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Dear Mr. Weilbacher:

On behalf of the Department of Trade and Industry, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the interest you have shown to the Philippines as a "solid cornerstone in the APIL member Pacific." We are very much thankful for your proactive stance in strengthening the trade and investment ties between your organization and our country, as affirmed by the **APIL Resolution 51-BOD-12**, which encourages your members to participate in Trade Missions to the Philippines.

There are a lot of opportunities for us to cooperate and I look forward to mutually beneficial collaborations between the APIL and the Philippines. With this, I anticipate the conduct of trade and investment missions from your association. We assure you that you have an outstanding team from the Board of Investments that will assist you and draft a comprehensive program for your visit.

I am positive towards achieving strengthened relations between the Pacific Islands and the Philippines and I do hope that you can encourage more key stakeholders in the Pacific Islands to visit the Philippines and explore the many investment and trade opportunities awaiting them.

Once again, thank you and Mabuhay!

Very truly yours,


Assistant Secretary FELICITAS AGONCILLO-REYES
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