

Philippines reaffirms commitment to rule of law vs corruption

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines has reaffirmed its commitment to promote democracy and the rule of law in the fight against corruption.

In a statement delivered before world leaders at the Indo-Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Meeting of the Second Summit for Democracy in Seoul on Thursday, Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for civilian security and consular affairs Jesus Domingo highlighted the country's eight-point socioeconomic agenda, which includes bureaucratic efficiency.

Domingo identified several key

laws, such as the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act and the Anti-Red Tape Act, that provide the backbone for the country's fight against corruption.

"Just as democracy requires constant work, so do our efforts in addressing corruption... Over the years, the Philippines has put forward initiatives to ensure fair, efficient and accountable delivery of services whereby all peoples shall have access to basic needs, without discrimination," he said.

He also enumerated measures to enhance transparency and accountability through the Free-

dom of Information Acceleration Program and showcased the Citizen Participatory Audit of the Commission on Audit, an innovative program to promote inclusive governance which has become a model for audit institutions around the world.

"The Philippines recognizes the importance of an approach that integrates sound legislation, greater transparency and accountability aided by technology and the institutionalized participation of an active and engaged citizenry and civil society,"..... [SOURCE](#)

CBK: Proposed anti-corruption bill inadequate to end widespread problem

There is nothing in the proposed anti-corruption bill to prevent people from engaging in corrupt activities, former President Chandrika Bandaranaike said yesterday in Colombo. She said that she had accessed the draft of the bill, formulated at the behest of the IMF.

"The bill focuses on what to do when someone is identified as a crook. But there is nothing to prevent people from engaging in such acts."

Corruption had become a key feature in Sri Lanka since 1977 despite some efforts by political leaders. However, there were strong anti-corruption sentiments in the country and they had to be harnessed, she said. [SOURCE](#)



PM hails Gov't anti-corruption efforts at presentation of EU-recommended Bureau

Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili on Friday commended his Government's efforts in combating corruption at an official presentation of the country's Anti-Corruption Bureau, launched as part of the European Union conditions for granting its membership candidate status to the country.

In his comments, the head of -

the Government highlighted the bloc's condition outlining the strengthening of anti-corruption mechanisms in the country, adding the new agency, proposed by the ruling Georgian Dream party last year, served the goal of fulfilling the recommendation, the Government press office said.

The PM said the Bureau was bringing together..... [SOURCE](#)