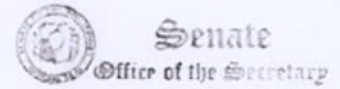


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RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE WINNING SHOE DESIGNERS
AND MARIKINA SHOE MANUFACTURERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL FOOTWEAR DESIGN
COMPETITION, AND RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF
THE MARIKINA FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY

1 **WHEREAS**, the 15th International Footwear Design Competition (IFDC) was
2 held on May 20, 2026 in Guangzhou, China. The IFDC is an annual international design
3 competition organized by the Confederation of International Footwear Alliance
4 (CIFA);¹

5 **WHEREAS**, for the first time in history, the Philippines won the Grand Prize at
6 the IFDC through "Pakan" by designer Ricmar Agas. This historic piece showcased the
7 Philippines' handloom weaving, featuring fabrics from the Ilocos Region and
8 incorporating weaving tools as key design elements. In addition to this historic victory,
9 "Pakan" likewise won First Place in the Female Trendy category;²

10 **WHEREAS**, in addition to "Pakan", three (3) other creations of Filipino shoe
11 designers won special awards in the 15th IFDC. "Tangled" by Bon Marter placed First

¹ Philippine Textile Research Institute, *PH footwear innovation stuns global stage with the first-ever grand prize win at the International Footwear Design Competition*, PTRI, at <https://www.ptri.dost.gov.ph/9-transparency-seal/823-ph-footwear-innovation-stuns-global-stage-with-the-first-ever-grand-prize-win-at-the-international-footwear-design-competition> (last visited May 24, 2026).

² Mariel Celine Serquiña, *PH wins grand prize in 15th International Footwear Design Competition 2026*, GMA NEWS ONLINE, May 21, 2026, available at <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/lifestyle/shoppingandfashion/988443/ph-wins-grand-prize-in-15th-international-footwear-design-competition-2026/story/>.

1 in the Enterprise Group category. Marter was recognized as the Grand Winner during
2 the first-ever National Footwear Design Competition (NFDC) last May 15, 2026.
3 Marter's winning design likewise received the Footwear Innovation Award at the
4 NFDC;³

5 **WHEREAS**, "Bakunawa Ngan Mga Kadayaw" by Karen Mae T. La'O won Third
6 Place in the Female Trendy Category. This sculptural wearable art piece has previously
7 earned La'O the Best in Construction Award during the NFDC;

8 **WHEREAS**, "Sayaw ng Butanding at ni Mayon" by Lester Dellosa won Third
9 Place in the Female Boots Category. Dellosa's piece highlighted two cultural and
10 natural symbols of the Bicol Region through masterful incorporation of textile design
11 with leather details;

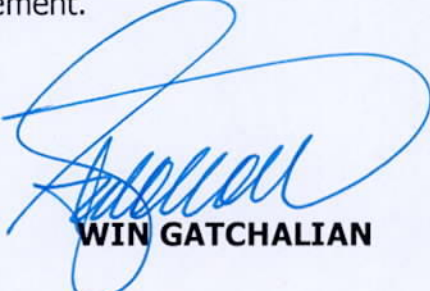
12 **WHEREAS**, these four winning pieces were all made in Marikina City, with
13 Konzept Shoes bringing "Pakan" and "Sayaw ng Butanding at ni Mayon" to life.
14 Meanwhile, "Tangled" was made by Shoe Factory Marikina City by Loritess and
15 "Bakunawa Ngan Mga Kadayaw" was made by Nifty Shoes;

16 **WHEREAS**, these world-class Marikina-made footwear showcase Filipino talent
17 and ingenuity, and highlight the unparalleled tradition and craftsmanship of Marikina
18 shoemakers. This historic win is not only a source of national pride, but also an
19 inspiration to aspiring shoe designers and Filipino shoemakers;

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE**
21 **PHILIPPINES** to congratulate and commend Ricmar Agas, Bon Marter, Karen Mae
22 T. La'O, and Lester Dellosa, along with Konzept Shoes, Shoe Factory Marikina City by
23 Loritess, and Nifty Shoes, for their exemplary performance during the 15th IFDC;

24 **RESOLVED, FURTHER**, to recognize and commend the Marikina footwear
25 industry for its valuable contribution to this historic achievement.

Adopted,



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³ Philippine Textile Research Institute, *25 Filipino footwear designers champion textile innovation in the first-ever National Footwear Design Competition*, PTRI, at <https://www.ptri.dost.gov.ph/9-transparency-seal/822-25-filipino-footwear-designers-champion-textile-innovation-in-the-first-ever-national-footwear-design-competition> (last visited May 24, 2026).