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The Philippines out of the Special 301 Watchlist for the Fourth Consecutive Year

Optical Media Board Chairman and CEO, Atty. Anselmo B. Adriano beams with pride as the Philippines maintains its exclusion in the Watchlist released by the Office of the United States Trade Representative's (USTR) 2017 Special 301 Report for the fourth consecutive year.

The USTR undertakes annual surveys of foreign countries' intellectual property laws and policies and identifies those which do not provide adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights. The Special 301 Report also recognizes the achievements and special efforts of the countries' governments in Intellectual Property protection.

The Optical Media Board believes that the following 2016 accomplishments placed a significant contribution to the country's continued recognition in IP protection:

- **₱1,049,252,515.00** - Highest estimated value of seized items ever recorded since the creation of the agency in 2004
 - Increased applications and issuances of permits and licenses to almost **100%**
 - **₱1,710,000.00** - Highest administrative penalty imposed and collected against violators of RA 9239 in 5 years
 - **₱15,746,086.00** - Highest amount of income generated in 3 years

U.S. Embassy Manila Trade Officer Brian Breuhaus expressed his appreciation to OMB's efforts as he congratulates Chairman Adriano, "Nice work! Your efforts were a big part of it".