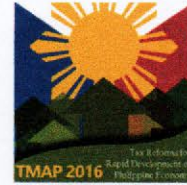




**TAX MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.**



To : All 2016 Election Candidates
Re : TMAP 2016 National Elections Tax Policy Survey
Date : April 20, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Tax Management Association of the Philippines (TMAP) has issued a tax policy survey for the candidates for President, Vice-president, Senate and Lower House seats. The objectives of the questionnaire are twofold: a) to inform the candidates about the tax issues contained in various bills filed at both Houses of Congress and those discussed in various *fora* or dialogues among taxpayers, tax practitioners and stakeholders; and b) to know the tax policy direction of the next administration. We are attaching herewith a copy of the survey questionnaire.

As one of the candidates this coming elections, we would like to kindly invite you to answer the tax policy survey questionnaire to allow the voters to know and understand your stand on various tax reform issues. TMAP believes that tax reform is an important election issue that the candidates should be prepared to tackle upon their assumption to office once elected.

TMAP will be sending copies of the short 24-question tax policy survey to all national candidates. Other candidates are urged to answer the survey. A copy of the blank survey will be made available for downloading at the TMAP website. The returned filled-up survey forms will then be posted at the TMAP website and made available to media.

We request that you return the answered questionnaire on or before April 26, 2016. The returned filled-up survey forms will be posted at the TMAP website and will be made available to media. A copy of the questionnaire is also available at the TMAP website.

Kindly send the accomplished form to:

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We trust that you will find our request in order and meritorious of your kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

Benedict R. Tugonon
President



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2016 TMAP NATIONAL ELECTION TAX SURVEY

Instructions: Mark the appropriate box with an X.

Name of Candidate RODRIGO R. DUTERTE Position PRESIDENT Party PDP-LABAN

A. Comprehensive Tax Reform

		YES	NO	Remark(s) (if any)
1.	The last comprehensive tax reform program in the Philippines was in 1997, almost 20 years ago, would you institute moves for a genuine comprehensive tax reform?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	Do you think it should be a priority of government?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

B. Adjustment of Personal Income Tax Bracket

3.	The present personal income tax brackets (Section 24 A 2) in our Tax Code have not been adjusted since 1987 to take into account the changes in the consumer price index over the past 29 years. Will you support the immediate adjustment of the tax brackets?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	Do you agree that the tax brackets should be indexed and adjustments should be done automatically every three years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5.	Will the adjustment take place during the first 100 days of the new administration?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	in 180 days

C. Income Tax Rates

6.	Comparison of the corporate and personal income tax rates among ASEAN countries would show that the Philippines imposes the highest corporate income tax rate at 30%, and highest effective income tax rate on individuals. Will you initiate and/or support the reduction of corporate and individual income tax rates?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	Do you agree in a tax system that would free up some of the burden from wage earners while exacting more from corporate taxpayers and individuals with higher income?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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D. Simplified Tax Compliance

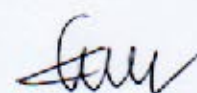
		YES	NO	<i>Remark(s) (if any)</i>
8.	Are you in favor of the adoption of a simplified manner of computing net income for self-employed individuals and professionals with annual gross sales/receipts of ₱10 million or below, including simplified tax return filing, bookkeeping and invoicing requirements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.	Are you in favor of exempting marginal income earners (those with gross annual sales/receipt not exceeding ₱100,000) from tax and from administrative requirements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

E. Value-added Tax

10.	Originally, the rate of VAT was only 10% and increased to its current rate of 12% by the previous administration (now the highest VAT rate among the ASEAN countries). As an additional source of revenue for the next administration, will you consider increasing the VAT rate further? If so, at what rate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11.	When it was originally adopted, the VAT only covered a limited number of transactions. An amendment to the VAT broadened or increased the VAT coverage to include additional transactions (i.e., sale of real property used in business, professional income of doctors, lawyers and others). Will you consider broadening further the VAT base by revisiting the exemptions and effectively including more transactions subject to VAT?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

F. Excise Tax on Petroleum & Others

12.	Excise tax rates on petroleum products have not been updated since 1997 and fuel prices are expected to stay low for at least a few more years, would you consider increasing excise tax on petroleum products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not necessarily
13.	As a means to reduce air pollution, would you support legislation granting tax breaks to hybrid or electric vehicles?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14.	Would you consider increasing excise tax on alcohol products, luxury or high-end automobiles, and other non-essential goods to increase tax collection?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



Name of Candidate _____

G. Rationalization of Fiscal Incentives

15.	With the passage of the TIMTA Law (Tax Incentives Management and Transparency ACT), it is now possible to monitor the various Investment Tax Incentives (ITI) granted by various Investment Promotion Agencies (i.e., BOI, PEZA, BCDA, PRA, TIEZA, and others). Will you support the passage of a fiscal incentives rationalization act that will allow greater scrutiny of the way ITIs are granted and managed, eliminate redundant incentives and retain only those which are necessary to make the Philippines attractive to foreign investors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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H. Estate Tax

		YES	NO	Remark(s) (if any)
16.	Some countries have already abolished or at least temporarily suspended the imposition of estate tax, which is imposed on the assets of a deceased individual upon death. Would you consider the abolition of estate tax in the Philippines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17.	Currently, the family home deduction for estate tax purposes is ₱1 million, would you agree to increase the amount considering the increase in the value of real properties in the Philippines? How much should be the deductible amount?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A careful study should be made on the estate tax as a whole before changes can be made
18.	How about the existing standard deduction, which is currently at ₱1 million, would you consider increasing the amount, which is effectively not subject to estate tax? If so, how much?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
19.	The brackets in the current estate tax table have not been adjusted since 1998, would you support an adjustment to the estate tax brackets to consider changes in the consumer price index?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

I. Tax Administration

20.	Experts say that in PH only few are paying and more taxes are being collected from the few through recurring tax audit. Yet, there are businesses and/or individuals who can get away with not being registered with the BIR. Do you believe the tax system in the Philippines is unfair to many?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	tax system not necessarily unfair. It's the implementation and presence and presence of corrupt agents
21.	Some countries adopted drastic reforms like the reorganization of their tax administrations and human resources, giving higher pay to employees but imposing greater accountability, resulting in the improvement of the overall performance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	of their tax agencies. Do you think there is a need to adopt similar institutional reforms in our tax agencies like the BIR & BoC?			
22.	Will you strongly push for the elimination of corruption at the BIR and BoC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
23.	Would you support the lifting of bank secrecy laws consistent with international standard to enable revenue authorities to combat tax evasion?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
24.	Would you consider granting a tax amnesty program as a prelude to the adoption of a comprehensive tax reform program?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

I am allowing TMAP to disclose my answers to the public and post it at the TMAP website and other social media pages of the association.

Name of Candidate: RODRIGO R. DUTERTE

By:  MAYOR LEONCIO B. EVASCO, JR.

Date: _____

Position CAMPAIGN MANAGER

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