila.com)**

Westin Philippine Plaza

**[www.richmondehotel.com](http://www.richmondehotel.com)**

The Richmond Hotel

**[www.richmondehotel.com](http://www.richmondehotel.com)**

Sulo Hotel

**[www.bayviewparkhotel.com](http://www.bayviewparkhotel.com)**

Bayview Park Hotel

**[www.laspalmashotel.com.ph](http://www.laspalmashotel.com.ph)**

Las Palmas Hotel

## **Restaurants**

Below are websites of some great restaurants in the Philippines. The more popular restaurants are also listed in some of the following dedicated website for food establishments.

## **Shopping Malls**

**[www.abenson.com.ph](http://www.abenson.com.ph)**

ABenson Appliance Store

**[www.ayalamalls.com.ph/content/ayalamalls.asp](http://www.ayalamalls.com.ph/content/ayalamalls.asp)**

Ayala Malls

**[www.cvcsupermarket.com.ph](http://www.cvcsupermarket.com.ph)**

CVC Supermarket

**<http://210.1.130.68/main07.php>**

Gateway Mall

**[www.festivalsupermall.com](http://www.festivalsupermall.com)**

Festival Supermall

**[www.makro.com.ph](http://www.makro.com.ph)**

Marko - Pilipinas Makro, Inc.

**[www.rds.com.ph](http://www.rds.com.ph)**

Robinsons Department Store

**[www.rustans.com](http://www.rustans.com)**

Rustan's Supermarket

**[www.sm-shoemart.com/main](http://www.sm-shoemart.com/main)**

SM Shoemart

**[www.shangrila-plaza.com](http://www.shangrila-plaza.com)**

Shangri-La Plaza The shopping Mall

**[www.uni-wide.com/index.htm](http://www.uni-wide.com/index.htm)**

Uniwide Sales Group of Companies

**[www.expressregalo.com](http://www.expressregalo.com)**

This offers online sending of gifts and flowers to the Philippines. Providing Personal Shopping Service and ordering online, by phone, or any nearest LBC Branches. It also sells beauty products, food from chocolates, wine, pastries, electronics, toys, and many more.

**[www.ebuyphilippines.com](http://www.ebuyphilippines.com)**

This features elected products only from the best local and international merchants. Shop from anywhere in the world and it will be delivered anywhere you want in Metro Manila or in major provincial cities in the Philippines.

## **Travel websites**

**[www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com)**

**Expedia**

Expedia-branded Web sites feature airline tickets, hotel reservations, car rental, cruises, and many other in-destination services from a broad selection of partners.

### **www.travelocity.com**

This provides online travel booking and discounted tickets for airline travel, car, hotel, cruise, and vacation reservations.

### **www.cheaptickets.com**

This provides discounts on flights, hotel deals, cheap rental cars, cruises, vacation packages and more.

### **www.kayak.com**

This allows booking of cheap airline tickets, hotel rooms, and cars for rent. You can also search hundreds of travel sites, compare results, and buy directly.

## **Internet Directories**

### **www.stumbleupon.com**

Stumble Upon

This provides toolbar to find great websites, videos, photos, and more – based on one's interests. It allows you to connect with friends and share your discoveries, and meet people who have similar interests.

## **Utilities**

### **www.manilawater.com**

Manila Water

This site provides information about Manila Water – the water and sewerage services provider to 5.1M residents of the East Zone of Metro Manila.

### **www.meralco.com.ph**

Meralco

This site provides information about Meralco – provides the electric power provider of some 4.3M customers in the commercial, industrial, and residential sectors. Found here are the ways to pay your electric bill, energy conservation tips, and means to report service interruption.

## **Organizations**

### Business Organizations

#### **[www.philretailers.com](http://www.philretailers.com)**

Philippine Retailers Association (PRA)

This site provides information on the activities and projects of the PRA. It contains directory of its members, publications, news and events, the Retail Management Program, and schedule of job fairs.

#### **[www.eccp.com](http://www.eccp.com)**

European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines

This site keeps ECCP members informed of the activities of the organization and helps them find new markets and business partners. Included in here are postings of e-opportunities, training opportunities and acts. This site also gives members the opportunity to raise their issues and concerns. Found here, too are ECCP's latest publications.

#### **[www.amchamphilippines.com](http://www.amchamphilippines.com)**

The American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Inc.

This site contains the activities and projects of the Amcham community and helps members get updated on the latest events of the organization. Posted here as well are job opportunities coming from members and non-members.

#### **[www.asiafoundation.org](http://www.asiafoundation.org)**

The Asia Foundation

This site provides information on the activities and projects of the Asia Foundation - a non-profit, non-government organization committed to the development of a peaceful, prosperous, just and open Asia Pacific region.

## Education

#### **[www.paascu.org.ph](http://www.paascu.org.ph)**

This is the site of the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU) is a private, voluntary, non-profit and non-stock corporation which was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission on 02 December 1957.

## **Organizations that support entrepreneurship education**

### **[www.bizworld.org](http://www.bizworld.org)**

This site contains information on the Bizworld programs, a standards-based, supplementary curricula that reinforce academics through real world hands-on activities. The BizWorld programs have reached students in all 50 states in the US and 84 countries.

### **[www.apec-ibiz.org](http://www.apec-ibiz.org)**

This website is dedicated to providing information about the APEC Training and Certification Program for Small Business Counselors, which is designed to improve the quality of counseling and increase the supply of Small Business Counselors across the APEC region.