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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1145

Submitted by the Committee on Justice on August 17, 2021

Re: House Bill No. 10001

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 9454

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice, to which was referred House Bill No. 9454, introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II, entitled:

"AN ACT

GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO MR. KWOK YAM IAN CHAN, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND PREROGATIVES APPURTENANT THERETO"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 10001 entitled:

"AN ACT

GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KWOK YAM IAN CHAN"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 9454, with Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II and Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

VICENTE "CHING" S. E. VELOSO III
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

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HOUSE BILL NO. 10001

(in substitution of House Bill Number 9454)

Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II and Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III

**AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KWOK YAM IAN CHAN**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Mr. Kwok Yam Ian Chan is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all
2 the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations
3 appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the
4 Philippines.
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6 SEC. 2. Mr. Kwok Yam Ian Chan shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of
7 the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The Oath of
8 Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.
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10 SEC. 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration
11 shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Mr. Kwok Yam Ian Chan who shall
12 thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.
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14 SEC 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
15 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

**House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department**

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 10001
(in substitution of HB No. 9454)
(Approved by the Committee on June 30, 2021)

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KWOK YAM IAN CHAN”

*Introduced by: Reps. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ AND WILTER
“SHARKY” WEE PALMA II*

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE
Committee Chairperson: REP. VICENTE “CHING” S.E. VELOSO III*

OBJECTIVE:

To grant Philippine citizenship to Kwok Yam Ian Chan, a British national, in recognition of his notable contribution to the Philippines as a businessman and a patron, considering that:

- he has been residing in the Philippines since 1990;
- he obtained primary and secondary education at the Chiang Kai Shek College in Manila and a bachelor’s degree in Export Management at the De La Salle College of St. Benilde;
- after completing his college education, he built a career in the country and occupied various positions in different companies;
- he currently owns and manages a diversified line of legitimate businesses that employ Filipinos, and has thus been CONTRIBUTING IMMENSELY TO the Philippine economy;
- he organized the Love Plus Charity Foundation which has donated food, medical equipment, and other necessary items to frontliners and various hospitals in the country since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- the Love Plus Charity Foundation was also one of the first organizations to provide food, water and other assistance to affected families when the Pandacan Church caught fire in July 2020; and
- he embodies the Filipino values of perseverance, determination, and dedication to work and service to the country, and has a sincere desire to live in the Philippines as a Filipino citizen.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Grants Philippine citizenship to Mr. Kwok Yam Ian Chan with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations, appurtenant thereto.
- Provides that upon the taking of the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized for this purpose, registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration, and issuance of his Certificate of Naturalization, Mr. Chan shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

RELATED LAWS:

- Article IV, Section 1(4), 1987 Constitution