



MANDATE

Republic Act No. 8047, otherwise known as the Book Publishing Industry Development Act, recognizes the significant role of the book publishing industry in national development. Books are greatly effective yet inexpensive tools for achieving educational growth, for recording, preserving, imparting, and disseminating the nation's cultural heritage. These activities are vital to intellectual, technical and cultural development, which in turn, make up the basic social foundation for the country's economic and social development.

VISION

Excellent and affordable books by Filipinos for all.

MISSION

Empowering the Filipino to create, publish and distribute books for readers worldwide.

OBJECTIVES

The National Book Policy adheres to the following purposes and objectives set forth under Section 4 of RA 8047:

- Create conditions conducive to the development and production of books, especially the acquisition and adoption of state-of-the-art technology, equipment and machinery for book publishing;
- Obtain investment priority status for the book publishing industry;
- Ensure an adequate, affordable, and accessible supply of books for all segments of the population;
- Promote book readership, especially among the young and neo-literate, through book fairs, exhibits, programs promoting literacy and good reading habits, and an efficient nationwide system of libraries and reading centers, especially in the rural areas;
- Promote the development of indigenous authorship and of translations among various languages groups in the country;
- Promote the effective distribution of books in the domestic as well as in the international markets through an efficient and reliable postal and transport delivery system;



- Foster the development of skills of personnel engaged in book publishing through in-service training programs and formal degree and non-degree book publishing courses in schools;
- Inculcate the concept of, and foster respect for, intellectual property ownership and protect the rights of authors and publishers by strictly enforcing copyright laws and providing legal assistance to authors and publishers in suits related thereto;
- Reaffirm and ensure the country's commitment to the UNESCO principle of free-flow of information and other related provisions as embodied in the Florence Agreement and in other similar international agreements;
- Promote whenever appropriate, the use of recycled paper and other inexpensive local materials in the manufacture of books to reduce cost.

Note: All applicants or requesting parties who are within the premises of the office or agency concerned prior to the end of official working hours and during lunch break shall be attended to.