

TIEZA CHARTER

The enactment of **Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9593** on May 12, 2009 reorganized PTA as the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), mandating the latter to:

- a. Designate, regulate and supervise the Tourism Enterprise Zones (TEZs) established under R.A. No. 9593;
- b. Develop, manage, and supervise tourism infrastructure projects in the country; and
- c. Continue to exercise functions previously exercised by the PTA under Presidential Decree No. 564, not otherwise inconsistent with the other provisions of R.A. 9593.

Signed in May 11, 1973, **Presidential Decree No. 189** gave birth to the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) as its (DOT's) implementing arm for infrastructure development.

Presidential Decree No. 564, signed in October 2, 1974, revised the chapter of P.D. No. 189 about the Philippine Tourism Authority, restructuring and strengthening the PTA to effectively unify and integrate related activities and services of government and private entities concerning tourism development projects.

Presidential Decree No. 564 declared the policy of the State to promote, encourage, and develop Philippine tourism as an instrument in accelerating the development of the country, of strengthening the country's foreign exchange reserve position, and of protecting Philippine culture, history, traditions and natural beauty, internationally as well as domestically.

Presidential Decree No. 1400 further amended Presidential Decree No. 564. Besides modifying Section 30 of P.D. 564, P.D. 1400 also enhanced the PTA's functions through the following:

1. Section 11-A. Authority's Exemption from Taxes; and
2. Section 23-A. General Manager—Appointment and Tenure.