

GUIDELINES ON THE PEZA SPECIAL AWARDS

COVID-19 Response Award

Applications open to: PEZA locators and PEZA economic zone developer - operators

The COVID-19 Response Award will be given to PEZA-registered enterprises and economic zone developer – operators who were able to successfully establish policies and programs to avert the spread of the virus in the workplace. These companies must be able to provide proof of collaboration between employers, supervisors and workers in the workplace safety and health committees to promote and improve response and preparedness for COVID-19.

PEZA used the International Labour Organization (ILO) Prevention and Mitigation of COVID-19 at Work Action Checklist in the criteria for the award. Outstanding performers will be promoted as best practices in the economic zones to enable other PEZA-registered companies to benchmark with successful COVID-19 workplace programs in the economic zones.

Green, Healthy, Smart, and Sustainable Ecozone Award

Applications open to: PEZA economic zone developer - operators

Under our new policy to transform PEZA ecozones into “Green, Healthy, Smart and Sustainable Ecozones” – in keeping with the Paris Agreement to combat Climate Change, the Energy Efficiency Conservation Act, the Philippine Green Building Code, and to make ecozones Disaster Resilient – PEZA shall award ecozone developers who are committed to the following initiatives: the promotion of healthy industrialization through designing ecozones and townships that are geared towards sustainability and a decarbonized future, adoption of technologies and methodologies which make ecozone operations more efficient, and fostering partnership between government and the industry in making ecozones more attractive to global leaders in the manufacturing and IT sector, thereby enabling PEZA to achieve its vision as primary catalyst for sound and balanced development.

All PEZA Ecozone Developer - Operators that are already implementing measures to protect the environment for the next generations and have begun to climate proof their ecozones are enjoined to apply for the Award.

Galing Pinas! Award

Applications open to: PEZA ecozone export enterprises and ecozone agri-export enterprises

Local sourcing, i.e., buying goods locally, can boost economic growth while providing opportunities to reduce negative environmental impact. By sourcing locally, companies create linkages with domestic suppliers upstream in their value chain. The so-called “backward linkages” directly generate a rise in incomes and employment at suppliers. Furthermore, backward linkages could transfer knowledge and skills, thereby improving supplier processes, products and managerial capabilities. Sourcing products locally is an important step towards sustainable business practices. It supports the local economy and foster community development.

In recognition of PEZA enterprises’ patronage of locally manufactured/produced raw materials, and support to local suppliers, PEZA shall be giving the *Galing Pinas!* Award to PEZA-registered Ecozone Export Enterprises substantially utilizing locally manufactured/produced and/or grown raw materials in their export product.

The award shall be given in two (2) Categories corresponding to two (2) types of PEZA-registered Enterprises: (1) Ecozone Export Enterprise; and (2) Ecozone Agri-Export Enterprise.