



May 8, 2019

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Secretariat Building, PICC Complex  
Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, 1307

ATTENTION : **DIR. VICENTE GRACIANO P. FELIZMENIO, JR.**  
Markets and Securities Regulation Department

*via PSE EDGE*

**PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.**  
PSE Tower, 28<sup>th</sup> Street, cor. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

ATTENTION : **MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION**  
Head, Disclosure Department

*via electronic mail*

**PHILIPPINE DEALING & EXCHANGE CORP.**  
Market Regulatory Services Group  
37/F, Tower 1, The Enterprise Center  
6766 Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

ATTENTION : **ATTY. JOSEPH B. EVANGELISTA**  
Head - Issuer Compliance and Disclosures Department

Gentlemen:

Please see attached the SEC Form 17-C (Current Report) of Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. filed in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code, its 2015 Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Revised Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), and the Issuer Disclosure Operating Guidelines of the Philippine Dealing Exchange Corp. (PDEX).

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.**

By:

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**MAILENE M. DE LA TORRE**  
Assistant Corporate Secretary

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S.E.C. Registration Number

A B O I T I Z E Q U I T Y V E N T U R E S I N C .

( Company's Full Name )

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C I T Y , T A G U I G C I T Y , M E T R O M A N I L A

P H I L I P P I N E S

(Business Address: No. Street City / Town / Province )

MANUEL ALBERTO R. COLAYCO

Contact Person

(02) 886-2338

Company Telephone Number

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Month Day

Fiscal Year

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FORM TYPE

4th Monday of April

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Month Day

Annual Meeting

N/A

Secondary License Type, if Applicable

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Dept. Requiring this Doc

N/A

Amended Articles Number/Section

Total No. of Stockholders

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SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SEC FORM 17-C

CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17  
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE (SRC)  
AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1. **May 8, 2019**  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number **CEO2536** 3. BIR TIN **003-828-269-V**
4. **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.**  
Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter
5. **Philippines** 6.   
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation Industry Classification Code
7. **32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines** **1634**  
Address of principal office Postal Code
8. **(02) 886-2800**  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code
9. **N.A.**  
Former name or former address, if changed since last report
10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA
- | Title of Each Class                                   | Number of Shares of Common Stock<br>Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding |
|---|--|
| <b>Common Stock ₱1 Par Value</b>                      | <b>5,632,792,557</b>   |
| <b>Amount of Debt Outstanding (December 31, 2018)</b> | <b>₱285,305,308,057.00</b>   |

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

**Item 9: Other Events**

Please see attached Press Release.

SIGNATURE (S)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.**

By:



Mailene M. de la Torre  
Assistant Corporate Secretary

Date: May 8, 2019

## **Press Release**

**May 8, 2019**

### **Aboitiz funds P500-million new innovation school at AIM**

The Aboitiz Group, through its corporate foundation Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. made a historic donation amounting to P500 million or \$10 million to the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Scientific Research Foundation, Inc. to help address the demand for skills and talent in data science and innovation in the country as well as the region.

Dubbed as the Aboitiz 100th Anniversary Commitment Fund in celebration of Aboitiz & Co.'s 100th anniversary in 2020, the donation is in line with the group's promise of advancing business and communities.

The fund will support degree programs, professorial chairs, student loan programs and site and facilities improvement of the newly-renamed Aboitiz School of Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship (ASITE) at AIM — a move that the institute believes will address the demands of an emerging knowledge and technology economy in Asia.

“Over the past 50 years, AIM has contributed immensely to sustaining the growth of businesses and societies, not only in the Philippines, but in Asia, by developing professional, entrepreneurial, and socially responsible managers and leaders. Similarly, sustainability is at the core of our growth story anchored on our philosophy that we can do well by doing good, always making the right long-term decisions that balance the interests of people, planet, and profit,” said Aboitiz Foundation chairman Erramon I. Aboitiz.

“With the Aboitiz 100th Anniversary Commitment Fund, we hope that this new innovation-focused school will be able to benefit AIM as it leads and blazes new trails, to inspire real-world learning, and to transform principled leaders,” Aboitiz added.

AIM offers the following programs at ASITE: Master in Entrepreneurship (ME), the Master of Science in Innovation and Business (MSIB), and the Master of Science in Data Science (MSDS) degree programs. These programs are expected to generate a new breed of professionals whose competencies in leadership and management are strongly complemented by an entrepreneurial, innovative, and tech-oriented mindset and skillset adept at navigating the complexities of Industry 4.0.

“Indeed, the establishment of the new ASITE is a key innovation of the institute, acting as a catalyst that engenders impactful change. It boosts AIM's commitment to training future-ready leaders who can create, develop, and sustain new engines for growth within the region,” Dr. Jikyeong Kang, President and Dean of AIM said.

ASITE provides a stage for innovators, data scientists, and entrepreneurs to work together and produce actionable insights that foster innovation, create value across industries and society, and generate positive impact especially within the Asian context.

“In the midst of exponentially growing technological progress, the school’s goal is to provide our students with a collaborative environment that enables them to develop their core competencies while interacting and networking with peers who can and would be potential partners,” Peter D. Garrucho, Jr. OBE, Chairman of the AIM Board of Trustees stressed.

The donation will also sustain the school’s interest-free student loan program, which AIM expects to broaden its target market and give talented and motivated young people who cannot otherwise pay their tuition fees the opportunity to have an AIM education.

The Aboitiz School enrollees totaled 167 students in ME, MSIB, and MSDS in 2019, a big jump from only 75 students in ME and MSIB in 2017. AIM expects the number to exceed 200 next year.

“We are growing the number gradually to ensure that the quality of the teaching and learning experience is maintained,” Kang said.

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