



# Philippine Economic Zone Authority

*"providing a globally competitive environment for investments"*

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- Dr. Lilia B. de Lima was appointed by President Fidel V. Ramos as Director General and Chairman of the Board of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority in 1995. She has been reappointed by Presidents Joseph Ejercito Estrada, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Benigno S. Aquino III. Serving 4 Presidents of opposing political parties is a feat for a public official like her. Her name is a by-word in foreign direct investments.
- Commissioner of the National Amnesty Commission from 1994-1995
- Delegate to the 1971 Constitutional Convention representing the then 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Camarines Sur (1 of only 13 women out of 320 elected delegates)

### **She is a multi-awarded Public official, to mention a few:**

- The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, the highest award given to a non-head of state by the Government of Japan (\*the first foreign recipients of the award were the three astronauts of the Apollo Space Rocket in 1969), for bringing hundreds of Japanese investors to the Philippines
- "Management Man of the Year 2010" by the Management Association of the Philippines, the first and only woman given such award by this prestigious organization in 66 years, other awardees include the country's leading tycoon and captains of industry
- The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS), in the field of Law
- 2011 Government Service Award by the Ateneo De Manila University
- Doctor of Laws *Honoris Causa*, conferred on her by the Manuel L. Quezon University School of Law, her alma mater
- Asian CEO Award, November 2012
- For her tremendous contribution to the economic development of the country in creating hundreds of economic zones nationwide, the University of the Philippines Los Baños named a flower after her: ***Hibiscus rosa-sinensis 'Lilia B. De Lima'***