

NBI subpoenas Kho, Belo

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the video because Belo had his hard disk and she was ignorant of computer matters: "Walang makakanuod nun dahil na kay Vicki yung hard disk ko. Wala siyang pinagbigyan ng copy dahil di naman yun marunong mag-computer."

On May 17, after the Kho-Halili sex video circulated in public, Kho reportedly sent this text message to Sortijas: "There r 4 videos with Kat, if m not mistaken. 2 dancing. 1 talking. And 1 obscene."

Halili said that the next day, she was able to watch the video through www.uploads.ph. She said it was very clear that it was Kho who set up the camera without her knowledge and consent.

Kho has also been seen in other sex videos featuring himself and other women.

'Unethical acts'

Halili's lawyer Raymund Palad said Kho's acts were immoral and a violation of the provisions of the Medical Act of 1959, as well as the Code of Ethics.

"The unethical acts of Dr. Hayden Kho fall short of that strict moral standard required of a professional, especially in the medical profession. [Kho] is a disgrace to the medical profession and the Board should discipline [him] to serve as a deterrent to others," Palad said.

Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Chair Leila de Lima said the posting of the Kho-Halili sex video was "clearly malicious" and violated the Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

"I hate to say this but Filipino women clearly do not get enough respect," De Lima said in a statement.

"If Filipino men do not respect Filipino women, how can we expect a human rights culture in a world where our women, including migrant workers, are often degraded?" she said. ■

Favila says exports starting to pick up

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AFTER recording a 52 percent drop in investments for the first three months of the year, the government announced that second quarter investments would be better as a South Korean firm finalizes its plan to invest in the country's renewable energy industry.

"Things started picking up," Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Peter B. Favila told reporters. He said the signs are very encouraging. In fact, exports are starting to pick up. "Exports have bottomed out," Favila said.

According to him food and furniture exporters have started recovering the lost orders they suffered when the global demand started slowing down.

Most importantly, Favila noted that the electronics industry is gaining ground again. "This is good news because this is our number one export," Favila added.

Aside from the export industry, drivers for growth in the second quarter investments are tourism and the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector.

Favila disclosed that he will be visiting Korea soon where he will meet with a Korean firm that has expressed interest in investing in the country's renewable energy sector.

Favila said the firm has partnered with a local company. More details are expected as soon as the deal is finalized.

The global crisis has adversely affected the investing climate in the Philippines as approvals for the first quarter of the year decreased by 52 percent. DTI Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez reported that investments approvals of the two attached agencies of DTI amounted to P17.98 billion, 52 percent lower than the P37 billion recorded in the same period the previous year.

The Board of Investments (BOI) had P4.3 billion worth of investment for the first three months of the year, down 57 percent from last year's P9.3 billion. The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) on the other hand, recorded P13.7 billion worth of investment approvals or 51 percent lower than the P27.7 billion during the same period in 2008.

"Indeed the global economy is bad and it is reflected in our investment data," Hernandez ex-



DTI Sec. Peter B. Favila

plained.

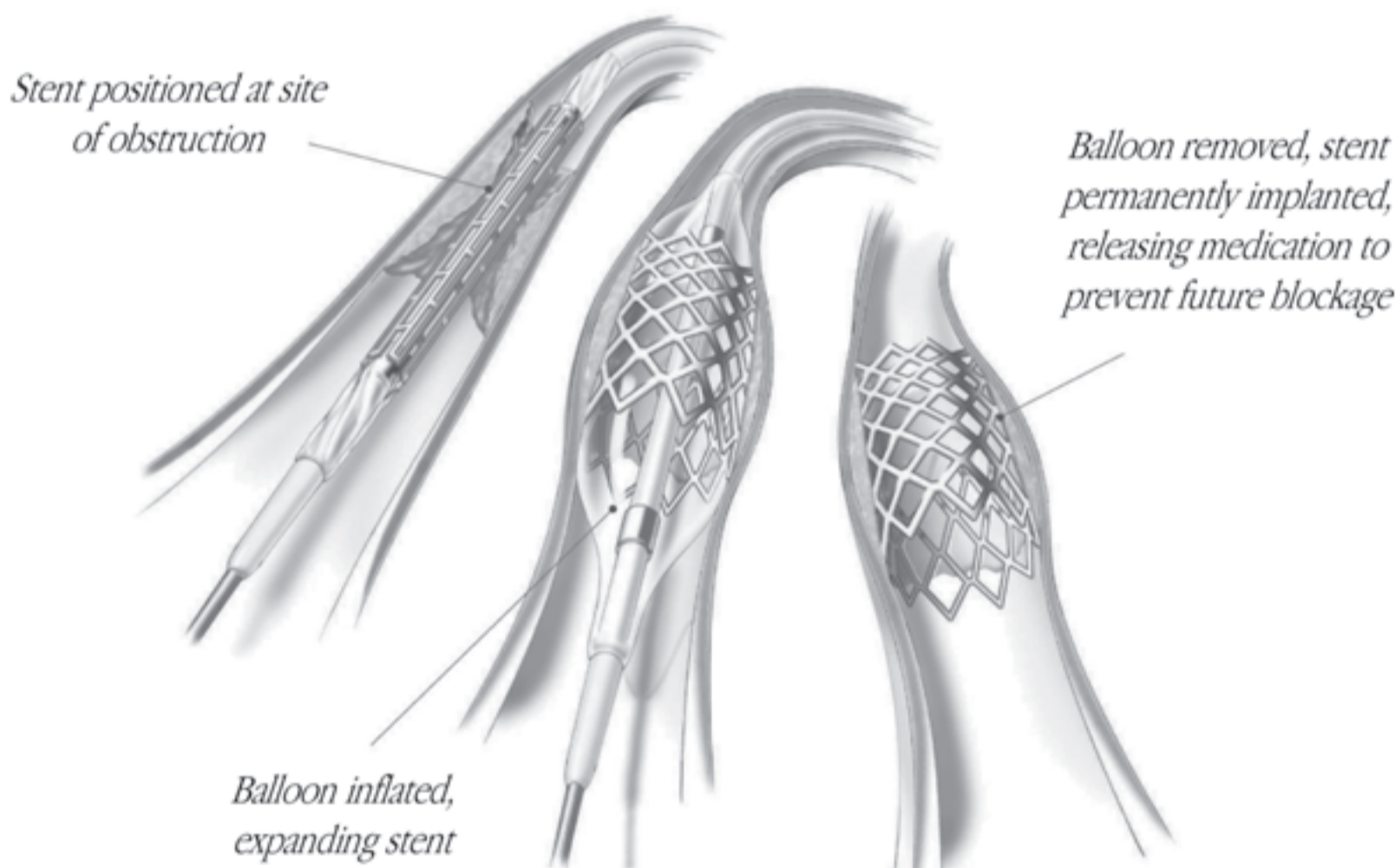
This year, domestic investors tried to make up for the slack left by foreigners as more local firms infused money in the country.

Foreign investment approvals went down by 80 percent in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the same period a year ago. Foreigners contributed only P3.9 billion compared to P19.8 billion last year. ■

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