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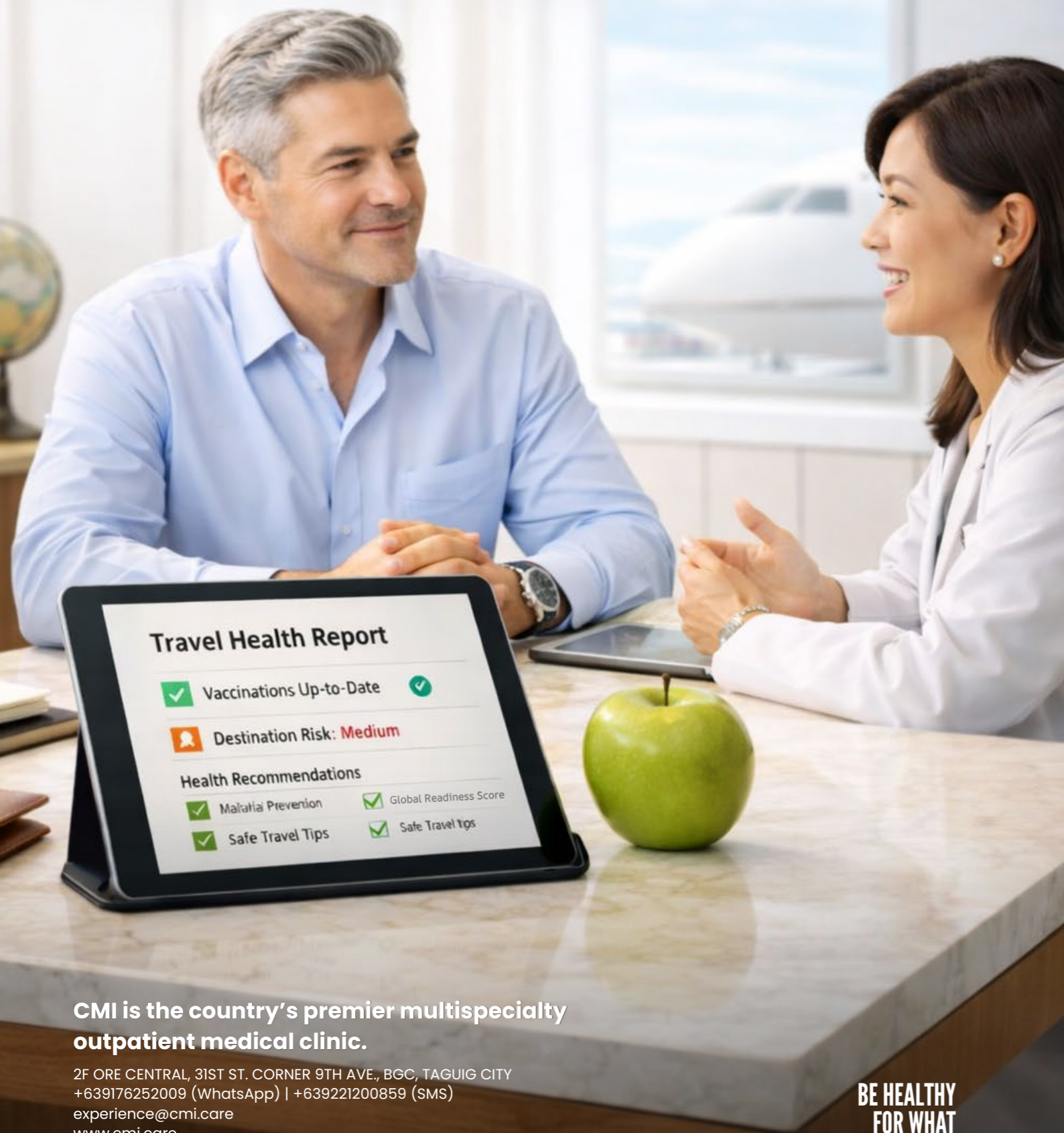
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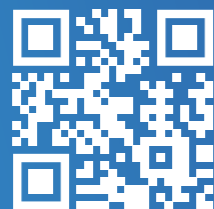
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## Editorial

Dear Reader,

As we enter the third quarter, we continue to navigate a rapidly evolving global and regional landscape that presents both challenges and opportunities for the business community. Economic recovery efforts, shifting trade dynamics, technological advancements, and the increasing focus on sustainability continue to influence investment decisions and business strategies across industries. In the Philippines, continued efforts to strengthen infrastructure, promote tourism, attract foreign investments, and enhance economic competitiveness also provide a positive foundation for growth and collaboration between the public and private sectors.

Against this backdrop, the Chamber remains focused on fostering meaningful engagement, advancing advocacy priorities, and creating value for our members and partners. Through our events, dialogues, and collaborative activities, we continue to strengthen connections between Europe and the Philippines.

In this edition of EuroPH Connect, we spotlight Tourism, featuring the developments and opportunities across the sector.

In line with this, we are pleased to feature Mr. Mark T. Lapid, Chief Operating Officer of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), who shares valuable insights into the agency's ongoing initiatives, infrastructure development priorities, and efforts to enhance the country's tourism competitiveness. His perspectives underscore the important role of strategic investments and partnerships in supporting sustainable tourism growth throughout the Philippines. Read more about this feature on page 6.

We are pleased to share highlights of the Chamber's activities during the past quarter. In May, in partnership with the EU-ASEAN Business Council, we held the first ever ASEAN-EU Sustainability Summit in Cebu which was attended by leaders from the government and private sector to discuss topics on sustainability. We hosted our Annual General Membership Meeting and Sunset Socials where we were able to welcome close to 500 attendees, making it the largest AGM ECCP hosted in 48 years of its existence. We also welcomed our new board of directors for 2026-2027 and introduced our first Filipina and female president in the Chamber's history, Dr. Diana Edralin.

On another note, we participated in the European Business Organization Worldwide Network (EBOWN) Annual Conference 2026 in Brussels where European Chamber representatives from over 50 countries joined for a week of dialogue, collaboration, and strategic engagement among European business organisations worldwide.

On the advocacy side, we hosted a series of meetings, committee discussions, and industry consultations aimed at addressing key policy concerns and strengthening



**Florian Gottein**  
ECCP Executive Director

engagement with government stakeholders. These initiatives provided members with valuable opportunities to contribute to ongoing discussions on trade, investment, sustainability, digitalization, and sector-specific priorities.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue building momentum in the third quarter of the year. We encourage members to participate in our upcoming events, training programs, and industry forums designed to provide practical insights, valuable connections, and opportunities for growth.

For additional updates, we invite you to take a look at the Advocacy Corner, where we share developments from our ongoing engagements with government agencies and provide updates on committee-led initiatives addressing key industry concerns. We likewise encourage you to explore the New Members Corner, where we proudly welcome the latest organizations that have joined our growing network on page 58.

This issue further features updates from our branches in Manila, Cebu, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, Clark, and Iloilo, as well as information on upcoming events, training opportunities, and international trade fairs that may be of interest to you and your organization. Read more on this on page 38.

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of EuroPH Connect. Thank you for your continued support, trust, and active participation in the Chamber's initiatives. We look forward to working closely with you as we continue to create opportunities, strengthen partnerships, and contribute to a more dynamic and resilient business environment.

Warm regards,  
Florian

Interview with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise  
Zone Authority Chief Operating Officer

# Hon. Mark T. Lapid



**TIEZA has emphasized a community-first approach to tourism development. How does the agency operationalize its commitment to inclusive and sustainable tourism in project selection, funding allocation, and stakeholder engagement?**

At TIEZA, we believe that travel must enrich the destination and not just the traveler. Every Filipino peso that is collected from the travel tax is a reinvestment to where it should rightfully belong, which is our communities. They are the bread and butter of our destinations. We give preference to projects that bring about real change which is generating jobs in local communities, promoting small holder enterprise and protecting the exceptional culture and natural beauty of the Philippines. By partnering with local governments and communities, we allow our infrastructure projects to not just get bricks and mortar moving, but people as well and hence, sustainable development needs to reach the poor, where they are.

**Which key objectives of the National Tourism Development Plan are currently the focus of TIEZA's initiatives, and how are these being measured for impact?**

TIEZA's initiatives support the National Tourism Development Plan's priorities on tourism infrastructure, accessibility, connectivity, destination development, and equalization of tourism opportunities. Through Tourist Rest Areas (TRAs), Tourism Enterprise Zones (TEZs), destination infrastructure, and investment promotion, we improve visitor experience and destination readiness. Impact is measured through increased accessibility, tourism investments, employment generation, visitor satisfaction, and the expansion of tourism opportunities in emerging destinations.

**Metro Manila has one of the lowest green space ratios per capita in Southeast Asia. How does TIEZA assess the current green space gap? How does the Agency integrate the development of accessible green public spaces into tourism planning?**

We recognize the need for more accessible green spaces in Metro Manila and view heritage parks and recreational open spaces as important tourism assets. The Rizal Park Complex, which TIEZA designated as a Flagship Tourism Enterprise Zone, exemplifies this approach. TIEZA classifies green space not as a secondary aesthetic amenity, but as a vital national tourism asset and a prerequisite for urban livability. As density increases, the

institutionalization of urban "lungs" has become a non-negotiable pillar of our national tourism strategy. We also support initiatives such as the rehabilitation of Burnham Park in Baguio City. Across our projects, we integrate landscaped open spaces, climate-responsive features, pedestrian-friendly areas, and environmentally sensitive design to improve public well-being and destination resilience.

**In the context of climate change and natural disasters, how does TIEZA ensure that its infrastructure projects are resilient and adaptable?**

Climate-risk reduction is integrated into the planning, design, and implementation of TIEZA projects. We invest in wastewater management systems, drainage improvements, environmental monitoring, and renewable energy initiatives. Heritage preservation efforts, including the 3D laser scanning of UNESCO-listed Baroque Churches, help safeguard cultural assets. Tourist Rest Areas also serve as resilient community infrastructure and have been used as relief and donation hubs during emergencies.

The Philippines is known for its unparalleled beauty but it now also needs future-proofing initiatives. The climate is changing and we are changing with it. From installing eco-friendly systems in coastal towns to digitally mapping our centuries-old Baroque churches to preserve their legacy, our infrastructure is built to weather the storm.

Climate-risk reduction is integrated into the planning, design, and implementation of TIEZA projects. The most obvious manifestation of that is our Tourist Rest Areas. On any regular day, they are a traveler's paradise but when nature flexes her muscles, these resilient, well-stocked facilities quickly become lifesavers and sanctuaries for the local population.

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*Every time a new tourism site opens, a community transforms. We see tourism infrastructure as the ultimate catalyst for Filipino talent and hard work.*

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**In PBMM's 2025 SONA, he emphasized the tourism sector as a tool for job generation. How is TIEZA aligning its projects to capitalize on this potential and contribute to national employment goals?**

Every time a new tourism site opens, a community transforms. We see tourism infrastructure as the ultimate catalyst for Filipino talent and hard work. Every time TIEZA develops a destination, investments follow which helps inject new vibrancy into the local economies. A beach, newly accessible to the public, not only draws tourism but guests to a regional inn, diners to a restaurant and buyers to the loom of cooperative weavers. We are very proud to be constructing the facilities that help Filipinos build back a better life, with our trademark Filipino hospitality becoming the engine for building the nation from employment and education.

**When developing lesser-known destinations, how does TIEZA address challenges like limited accessibility, infrastructure gaps, and local capacity support tourism?**

The best travel stories often begin where the paved roads end. But to sustainably share our lesser-known islands and mountains with the world, a destination must be ready. TIEZA is the intermediary between seclusion and potential. We create the essential eco-facilities, restrooms and visitor centers that allow for comfortable travel off-the-beaten-path. Utilizing planning thoughtfully, we work with benign towns so that by the time the prism of our collective gaze finally permeates their unsullied beauty, its homes are well prepared to flourish in stewardship of their own stuff.

**With the recent DOT-DTI MOU integrating One Town, One Product (OTOP) offerings into TRAs and the Philippine Experience Program, how is TIEZA facilitating market access and support for MSMEs in tourism destinations?**

A road trip through the Philippines is a journey through its culture, one town at a time. We have transformed our modern Tourist Rest Areas into living galleries of local heritage. Now, when you pause your journey, you aren't just grabbing a coffee; you are stepping into a vibrant marketplace featuring the best One Town, One Product (OTOP) program. By giving local weavers, bakers, and craftsmen a dedicated space to shine, we are ensuring that travelers can take a piece of the province home, while directly putting money into the hands of the community.



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## KLM offers free WiFi on European flights

**KLM is one of the first European airlines to offer free internet to passengers traveling within Europe, marking an important step in enhancing the travel experience. Throughout their flight, passengers can email, browse the internet, listen to music, play games, or stream movies and TV series. With this initiative, KLM is fulfilling a frequently requested feature by its customers. Starting January 22, passengers can take advantage of the free WiFi service.**

KLM is rolling out free WiFi in phases across most of the aircraft used for its European routes. Half of the European fleet will be equipped with free internet service as of Thursday. In the coming years, WiFi will be available on all A321neo, Embraer 195-E2, and a portion of the B737-800 aircraft.

KLM's European fleet does not feature in-seat entertainment screens. By offering complimentary internet, KLM aims to enhance passenger comfort. After logging

in or registering as a Flying Blue member, passengers can enjoy unlimited internet access during their flight. Stephanie Putzeist, responsible for customer experience at KLM, commented: "We listen carefully to what our passengers value and free internet has been on their wish list for some time. Through this step, we are making travel within Europe more personal and comfortable: everyone can plan their flight in their own way and stay connected. We are delighted to realize this now for our passengers."

### A more pleasant travel experience

Since August last year, KLM has added 12 new A321neo aircraft to its fleet. These aircraft, which serve European destinations exclusively, are equipped not only with WiFi but also with modern, comfortable seats. In this way, KLM aims to ensure the most enjoyable travel experience possible for its passengers.

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Set in the northern reaches of Palawan—often regarded as the Philippines' last ecological frontier—Coron is a study in contrasts. Limestone karsts rise dramatically from glass-like waters. Hidden lagoons reveal themselves through narrow crevices. Beneath the surface lies a different world altogether: coral gardens and historic shipwrecks that have made Coron one of the most compelling dive destinations in Asia.

Yet beyond its natural spectacle lies something equally compelling for the traveler: space, stillness, and authenticity. Days unfold unhurriedly—whether sailing across islands, swimming in warm, mineral-rich lakes, or simply taking in a sunset uninterrupted by crowds. Coron offers a kind of luxury that feels increasingly rare: the freedom to disconnect, and the privilege of experiencing nature at its most unspoiled.

### AN ADDRESS THAT UNDERSTANDS THE DESTINATION

To fully appreciate Coron is to stay somewhere that reflects its ethos—thoughtful, grounded, and quietly sophisticated. TAG Resort Coron offers exactly that.

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More than a place to stay, TAG Resort Coron is designed as a complete destination. Spacious rooms and casitas, lagoon-style pools, curated dining experiences, and a lifestyle village all come together to offer comfort without excess. For the modern wanderer—conscious of both experience and impact—TAG Resort's sustainability initiatives, from renewable energy integration to reduced single-use plastics, provide reassurance that hospitality and responsibility can coexist.

At the same time, TAG Resort has quietly established itself as Coron's premier venue for gatherings of scale and significance. With refined event spaces, full-service coordination, and seamless integration of business and leisure, it caters to incentive groups, corporate retreats, and destination celebrations with understated efficiency.

And yet, what sets TAG Resort apart is not only what it offers within its grounds, but how effortlessly it connects guests to everything beyond

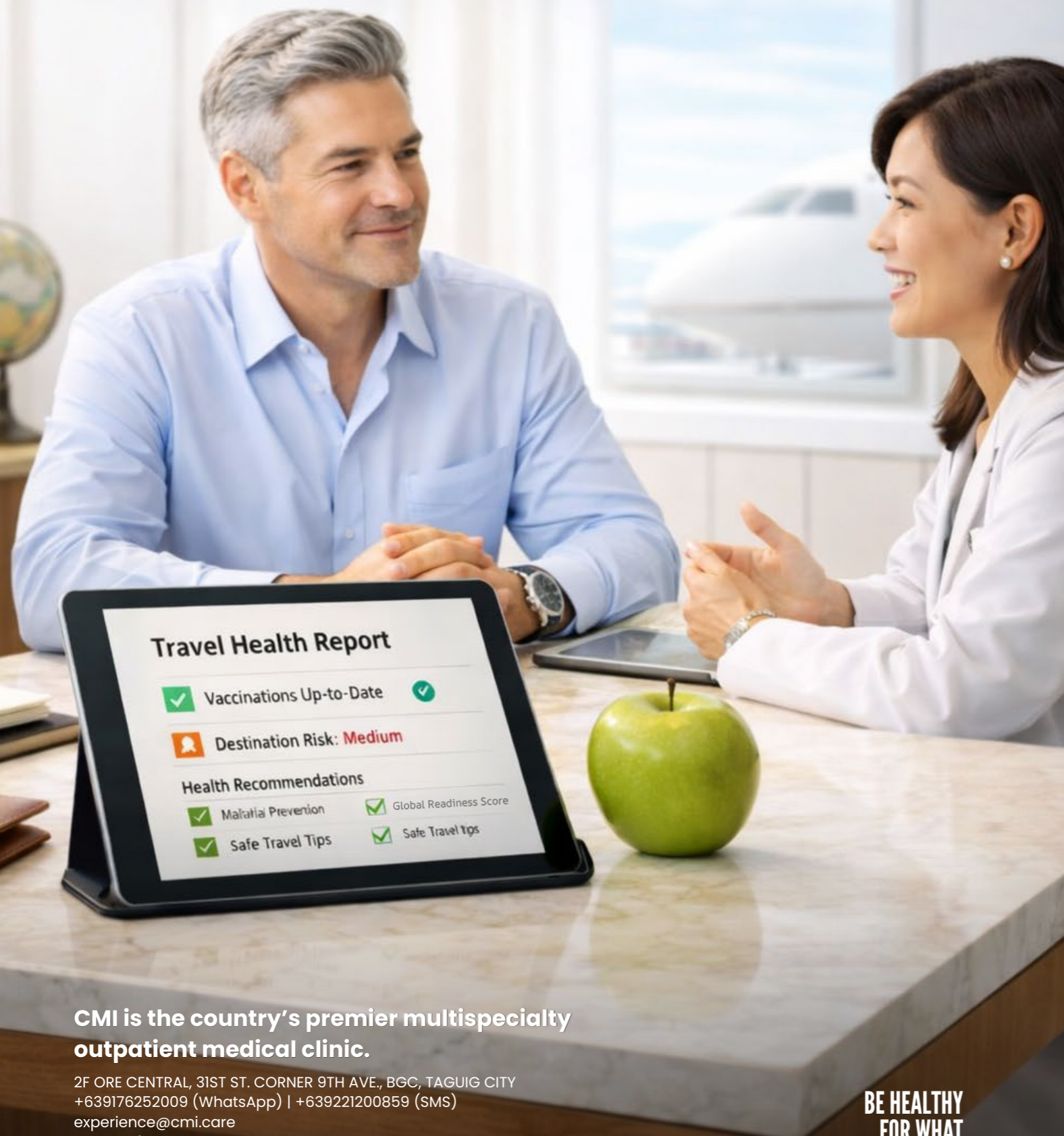


them. From island-hopping excursions to cultural encounters, every experience begins and ends with ease—allowing travelers to immerse themselves fully in Coron's natural rhythm.

Because in a destination as remarkable as Coron, where every horizon invites exploration, the right place to stay does more than provide comfort—it elevates the entire journey.

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## Staying Well Across Borders: A Practical Guide for Expats

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For many expats, travel is woven into everyday life. Whether it's for work, rest, or reconnecting with people and places that matter. With that comes a simple but important truth: staying healthy while moving across countries requires a bit more intention.

Travel health isn't just about reacting to illness. It's about preparing well, staying aware, and taking small, thoughtful steps that allow you to fully enjoy what you love.

### *Before You Travel: Setting a Strong Foundation*

One of the most valuable things you can do before any trip is to understand your current state of health.

A general health assessment, even a basic one, can help identify anything that might affect your travel. This includes reviewing existing conditions, medications, and even lifestyle factors like sleep or stress. When you're aware of where you stand, you can plan more confidently.

Vaccinations are also an important part of preparation. Depending on your destination, certain vaccines may be recommended. For example, protection against hepatitis, typhoid, or influenza. Just as important is making sure your routine immunizations are up to date, as these form your baseline protection wherever you go.

Beyond vaccines, simple preventive measures can make a big difference:

- Knowing food and water safety practices in your destination
- Bringing essential medications or a basic travel health kit
- Preparing for common travel concerns like jet lag or fatigue

These aren't complicated steps, but they go a long way to reduce avoidable risks.

### *While You're Away: Staying Aware and Flexible*

Even with preparation, travel can bring unexpected situations. Paying attention to your body is key.

If something feels off, whether it's persistent fatigue, digestive issues, or fever, it's worth addressing early rather than waiting it out. Many travel-related conditions are easier to manage when caught early.

It also helps to keep a simple record of your medical information, especially if you have ongoing conditions or allergies. This can be useful if you need to care while abroad.

### *After You Return: Don't Skip This Step*

One of the most overlooked aspects of travel health is what happens after you come back.

If you've visited multiple countries, been exposed to different environments, or simply feel "not quite yourself," a post-travel check can be helpful. Some conditions take time to show symptoms, and early assessment allows for timely care if needed.

Even if you feel well, taking a moment to reset getting enough rest, rehydrating, and easing back into your routine supports your overall recovery.

### *Health That Supports Your Life*

For expats, health is not just about avoiding illness; it's about maintaining the energy and resilience to live fully across different environments.

The goal isn't perfect. It's awareness, preparation, and consistency.

When you take the time to understand your health, prepare for your travels, and check in with yourself afterward, you create a rhythm that supports both your wellbeing and your lifestyle.

Because at the end of the day, good health isn't just about where you are, it's what allows you to keep going where you want to be.



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# ECCP Names Diana Edralin as President, Welcomes New Board of Directors

Makati City, Philippines — On 26 May 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) named its new President and welcomed two new members to its Board of Directors during its Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting and Sunset Socials held at the Marquis Events Place in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

Dr. Diana Edralin, currently the General Manager of Roche Philippines, was elected President of ECCP. She brings extensive experience in healthcare with her and is the first female and Filipina president of the Chamber. The election marks a leadership transition, with ECCP President Edralin succeeding Paulo Duarte.

ECCP also welcomed Mr. Ruben Camba, Managing Director of Southeast Asia at ACCIONA, and Mr. Liher Urbizu, President and Managing Director at SAP Southeast Asia, to its Board of Directors, strengthening representation across key industries within the European-Philippine business community.

The ECCP Board of Directors for 2026–2027 is composed of continuing Board Directors Mr. Bernd Schneider, Area General Manager for the Philippines of Raffles and Fairmont Makati; Mr. Tarang Gupta, Managing Director of Alaska Milk Corporation; Mr. Juha-Pekka Hoikka, Managing Director and Airbus Chief Representative in the Philippines of Airbus Helicopters Philippines, Inc.; Mr. Jaime Urquijo, Urban Estates Group Head of Ayala Land; and Mr. Sandeep Uppal, President and CEO of HSBC Philippines, alongside new Board of Directors, Mr. Camba and Mr. Urbizu.

Elected as ECCP officers were Dr. Diana Edralin, President; Mr. Lars Wittig, Mr. Ruben Camba, and Mr. Roman Menz as Vice Presidents; and Mr. Albert Perez as Treasurer.

Judge Cesar Cruz will continue serving as ECCP Corporate Secretary, joined by Atty. Peter Calimag and Mr. Gerry Constantino, as Assistant Corporate Secretaries.

The new Board will steer the Chamber’s strategic direction from 2026 to 2027 and further strengthen its commitment to advancing trade, investment, and economic ties between Europe and the Philippines. Made up of leaders from diverse industries, the

Board brings extensive expertise to support ECCP’s advocacy and inclusive growth initiatives.

During the AGM, members of the Chamber also reviewed key accomplishments over the past year, discussed future priorities, and reaffirmed ECCP’s commitment to promoting a competitive and sustainable business environment in the Philippines.

At the Chamber’s Sunset Socials, outgoing ECCP President Paulo Duarte was likewise recognized for his three years of leadership, during which the Chamber strengthened its advocacy work and expanded engagement across key industry sectors. Among the notable achievements under his term were the ECCP’s deeper collaboration with both public and private sector stakeholders to advance European-Philippine business relations and the ECCP’s highest membership count since its founding in 1978 - reaching close to 1,000 members.

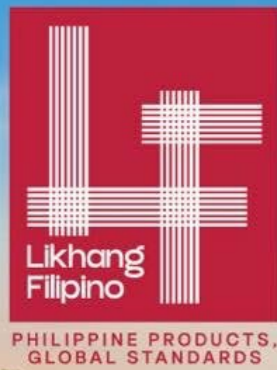
The outgoing Board of Directors was also thanked for its service as ECCP formally welcomed its new leadership team.

The announcement of the ECCP’s new Board comes at a time of renewed momentum in European-Philippine economic and trade relations, following the sixth round of negotiations on the EU-Philippines Free Trade Agreement (EU-PH FTA), held from 18 to 22 May 2026. The Chamber continues to be a key partner of both the Department of Trade and Industry and the European Commission in actively advocating for the swift, balanced, and comprehensive conclusion of the EU-PH FTA to benefit the wider European-Philippine business community.

The Chamber is also closely following preparations for the upcoming EU-ASEAN Business Summit in September, which is expected to further strengthen regional trade and investment cooperation and reinforce Europe-ASEAN economic linkages.

As the largest foreign chamber in the Philippines, the ECCP continues to play a leading role in championing the European-Philippine business community amid emerging opportunities and challenges in the global economic landscape. In this context of sustained growth and evolving priorities, the incoming Board will ensure the continuity and advancement of ECCP’s core initiatives.





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# Advocacy Corner

## CIPE-AMCHAM Roundtable Discussion

25 March 2026

The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), in partnership with the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (AmCham) and its Advocacy Department, Arangkada, hosted the roundtable discussion, "Enhancing the U.S.-Philippine Economic Security Alliance through Policy Innovation," on 25 March at the AmCham Office in Makati City.

This gathering marked the launch of two publications developed by both organizations, namely, "Policy Options for Enhancing U.S.-Philippines Economic Security Alliance" and the "Private-Sector Advocacy Framework for the U.S.-Philippines Economic Security Alliance." These documents highlight policy and regulatory challenges, as well as opportunities to strengthen trade resilience, investment cooperation, and defense industrial collaboration.



In attendance were several members from the Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines (JFC), alongside relevant industry associations and private sector representatives. Representing ECCP at this event were Industry and Government Affairs Co-managers Austin Sy and Joaquin Reloj.

## From Kyiv to Manila: Opportunities in Agri-Food Trade

25 March 2026

On 25 March, The Makati Business Club and the Embassy of Ukraine to the Philippines, with the support of the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, organized a closed-door roundtable discussion in conjunction with the official visit of the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection (SSUFSCP) delegation.

The session focused on providing Philippine business leaders in the agriculture, meat, and logistics sectors with a direct overview of Ukraine's agricultural products while also exploring potential pathways for bilateral trade, market access, and private sector partnerships in the dairy, poultry, and pork industries.

Mr. Serhii Tkachuk, Head of the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection, delivered the keynote presentation during the



discussion. He is a senior Ukrainian government official specializing in food safety regulation, agri-trade policy, consumer protection, and sanitary and phytosanitary administration. Representing the Chamber was Mr. Julius Barcelona, Chairperson of the ECCP Agriculture Sub-committee on High-Value Crops, who delivered the welcome remarks.



## Powering The Next Phase of Energy Storage: Grid-Forming Batteries in a High-Demand Power System

14 April 2026

On 14 April, Fluence Energy (Philippines), together with the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, organized the event “Powering The Next Phase of Energy Storage” at the Makati Shangri-La. With the theme “Grid-Forming Batteries in a High-Demand Power System,” the morning dialogue honed in on the future of the battery energy storage market in the Philippines.

During the discussions, key speakers from Fluence highlighted how storage can reinforce the grid, reduce costly transmission and generation buildouts, and add dispatchability as the country continues to ramp up its renewable energy mix. Fluence’s resource speakers included Mr. John Zahurancik, Chief Customer Success Officer; Mr. Dennis Lee, Business Development Manager; and Mr. Rob Hills, APAC Vice President for Engineering and Commissioning.



## ECCP Online Information Session - Responding to the Oil and Energy Situation with DOE: Guidance for the Private Sector

15 April 2026

On 15 April, the ECCP hosted an Information Session with the Department of Energy via Zoom Webinar. With the theme “Responding to the Oil and Energy Situation: Guidance for the Private Sector,” the dialogue comes as a response to heightened concerns over oil supply disruptions, price volatility, and broader energy security in the Philippines amidst the ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

During the session, Ms. Hershey dela Cruz, DOE Division Chief of the Energy Cooperation and Coordination Division - Energy Policy and Planning Bureau and Chief Science Research Specialist, highlighted timely updates on the country’s current energy situation and outlook. Ms. dela Cruz also provided a clear outline of the government’s contingency measures and policy directions, alongside practical guidance for businesses on energy conservation, risk mitigation, and operational planning.

Moderating the subsequent fireside chat and Q&A session was Atty. Jose “Jay” Layug, Jr., Senior Partner at DivinaLaw and Co-Chairperson of the ECCP Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Committee.



## Senate Committee on Migrant Workers Technical Working Group Meeting

20 April 2026

On 20 April, the ECCP Human Capital Committee participated in the Senate Committee on Migrant Workers’ Technical Working Group on the proposed Bagong Balikbayan Act. The proposed legislation aims to create a comprehensive, integrated and sustainable reintegration program for returning OFWs.

The bills focus on consolidating the necessary entrepreneurship support, skills recognition and development, and social protection programs among various national agencies in order to facilitate balikbayans’ effective transition back into the country following their overseas employment. The Committee supported and emphasized conducting the design, implementation, and evaluation of reintegration programs in consultation with business chambers and groups in the private sector.

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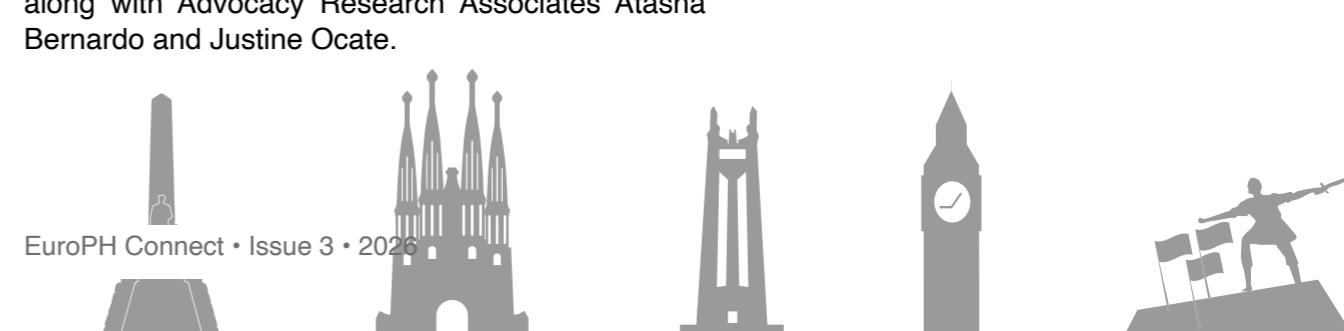
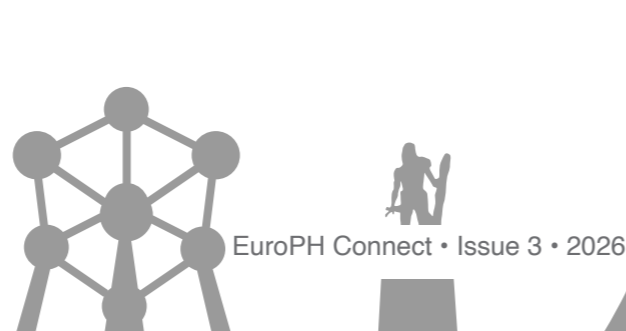
## Science2Business: Energy Resilience for Enhanced Security

21 April 2026

On 21 April, the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in the Philippines, together with Stratbase Institute, organized a timely conference at the Manila Polo Club against the backdrop of the emerging energy crisis. Titled “Science2Business: Energy Resilience for Enhanced Security,” it highlighted the strategic importance of advancing renewable energy solutions while urgently improving energy efficiency.

The conference facilitated discussions on the challenges and opportunities related to the transfer of science, R&D, and innovation to the private sector. Moreover, it relayed the importance of, and solutions for, the decarbonization and energy efficiency, particularly for the defense sector. Lastly, digitalization and the use of artificial intelligence in crisis management, particularly in strengthening disaster resilience was also tackled.

Representing the ECCP at this event were Joaquin Relej, Industry and Government Affairs Manager along with Advocacy Research Associates Atasha Bernardo and Justine Ocate.



## Senate Labor Committee Hearing on the Magna Carta for Informal Economy Workers 22 April 2026

On 22 April, the Chamber participated in the Senate Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development Public Hearing on the Anti Endo and Magna Carta for Workers in the Informal Economy measures, pending before the committee.

These bills reflect a genuine and overdue response to the documented abuse of workers in contractual arrangements and in the informal sector: the measures promulgate a regulatory framework that protects these workers. The Chamber, through its transmitted position paper, underscored the importance of upholding existing labor standards and safeguarding at-risk workers, balanced with businesses' operational adaptability.

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## SuiteConnect Manila 2026 28 April 2026

On 28 April, Oracle NetSuite hosted SuiteConnect 2026 at the Grand Hyatt Manila, Bonifacio Global City highlighting the latest NetSuite innovations and identifying how AI can impact their customers' businesses.

During the morning keynote session, Oracle NetSuite executives James Chisham, Vice President for Product Management, and Amit Suxena, Group Vice President and Head of Asia, delivered insights and exciting product announcements followed by specific use-cases leveraged by customers UNILAB, JDN, and Unilogix.

The afternoon sessions consisted of interactive workshops and dedicated talks on streamlining ERP processes, utilizing AI-driven tools, automated accounting, and integrating legacy systems with NetSuite.



## JFC Monthly Meeting hosted by PAMURI 28 April 2026

The Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce of the Philippines (JFC) convened for its monthly meeting on 28 April at the Manila House Private Club to discuss industry developments and shared priority areas.

During the meeting, the group focused on key topics including the Anti-Endo Bill, the proposed Rights of Nature Act, and the 13th Regular Foreign Investment Negative List. The ECCP further shared insights and updates on the progression of the EU-PH Free Trade Agreement as well as the upcoming ASEAN-EU Sustainability Summit on 7 May in Cebu.

ECCP President Paulo Duarte, Executive Director Florian Gottein, and Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto participated in this engagement on behalf of the Chamber.

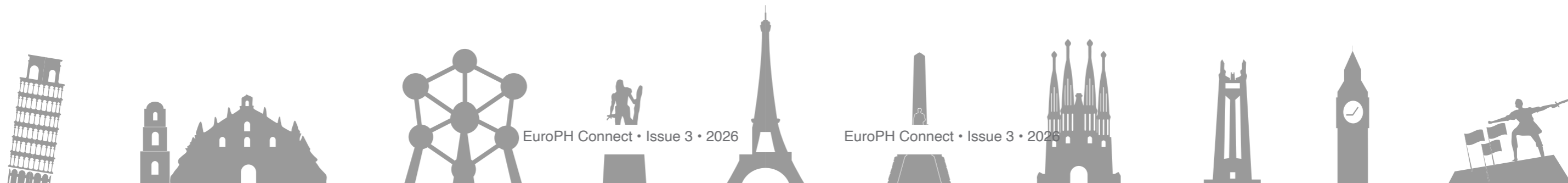


## ECCP Sustainability Committee Meeting with GRI 29 April 2026

On 29 April 2026, the ECCP Sustainability Committee held its first Committee Meeting of the year with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), presided by Ms. Gie Garcia. GRI is an independent, international non-profit organization that develops the world's most widely used standards for sustainability reporting, enabling businesses, governments, and organizations to measure and communicate their economic, environmental, and social impacts with greater transparency and accountability.

Dr. Allinnettes Adigue, Director for ASEAN at GRI, provided valuable insights into the latest global trends and developments in ESG reporting, while also discussing key sustainability reporting regulations in the Philippines. As expectations around corporate responsibility continue to rise, aligning with evolving international standards has become not only a competitive advantage, but a strategic imperative.

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## Committee on Ecology Technical Working Group Meeting

29 April 2026

The House Committee on Ecology convened a Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting on the proposed Rights of Nature Act on 29 April at the Andaya Hall in the House of Representatives.

The proposed act aims to recognize and protect natural ecosystems and processes, or distinct and identifiable portions thereof, as legal entities possessing certain fundamental and inalienable rights. In line with this, government agencies must develop and implement policies to enforce the rights of nature. On the other hand, all corporations are likewise urged to respect the right of nature with obligations scaled by company size.

Attending the meeting on behalf of the ECCP was Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto, Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs.



## JFC Meeting with DOT Secretary Dita Angara-Mathay

4 May 2026

On 4 May, the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce of the Philippines (JFC) paid a courtesy visit to Department of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Maria Bernardita “Dita” Angara-Mathay at the DOT Building in Makati City.

During the meeting, ensuing discussions highlighted the DOT’s key programs and priorities for 2026. For the JFC, this served as the ideal platform to identify potential opportunities and areas for collaboration between the Department and the private sector.

The ECCP was represented by two members of the Board of Directors: Mr. Albert Perez, Founder and CEO of Paul Morgann; and Mr. Bernd Schneider, Area General Manager Philippines of Raffles & Fairmont Makati.



## JFC Meeting with BI Commissioner Joel Anthony Viado

5 May 2026

On 5 May, the ECCP, alongside the Joint Foreign Chambers (JFC), met with Bureau of Immigration (BI) Commissioner Joel Anthony M. Viado for a productive dialogue on key immigration concerns affecting the foreign business community in the Philippines.

The discussion covered a broad range of priority areas, including strengthening frontline processes at NAIA to enhance transparency and traveler confidence; improving the efficiency and predictability of 9(g) visa processing timelines; and ensuring clear, consistent protocols for legitimate foreign employees of compliant companies.

The group also addressed the streamlining of Annual Report and Emigration Clearance Certificate (ECC) processes to support greater business mobility, as well as the continued advancement of digitalization initiatives aimed at reducing reliance on intermediaries. Rounding out the agenda were opportunities for collaboration on the BI Modernization Act and the institutionalization of formal JFC–BI engagement.

The ECCP remains committed to working with government partners to create a more efficient, transparent, and business-friendly environment for European companies and their employees operating in the Philippines.

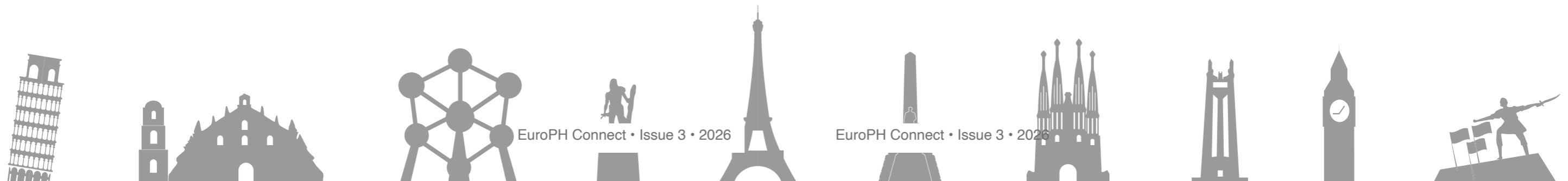


## FIRB Virtual Town Hall Meeting on the DILG–DOF–DTI JMC No. 1, s. 2026

5 May 2026

On 05 May 2026, the Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB) hosted a Town Hall Meeting on the DILG–DOF–DTI Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 1, s. 2026, with an aim to clarify and address concerns, prescribing guidelines on the imposition of local taxes, fees, and charges on Registered Business Enterprises (RBEs) availing of tax incentives.

The ECCP was represented by Austin Sy, Industry and Government Affairs Manager.



## ASEAN-EU Sustainability Summit 2026

7 May 2026

The EU-ASEAN Business Council (EU-ABC), in partnership with the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), hosted the ASEAN-EU Sustainability Summit last 7 May in Cebu in line with the Philippines' ASEAN Chairship for the year.

The Summit served as a premier regional platform aimed at catalysing bold, cross-sectoral action to advance Southeast Asia's green and inclusive transition convening around 200 senior leaders from government, business and industry, the diplomatic community, and development institutions. Discussions centered on shaping the region's green growth agenda while fostering collaborative initiatives and scalable solutions that promote sustainable development.

This flagship event comes at a pivotal time in advancing deeper economic ties, including ongoing efforts toward a Philippines-EU Free Trade Agreement. Strengthening trade relations between the Philippines and the EU can support sustainable economic growth, improve market access, and facilitate investments in green technologies and infrastructure, further reinforcing shared sustainability goals.

Distinguished speakers and panelists included H.E. Massimo Santoro, Ambassador of the European Union to the Philippines; Hon. Frederick D. Go, Secretary of the Department of Finance; Hon. Leonardo A. A. Teguh Sambodo, Deputy Minister for Food Affairs, Natural Resources, and the Environment, Ministry of National Development, Indonesia; Dato Sri Norazman Ayob, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (KPKM), Malaysia;



Hon. Jonas Leones, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources; Hon. Roger Navarro, Undersecretary for Operations and Agri-Fisheries Mechanization and for Rural Credit at the Department of Agriculture; among others.

Keynote messages from the EU and ASEAN were delivered by H.E. Jozef Sikela, European Commissioner for International Partnerships; Mr. Patrick Child, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission; Mr. Jan Dusik, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission; H.E. Dr Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary General, ASEAN; and H.E. Sujiro Seam European Union Ambassador to ASEAN.

The EU-ABC and ECCP continue to provide platforms for stakeholders to collaborate, exchange insights, and build partnerships on how to integrate sustainability into strategies that address today's economic challenges. In conjunction, by promoting stronger cooperation between ASEAN and the EU, the EU-ABC and ECCP aim to strengthen economic resilience while unlocking emerging market opportunities.

## ARTA 2026 Business Ready (B-READY) Reforms Forum

7 May 2026

The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), in partnership with the World Bank Group (WBG) and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), spearheaded the 2026 Business Ready (B-READY) Reforms Forum at the GSIS Financial Center in Pasay City. The forum gathered over 150 stakeholders to advance reforms that strengthen the ease of doing business and enhance the country's global competitiveness.

The forum, themed "Sustaining Momentum: Scaling Up EODB Reforms for Global Competitiveness," showcased updates on the Philippine Ease of Doing Business Reform Guidebook, the 2025 B-READY Report, and priority initiatives across agencies.

As a panelist on the fireside chat and open forum focused on "Driving Competitiveness: Recent Government Reforms Enhancing the Ease of Doing



Business," ECCP Vice President Dr. Diana Edralin provided practical experiences of ECCP members in navigating regulatory processes.

In the ensuing discussions, Dr. Edralin highlighted the recent reforms that have improved the regulatory landscape and the Philippines' competitiveness, the critical areas for improvement in implementing Ease of Doing Business, and opportunities for collaboration between the public and private sectors.

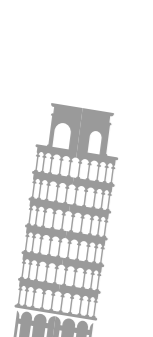
## Europe Day 2026

12 May 2026

On 12 May, representatives from the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines attended the Europe Day 2026 reception, hosted by the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines. Held at the Ayala Museum in Makati City, the reception commemorated the enduring relationship, shared values, and strong collaboration between the European Union and the Philippines.

The evening brought together members of the diplomatic corps, government officials, key leaders from various sectors to celebrate unity and cooperation. Representing the ECCP were ECCP President Paulo Duarte, ECCP Treasurer Albert Perez, ECCP Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto, and ECCP Industry and Government Affairs Manager Austin Sy.

Europe Day commemorates the historic 1950 Schumann Declaration, which established modern European integration and peace. It serves as a global celebration of unity, solidarity, and shared democratic values among European nations.

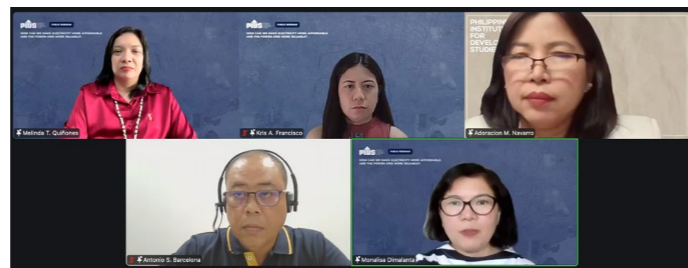


## Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) Webinar

14 May 2026

On 14 May, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) hosted a public webinar via Zoom examining critical challenges in the country's energy sector. Titled "How can we make electricity more affordable and the power grid more reliable?," the webinar highlighted two recent studies providing a comprehensive discussion of how pricing policies and infrastructure reforms can work together to improve energy outcomes in the Philippines.

The first study, "Making Electricity Subsidies Work: Cross-Country Lessons for Philippine Energy Policy," authored by PIDS Senior Research Fellow Dr. Kris A. Francisco and PIDS Research Analyst Patricia Thea A. Basilio, analyzes the country's major subsidy mechanisms and draws on international evidence to assess their effectiveness.



Complementing this, the second study "The Need for Power Transmission Sector Reforms in the Philippines," by PIDS Senior Research Fellow Dr. Adoracion M. Navarro, examines structural and regulatory constraints in the transmission sector amid rapidly rising electricity demand.

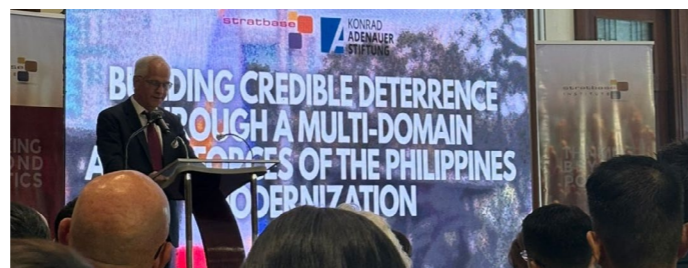
Former Energy Regulatory Commission Chairperson and PJS Law Office Senior Partner Atty. Monalisa Dimalanta along with Department of Energy Officer-in-Charge of the Power Market Development Division Mr. Antonio Barcelona joined the webinar as discussants to provide further insights and expand on the comprehensive studies presented.

## Building Credible Deterrence Through a Multi-Domain Armed Forces of the Philippines Modernization

14 May 2026

On 14 May, the Stratbase Institute, in partnership with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Philippines, convened a forum at the Manila Polo Club, Makati City, titled "Building Credible Deterrence Through a Multi-Domain Armed Forces of the Philippines Modernization." The forum gathered representatives from government, the military, academe, the private sector, and the diplomatic community to examine how the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) can transform into a multi-domain force capable of deterring both traditional and asymmetric threats, with the year marking the 10th anniversary of the Arbitral Award on the South China Sea and the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) vision.

Stratbase Institute President Prof. Victor Andres "Dindo" Manhit opened the forum by citing recent survey data showing that 65% of Filipinos support the modernization of the AFP and the Philippine Coast Guard, while 51% favor reinforcing alliances through joint patrols and military exercises. H.E. Dr. Andreas Michael Pfaffernoschke, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Manila, delivered the keynote



message, noting that the current global security landscape echoes the Cold War era and underscoring Germany's renewed focus on deterrence, expanded defense capacity, and continued cooperation with the Philippines built on ties dating back to the 1970s.

The first panel examined the gaps, challenges, and opportunities in the AFP modernization program. Panelists discussed the trade-offs between acquiring brand-new versus second-hand assets, the balance between quantity and quality in defense procurement, and the constraints posed by limited and restricted modernization funds. The second panel turned to advancing the AFP's transformation into a truly multi-domain force across the land, maritime, air, and cyber domains. Panelists emphasized the shift from a service-centric to a state-centric defense posture, with interoperability at the center of modernization efforts.

## Updates on the Bureau of Customs Priorities

14 May 2026

On 14 May, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) participated in an insightful dialogue with Bureau of Customs (BOC) Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno. Hosted by the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines at the SGV Office in Makati City, the forum provided key insights into the critical reforms, modernization efforts, and policy directions currently shaping the country's trade and customs environment.

During the discussion, Commissioner Nepomuceno outlined the agency's transition toward full digitalization. These initiatives aim to eliminate manual interventions, integrate financial data verification, and deploy Artificial Intelligence to significantly curb smuggling and corruption. The BOC reaffirmed its sincere commitment to collaborating with the private sector.



Representing the ECCP at the dialogue was Industry and Government Affairs Manager Austin Sy. The ECCP remains dedicated to engaging in these pivotal dialogues to support a transparent, predictable, and highly efficient business environment for our members.

## DTI Trade Policy Dialogue (TPD)

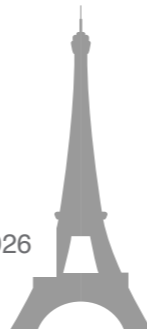
14 May 2026

On 14 May 2026, the ECCP participated in the 10th Trade Policy Dialogue with DTI Undersecretary Allan B. Gepty. The session provided a critical roadmap for the Philippine trade landscape and the much-anticipated EU-PH Free Trade Agreement (FTA). With the goal of concluding negotiations by the end of 2026, the DTI is pushing for a comprehensive agreement covering 24 chapters, including green energy, e-commerce, and the first-ever inclusion of government procurement.

The dialogue hosted discussions on fostering an open and predictable business environment while respecting constitutional frameworks, with the Philippines adopting a "negative-list" approach for services and investment. This strategy prioritizes clarity and stability for international partners, notably by streamlining dispute resolution through established domestic legal channels. Beyond expanding market opportunities, the dialogue emphasized the importance of aligning local practices with international sustainability and environmental standards.



Undersecretary Gepty also highlighted the government's commitment to balancing global intellectual property protections with the preservation of local traditional knowledge and community rights. These initiatives are designed to build on recent legislative reforms—such as the Public Service Act and the CREATE MORE Act—further positioning the Philippines as a premier destination for high-value European investment.



## IOPHIL 6th Review and Assessment of the MOU on E-Commerce

19 May 2026

On 19 May, the ECCP Intellectual Property Rights Committee attended the 6th Review and Assessment of the Memorandum of Understanding on E-Commerce (“Philippine E-Commerce Code of Conduct”) in Taguig City, hosted by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines.

The review was an opportunity to evaluate and analyze the initiative’s progress, discuss solutions to recurring and new challenges and strengthen cooperation in addressing online counterfeiting and piracy. Attended by brand owners, chambers of commerce and industry associations, and observer companies, the stakeholders were able to address their intellectual property concerns and raise recommendations for the initiative’s improvement.

Representing the Chamber at the review was ECCP Intellectual Property Rights Committee Chairperson Atty. Reena Mitra-Ventanilla, accompanied by IPR Committee Coordinator & Advocacy Research Associate Justine Ocate. For more information or to join the Intellectual Property Rights Committee, please email [advocacy@eccp.com](mailto:advocacy@eccp.com).



## Courtesy Visit to His Majesty’s Ambassador to the Philippines Sarah Anne Pascale Hulton OBE

19 May 2026

On 19 May, ECCP President Paulo Duarte and ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein paid a courtesy visit to His Majesty’s Ambassador to the Philippines Sarah Anne Pascale Hulton OBE at the British Embassy in Manila. During the meeting, the Chamber and the Embassy identified potential areas for collaboration moving forward.

On the side of ECCP, the Chamber provided a brief introduction to its sector committees as well as their respective advocacy accomplishments and initiatives. The British Embassy, on the other hand, presented insights on its key priorities for the year. Also in attendance were Iain Frenkiel, Director of Trade and Investment at the British Embassy and Will Clephane, Head of Global Networking Banking at HSBC Philippines.



## Courtesy Visit to DTI Undersecretary Ceferino Rodolfo

19 May 2026

The ECCP, together with the EU-ASEAN Business Council (EU-ABC), met with Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Undersecretary Ceferino “Perry” Rodolfo at the DTI Office in Makati City last 19 May. ECCP President Paulo Duarte and ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein attended the engagement alongside EU-ABC Executive Director Chris Humphrey.

Discussions during the meeting centered on potential areas for collaboration between the Chamber and the DTI aligned with the Philippines ASEAN Chairmanship for 2026. In particular, both organizations identified the ASEAN-EU Business Summit scheduled in September as a key initiative for cooperation.

Also present at the meeting were Annabel Yeoh, Senior Advocacy Manager, and Natalie Tan, Marketing and Communications Manager, from the EU-ABC.



## Updates on BIR Tax Priorities

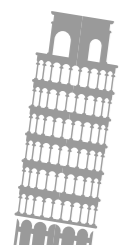
20 May 2026

On 20 May, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) participated in an insightful briefing featuring Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Commissioner Mendoza. Held to discuss the Bureau’s strategic progress and priorities, the dialogue provided key updates on critical tax reforms, modernization milestones, and the ongoing implementation of the agency’s nationwide “DARES” program aimed at enhancing tax administration and service excellence.

During the discussion, Commissioner Mendoza highlighted the BIR’s priorities through its DARES agenda as well as reforms such as the operationalization of a more predictable and accountable audit framework under RMO 1-2026, limiting assessments to just one Letter of Authority (LOA) per taxpayer per year. Backed by accelerated digitalization efforts, the BIR successfully exceeded its January-to-April collection targets. The Commissioner also addressed critical private sector concerns during the open forum.



Representing the ECCP at the dialogue was Industry and Government Affairs Manager Austin Sy. The ECCP remains dedicated to engaging in these high-level regulatory dialogues to foster a transparent, predictable, and cooperative tax environment that supports the ease of doing business for its members.



## JFC Monthly Meeting hosted by AmCham

21 May 2026

The Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce of the Philippines (JFC) convened for its monthly meeting on 21 May, hosted by the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines at the Manila Elks Club in Makati City, to discuss industry developments and shared priority areas.

During the meeting, the group focused on key topics including updates regarding the Bureau of Internal Revenue's (BIR) processes, the Department of Finance's planned adoption of GloBE Rules, as well as initial planning for this year's Arangkada Forum. The ECCP further provided inputs on the 6th round of negotiations surrounding the European Union-Philippines Free Trade Agreement (FTA), the recent political movements in the Senate of the Philippines,



and a pending policy proposal on BPO onshoring put forward by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

ECCP President Paulo Duarte, Executive Director Florian Gottein, and Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs Atty. Kathyryn Pioquinto participated in this engagement on behalf of the Chamber.

## JFC Meeting with DOLE Undersecretary Benedicto Ernesto Bitonio Jr.

21 May 2026

On 21 May, the ECCP together with the Joint Foreign Chambers (JFC) met with DOLE Undersecretary Benedicto Ernesto Bitonio Jr. to discuss the current labor and employment environment, workforce mobility and Alien Employment Permit (AEP) implementation, and priority legislative and policy developments affecting workforce flexibility, competitiveness, and long-term investment sustainability.

The meeting concluded with opportunities for continued engagement, including future technical discussions and regular dialogue channels. JFC reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the Philippine government's labor reform objectives while promoting a stable and competitive business environment.



Representing the Chamber was ECCP Board Member and Human Capital Committee Co-chair Albert Perez, together with Advocacy Research Associate Justine Yuki Ocate. For more information or to join the Human Capital Committee, please email [advocacy@eccp.com](mailto:advocacy@eccp.com).

## Courtesy Meeting with TESDA Director General, Secretary Kiko Benitez

21 May 2026

On 21 May 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines met with Secretary Kiko Benitez and the leadership team of TESDA to discuss ongoing and future collaboration on skilling and workforce development initiatives between TESDA and European firms operating in the Philippines, as well as TESDA's priorities and strategies in relation to the EU-Philippines Free Trade Agreement. The meeting was facilitated by ECCP President Paulo Duarte.

The meeting concluded with several actionable points that the ECCP and TESDA will collaborate on in the coming months to further support skills development and industry innovation in the Philippines.

Also present from TESDA were Deputy Director General Nelly Dillera, Executive Director Atty. Gio Gomez, Executive Director Charlyn Justimbaste, alongside members of the Office of the Secretary:



Rohi Yocariza, Emmie Orbon, Tuesday Lagman, Onofre Fernandez, and Andrea Adorio.

Representatives from ECCP member companies were Kenn Mayuga from Schneider Electric, Karla Ravida from Bosch Philippines, and Alin Rosca from RepsMate. From the ECCP Advocacy Team, representatives were Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs Atty. Kathyryn Pioquinto, and Senior Advocacy Officer Kyla Uy.

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## Mobility at a Crossroads: Navigating the Philippines' Oil Dependence and Electric Future

21 May 2026

On 21 May 2026, ECCP's Automotive Committee attended the Manila Times Automobile Forum with the theme "Mobility at the Crossroads: Navigating the Philippines' Oil Dependence and Electric Future."

Among the event speakers was Mr. Willy Tee Ten, Co-Chair of ECCP's Automotive Committee and President of the (EVAP). Discussions highlighted the importance of accelerating EV adoption, strengthening charging infrastructure, enhancing energy security, and advancing supportive policies for the transport sector. Conversations also centered on the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act (EVIDA) and emphasizing the need to improve EV affordability and further develop the country's supporting infrastructure.

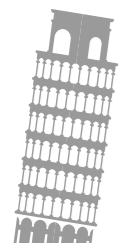
Continuing these important discussions, the ECCP will also host its second Transportation Forum on 10 September 2026 with the theme "Driving



Change: Building Intelligent, Safe, and Sustainable Transport." The forum will focus on Road Safety, AI in Transportation, and Sustainable Green Transport, while highlighting the Philippines' shift toward EVs to strengthen energy security and support long-term sustainability.

To register for ECCP's 2026 Transportation Forum, please click this [link](#).

For inquiries on ECCP's Automotive Committee and transportation forum, please contact us at [advocacy@eccp.com](mailto:advocacy@eccp.com).



## 1st Semester 2026 (9th) Meeting of the Stakeholders' Chamber on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

25 May 2026

On 25 May 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) participated in the 1st Semester 2026, 9th Meeting of the Stakeholders' Chamber (SC) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) Office in the Mega Tower, Mandaluyong City.

Organized by the DEPDev SC-SDG Secretariat, the assembly featured comprehensive full-year assessments from various thematic and functional working groups on their CY 2025 work plans, alongside discussions on the Stakeholders' Chamber's Three-Year Roadmap for 2026 to 2028. Key administrative milestones were also spotlighted, including an introduction to the Electronic Sustainable Consumption and Production Monitoring (e-SCP Mo) System, an overview of the Civil Society Organization



(CSO) SDG Financing Roadmap, and updated Sustainability Reporting frameworks based on recent SEC regulations.

Representing the ECCP at the meeting was Industry and Government Affairs Manager Austin Sy. Through its active involvement in the Stakeholders' Chamber, the ECCP reinforces its ongoing commitment to public-private partnership and the collaborative alignment of European-Philippine business practices with global sustainability targets.

## House of Representatives Committee on Ecology Meeting

1 June 2026

On 1 June 2026, the House of Representatives Committee on Ecology convened for a meeting to deliberate on the following proposed bills: the Philippine Environmental Assessment System (House Bills Nos. 6376 and 4103) and Strengthening the Environmental Management Bureau (House Bill No. 6341).

The meeting was attended by representatives from various government agencies and private sector organizations, including the Department of Tourism (DOT), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB), Philippine Green Building Council, and other stakeholders, who provided their comments, recommendations, and manifestations on the proposed legislation.

Representing the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) was Advocacy Officer Sophie



Panergo, coordinator of the ECCP's Environment & Water Committee and Sustainability Committee. Through these committees, ECCP supports initiatives that promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, in line with international environmental commitments and agreements.

For more information about ECCP's Environment & Water Committee and Sustainability Committee, please contact [advocacy@eccp.com](mailto:advocacy@eccp.com).

## Converge Global Business Built for What's Next

28 May 2026

On 28 May 2026, Converge Global Business hosted an exclusive gathering of industry leaders at the Manila Peninsula. With the theme "Built for What's Next," the event focused on discussions aligned with engineering the future of digital infrastructure and AI-ready architectures in the Philippines.

The program featured forward-looking messages and priority initiatives from Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Henry Aguda, Converge ICT Solutions CEO and Co-Founder Dennis Uy, who focused on the national fiber backbone and improving digital connectivity across the country.

Converge Studios CEO James Mendoza and Converge Global Business Group Senior Vice President and Head of Sales and Marketing Grace



Jarin-Castillo, on the other hand, honed in on the potential of Converge Cloud in improving Filipino enterprises through sovereign computing and AI. Converge ICT Solutions President and Co-Founder Grace Uy delivered the closing remarks, highlighting further areas for collaboration with their clients.

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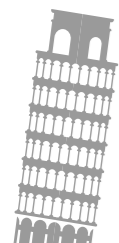
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# Inside ECCP: Manila

## ECCP-FMI Conducts Courtesy Visits in Philippine Embassy in Thailand 24 March 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), through its subsidiary FMI - Fairs & More, Inc. (FMI), held a courtesy and strategic meeting with the Philippine Embassy in Thailand (Economic Section) today, 24 March 2026, represented by Second Secretary and Consul Susan Sabado, together with the Philippine Trade & Investment Center – Bangkok (DTI Bangkok), led by Commercial Counsellor Maria Emmanuelle S. Burgos.

As the Philippine representative of Koelnmesse, FMI continues to advance opportunities for Philippine participation in key international platforms such as Thaifex Anuga Asia and Gamescom ASia 2026 x Thailand Game Show. Discussions focused on strengthening B2B programs for exhibitors and exploring the co-organization of the first-ever Philippine Pavilion at Gamescom Asia Thailand, aimed at positioning Filipino companies within the fast-growing regional digital and creative economy.

Joining the meeting were ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein and FMI CEO Dawn Cabigon.

## 5th Annual Sustainability Asia 24 March 2026

On 25 March 2026, ECCP, through its sustainability and climate initiative - Race to Zero Philippines, attended the plenary discussions on ASEAN's energy future. Representing ECCP were Mr. Florian Gottein and Ms. Dawn Cabigon, joined by Dr. Charanya Nopnukulviset, Operations Director at EABC - Eurocham Thailand and Mr. Francis Macatulad of ASSIST.

Amid ongoing global crises, one message is clear: energy security and the clean energy transition must move forward together. With the Philippines as ASEAN Chair, the region is uniquely positioned to drive stronger and faster collective action. RTNZ PH is stepping up, demonstrating its commitment to actively advancing the country's urgent transition.

ECCP, together with its partners, continues to take a proactive role in shaping a resilient and sustainable energy future for ASEAN.



Through this meeting, it highlighted the importance of post-show support, including facilitating regional market access and linking Philippine companies to sustainability-driven programs aligned with the country's green transition priorities.

ECCP, through FMI, remains committed to working closely with government and industry partners to elevate the Philippines' presence in international trade fairs—creating meaningful business opportunities and advancing sustainable economic growth.



## European Ambassadors' Cup 27 March 2026

The ECCP held its first-ever European Ambassadors' Cup last 27 March 2026 at the Manila Golf and Country Club, bringing together members of the diplomatic corps and key private-sector leaders for a day of sport and camaraderie.

Set against the backdrop of the country's most prestigious golf venue, the landmark event marked a significant milestone for the ECCP, offering a unique platform for participants to engage beyond formal diplomatic and business settings. A full day on the greens was also capped with a networking lunch and awards ceremony, celebrating both sportsmanship and stronger ties within the European-Philippine business community.

The event was attended by H.E. Miguel Utray, Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines; H.E. Christian Halaas Lyster, Norwegian Ambassador to the Philippines; H.E. Karel Hejč, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Philippines; H.E. Marielle Geraedts, Ambassador of the Netherlands to the Philippines; Mr. Pieter ten Bosch from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands; Mr. Alexandre Ferry



from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden to the Philippines; Mr. Peter Dalberg, Deputy Head of Mission at the Royal Danish Embassy in Manila; Atty. Leslie Cruz and Atty. Peter Calimag, Partners at Cesar C. Cruz & Partners Law Firm; and Mr. Tarang Gupta, ECCP Director and Managing Director of Alaska Milk Corporation.

The fun and exciting day was also hosted by sportscaster and television host, Ms. Patricia Hizon.

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## ECCP-PCCI MOA Signing Ceremony 16 April 2026

The ECCP formalized its partnership with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) last 16 April 2026, through a MOA Signing Ceremony held at the PCCI office in Taguig City.

Through this strategic partnership, the ECCP and PCCI aim to promote joint initiatives, knowledge exchange, and opportunities for business engagement that support trade, investment, and economic cooperation.

The signing ceremony was attended by ECCP leaders, including Mr. Paulo Duarte, ECCP President; Mr. Roman Menz, ECCP Vice President; Dr. Diana Edralin, ECCP Vice President; Mr. Lars Wittig, ECCP Vice President; Mr. Albert Perez, ECCP Treasurer; and Mr. Florian Gottein, ECCP Executive Director.

Joining them were PCCI representatives led by Mr. Ferdinand "Perry" Ferrer, President; Mr. Raymund Jude Aguilar, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and PCCI Board of Directors.

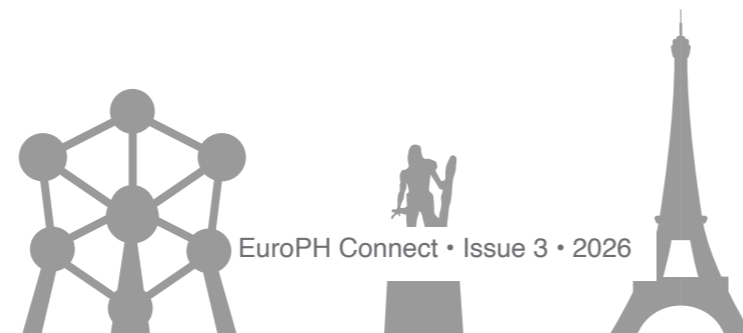
The ECCP looks forward to working closely with the PCCI in the upcoming months to advance initiatives



that deliver valuable results and support the growth of our respective business communities.

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) is the largest business organization in the Philippines, serving as the voice of the business community in the country, uniting industries, entrepreneurs, and organizations to work toward sustainable economic progress.

For more photos, visit: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCR49R>



## 18th Philippine Food Expo 2026 20 April 2026

ECCP, through its subsidiary FMI - Fairs & More, Inc., proudly participated in the 18th Philippine Food Expo 2026 in partnership with the Philippine Food Processors and Exporters Organization (PHILFOODEX).

Representing FMI and ECCP were Mr. Florian Gotten, Executive Director of ECCP, Ms. Dawn Cabigon, CEO of FMI, Mr. Ayrton Santos, International Trade Fairs and Events Associate, and Ms. Alliyah Gutierrez, International Trade Fairs and Events Apprentice.

As the industry cooperators of Philfoodex, ECCP continues to support initiatives that strengthen the Philippine food and beverage sector, with FMI leading the coordination and execution of this collaboration across key trade platforms.



This engagement reflects ECCP's commitment to fostering trade opportunities and enabling stronger linkages between industries.

## Afternoon Assembly with Bureau of Internal Revenue Philippines (BIR) Commissioner Atty. Charlito Martin "Charlie" Mendoza 23 April 2026

On 23 April 2026, the ECCP, in partnership with Deloitte Philippines, convened a high-level dialogue with Bureau of Internal Revenue Philippines (BIR) Commissioner Atty. Charlito Martin "Charlie" Mendoza, bringing together leaders from the government, private sector, and tax community.

Held at Dusit Thani Manila, the Afternoon Assembly provided a platform for candid and constructive engagement on how ongoing reforms can translate into more efficient, transparent, and predictable tax administration.

During his speech, Commissioner Mendoza presented the BIR's five-pillar reform agenda, known as DARES—Digital and Data Transformation, Audit Reform and Accountability, Revenue Collection and Base Protection, Employee Empowerment and Welfare Promotion, and Service Excellence and Stakeholder Engagement. He also highlighted the agency's early progress in 2026, including the rollout of digital tools aimed to improve taxpayer experience: system-assisted audit selection framework, LOA Verifier, Interactive Digital Tax Calendar, QR Code Verifier for Certificates of Registration, and the Revenue Monitoring and Intelligence Dashboard (ReMIND).

"Excellent service worthy of your taxes is not just a campaign line—it is what the Bureau must now prove through actual work: better systems, clearer rules, and reforms that taxpayers can feel," Mendoza stated.



ECCP leaders attended the event: President Paulo Duarte and Vice-Presidents Dr. Diana Edralin and Albert Perez. They were joined by ECCP Tax and Financial Services Committee Chair Atty. Maria Concepcion Simundac-Delos Santos and Co-Chairwoman Atty. Benedicta Du-Baladad, alongside Deloitte Philippines' Tax and Legal Leader and Transfer Pricing Leader, Atty. Carlo Navarro.

Also in attendance were BIR representatives: Atty. Larry M. Barcelo, Deputy Commissioner of the Legal Group; Atty. Marissa O. Cabreros, Deputy Commissioner of the Strategic Reform Group; and Atty. Ma. Rosario Charo Enriquez-Curiba, Deputy Commissioner of the Information Systems Group. The Assembly was hosted by Atty. Alden C. Labaguis, Vice Chair of the ECCP Tax and Financial Services Committee, as well as the Customs and Logistics Committee.

Through engagements like this, the ECCP remains committed to supporting reforms that enhance transparency and efficiency; strengthen investor confidence; and position the Philippines as a more competitive and predictable place to do business.

## The Polished Professional: A Masterclass in Etiquette & Presence 23 April 2026

On 23 April 2026, ECCP's Young Professionals Committee had its first event of the year: The Polished Professional: A Masterclass in Etiquette & Presence. The event brought together professionals from various industries who are committed to refining their professional presence, strengthening social etiquette, and elevating their personal brand.

Participants engaged in an interactive masterclass designed to build confidence and enhance essential soft skills, equipping them to navigate professional environments with poise and authenticity. A key highlight of the evening was a special raffle, where one attendee won an overnight stay for two in a Deluxe King Room, sponsored by Feliz Boracay.

Through initiatives like this, ECCP's Young Professionals Committee continues to foster a dynamic community, empowering emerging leaders with both technical and interpersonal skills, while creating meaningful connections across sectors.



## 9th Sustainable Agriculture Forum 30 April 2026

The ECCP hosted its 9th Sustainable Agriculture Forum on 30 April, at the Raffles & Fairmont in Makati City. The forum brought together leaders from the government, industry, and development institutions to explore strategies and solutions that can drive a more resilient, productive, and sustainable Philippine agriculture sector.

Anchored on the theme "Cultivating Resilience: Advancing Food Security and Climate-Smart Growth in Philippine Agriculture," the event highlighted key sessions on integrating climate-smart and farming, growth through emerging innovative practices, and collective impact to bolster farmer support.

The event featured experts and leaders from both the public and private sectors, including Undersecretary Cheryl-Marie Natividad Caballero and Undersecretary Constante Palabrica from the Department of Agriculture; Dr. Dexter Respicio Buted, CEO of the Philippine Coconut Authority; Atty. Arthur C. Yap, House Representatives; Mr. Leandro "Dax" Gazmin, Philippines Partnerships for Sustainable Agriculture; and Engr. Ismail A. Guiamel, Bangsamoro Director General for Agriculture Services.



Joining the discussions were Anthony Patrick Chua, Executive Director of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council; James Amparo, President and CEO of Yovel East Agriventures; and Julius Barcelona, Chief Operating Officer of Harbest Agribusiness Corporation. Moderating the panel discussions were our ECCP Agriculture Committee leaders Ruth Novales, Agriculture Committee Chair; Dr. Mary Ann Sayoc, Agriculture Committee Co-Chair; and Tom van der Meulen, Agriculture Committee Co-Chair.

## ECCP Luncheon Meeting with NDA Administrator and CEO Atty. Marcus Andaya 19 May 2026

On 19 May 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) convened a high-level dialogue with NDA Administrator and CEO, Atty. Marcus T. Andaya at the Makati Shangri-La, bringing together key stakeholders from the dairy and food industries to discuss the implementation of Republic Act No. 12308, or the Animal Industry Development and Competitiveness Act.

As the first foreign chamber to hold a briefing on the aforementioned law and the transition of dairy regulatory oversight from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Philippines to the National Dairy Authority (NDA), this session provided an important platform for regulators and industry stakeholders to exchange insights, clarify implementation expectations, and discuss pathways toward a smooth and efficient regulatory transition.

The event was attended by ECCP leaders, including Executive Director Florian Gottein; Member of the



Board of Directors and Managing Director of Alaska Milk Corporation, Mr. Tarang Gupta; and ECCP Food & Beverage Chairperson Helen Grace Baisa. They were joined by Atty. Sheryl Lagrosas, Vice President and Head of Government and Industry Affairs of Nestlé Philippines.

The success of the ECCP's Luncheon Meeting with the NDA was made possible through the valuable partnership and involvement of Event Supporter Nestlé Philippines and Table Top Partners Alaska Milk Corporation and Mr. Moo's Dairy Products Inc.

## Annual General Membership Meeting and Sunset Socials 26 May 2026

Thank you for joining us in yet another milestone for the ECCP!

On 26 May 2026, the Chamber held its largest Annual General Membership Meeting and Sunset Socials to date, bringing together members, guests, and partners for a day of reflection and a renewed commitment to shared priorities.

The AGM featured the presentation of the President's and Treasurer's Reports by outgoing President Paulo Duarte and ECCP Treasurer Albert Perez, highlighting key accomplishments over the past year, as well as the election of the Chamber's new Board of Directors.

The AGM was also graced by Senator Migz Zubiri and Philippine Retirement Authority General Manager Mr. Bob Zozobrado, who served as keynote speakers.

Later that day, the Sunset Socials, a vibrant



networking event to cap off the AGM, brought together close to 500 guests. The occasion also marked the announcement of ECCP's new President, Dr. Diana Edralin, the Chamber's first-ever female and Filipina President, alongside the 2026–2027 Board of Directors. Outgoing President Paulo Duarte was likewise recognized for his leadership and service.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined and made this event possible!

## Unlocking Growth in ASEAN: Strategic Insights in Cross-border Transactions 2 June 2026

On 2 June 2026, industry leaders, government stakeholders, and finance experts gathered at the Makati Shangri-La for "Unlocking Growth in ASEAN: Strategic Insights in Cross-border Transactions," an event organized by Forvis Mazars and managed by the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP).

The event explored ASEAN's evolving economic landscape, emerging opportunities across the Asia-Pacific region, and the growing importance of aligning tax strategy, transfer pricing governance, and financial advisory to navigate increasingly complex cross-border transactions and multi-jurisdictional growth.

The program featured valuable insights from Director Marie Sherylyn D. Aquia of the DTI–Bureau of International Trade Relations, BOC Commissioner Ariel Nepomuceno, and PCCI Chairman Emeritus



and ASEAN Business Advisory Council Member George Barcelon.

A fireside chat on transfer pricing and tax followed, featuring Mr. Prasenjit Chakraborty, Partner, Financial Advisory Services, Forvis Mazars in Thailand; Atty. Maricel Baltazar, Tax Partner, Forvis Mazars in Philippines; and Mr. Jonathan Stuart-Smith, Head of Tax, Forvis Mazars in Asia Pacific and Thailand.

The discussion was moderated by Atty. Jacquie Villar, Country Leader at Forvis Mazars in the Philippines.

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## ECCP Luncheon Meeting with Pasig City Mayor Vico Sotto 4 June 2026

On 04 June 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) convened a Luncheon Meeting with Pasig City Mayor Vico Sotto at the EDSA Shangri-La, bringing together members of the European-Philippine business community and key stakeholders to discuss Pasig City's circular economy and sustainability initiatives.

During the session, Mayor Sotto shared the City's broader vision of improving the quality of life for Filipinos and Pasigueños, and underscored the importance of collaboration in advancing sustainability, emphasizing that meaningful progress is only possible through partnerships across sectors.

Reinforcing this message, Mr. Tsvetomir Svilenov, Programme Manager for Green Economy, Sustainable Energy and Regional Connectivity at the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines, reaffirmed the EU's commitment to supporting local circular economy initiatives and sustainable development.

The event concluded with a panel discussion featuring representatives from the public and private sectors, who exchanged insights on sustainability challenges, circular solutions, and opportunities for collaboration in local communities and beyond.

This was joined by BOI Investment Policy and



Planning Service Director Sandra Marie S. Recolizado; Metpower Venture Partners Holdings Inc. (METPower) President and CEO Mr. Jose Maria Niño Jesus P. Madara; and Race to Net Zero Philippines Campaign Lead Ms. Dawn Cabigon. The session was moderated by Mr. Tom Van Der Meulen, ECCP Agriculture Committee Co-chair and Managing Director at Control Union.

Present at the event were Dr. Diana Edralin, ECCP President, and Mr. Albert Perez, ECCP Treasurer.

Through this initiative, the ECCP reaffirms its commitment to fostering dialogue and partnerships that advance sustainability, innovation, and inclusive economic growth.

The ECCP's Luncheon Meeting on Circular Economy with Mayor Vico Sotto was made possible through the support of Event Patron METPower Venture Partners and Table Top Partner Race to Net Zero Philippines.

## ECCP Courtesy Visit to SAP

17 June 2026

On 17 June 2026, the ECCP paid a courtesy visit to the SAP office in Taguig City to welcome the Chamber's newly elected Board of Director Mr. Liher Urbizu, who also serves as President and Managing Director of SAP Asia Pte Ltd.

The meeting highlighted areas for coordination and cooperation in advancing digital transformation, particularly in the fields of information and communications technology (ICT) and artificial intelligence (AI). Both parties exchanged insights on emerging industry trends and explored initiatives that can foster innovation, enhance competitiveness, and support sustainable growth within the European-Philippine business community.

In photo are ECCP leaders and representatives (from left to right): Atty. Kathyrin Pioquinto, Director for Advocacy & Government Affairs; Mr. Albert Perez, Treasurer; Dr. Diana Edralin, President; Mr. Liher Urbizu, ECCP Board of Director; Ms. Gen Anaquita-Gatan, Director of Operations; and Mr. Roman Menz, Vice President.



## ECCP Courtesy Visit to the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines

26 June 2026

ECCP President Dr. Diana Edralin paid a courtesy visit to European Union Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Massimo Santoro today, 26 June 2026, marking their first official engagement following her election as President of the Chamber.

Discussions centered on the ongoing EU–Philippines Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations, areas of cooperation, and opportunities to further strengthen collaboration in support of trade, investment, and sustainable economic growth.

The ECCP looks forward to continuing its close engagement with the EU Delegation in advancing shared priorities that contribute to a more competitive and resilient Philippines and a stronger European-Philippine business community.

Also present were Mr. Austin Sy, ECCP Industry and Government Affairs Manager; Ms. Justyna Lasik, Head of the Economic and Trade Section at the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines; and Ms. Gen Anaquita-Gatan, ECCP Director for Operations.



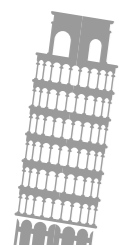
## ECCP Courtesy Visit to the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the Philippines

17 June 2026

The ECCP paid a courtesy visit to Ms. Katarzyna Wilkowiecka, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of the Philippines, today, 17 June 2026, at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Manila's (PLinPhilippines) office in Taguig City.

The meeting served as a valuable opportunity to exchange insights on shared priorities and explore areas of collaboration between the ECCP and the Embassy.

The ECCP team was represented by Dr. Diana Edralin, President; Ms. Gen Anaquita-Gatan, Director of Operations; and Atty. Kathyrin Pioquinto, Director for Advocacy & Government Affairs.



# Inside ECCP: Cebu

## Leading GenZ Pinoys Without Micromanaging: A Survival Guide for Managers

23 March 2026

On March 23, 2026, ECCP Cebu brought together executives, team leaders, and HR professionals at the Waterfront Hotel, Cebu City, for Leading GenZ Pinoys Without Micromanaging: A Survival Guide for Managers. Facilitated by Mike Grogan, CEO of Kaizen Leadership Asia, the program delivered strategic frameworks for empowering Gen Z talent, leading with impact, and adapting management styles to meet the expectations of today's emerging workforce. Participants also engaged in meaningful peer exchange on navigating an evolving workplace. As Gen Z assumes a growing presence in the Philippine labor market, ECCP Cebu remains committed to equipping leaders with the practical tools needed to reduce attrition, strengthen employer branding, and drive sustained organizational success.



## Coffee Mornings with MSMEs Session 2: Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

25 March 2026

On March 25, 2026, ECCP Cebu's Coffee Mornings with the MSMEs returned for its second session at Regus, Park Centrale Building, Cebu IT Park. Centered on the Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals sector, the monthly roundtable gathered MSME founders, owners, and executives for candid dialogue on trade, investment, and Europe-Philippines business opportunities. The session was facilitated by Mr. David Thomas, a seasoned entrepreneur with over three decades of experience across London, Hong Kong, Sydney, and Cebu. The forum served as a valuable platform for forging meaningful cross-border connections, advancing innovation, and driving sustainable growth within the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries.



## Unconquered Frames: Ukrainian Documentary Film Screening

31 March 2026

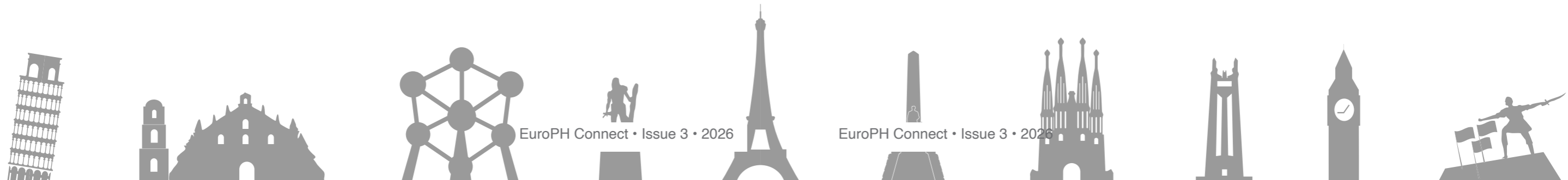
Cinema has a way of making the world smaller—and on March 31, 2026, ECCP Cebu brought that truth to life at the University of San Carlos – Talamban Campus. Unconquered Frames: Ukrainian Documentary Film Screening drew students, faculty, cultural partners, and business community members into a shared space of reflection and dialogue. At its heart was A Simple Soldier (2025), a deeply personal documentary in which filmmaker Artem Ryzhykov bears witness to the 2022 invasion of Ukraine. What followed the screening was equally powerful—an open conversation on conflict, human resilience, and what it means to stand in solidarity across borders. The evening was honored by the presence of Ms. Olena Vaniuhova, Second Secretary for Consular Affairs, and Mr. Curtis Vincent Go, Official Embassy Partner—a reminder that such moments of connection extend well beyond the screen.



## Coffee Morning with MSMEs Session 3: Agriculture & Agribusiness

14 April 2026

ECCP Cebu's Coffee Mornings with the MSMEs continued with its third session at Regus, Park Centrale Building, Cebu IT Park, turning the spotlight on the agriculture and agribusiness sector as a catalyst for food security, sustainable farming, and innovation. The monthly roundtable brought together key stakeholders across the value chain for substantive discussions on leveraging agri-tech solutions, strengthening sector resilience, enhancing productivity, and aligning with international standards to advance inclusive growth between the Philippines and Europe. The session reaffirmed ECCP Cebu's commitment to fostering meaningful cross-border dialogue and building sustainable partnerships that drive long-term agricultural development.



## Strategic Turnaround Management: Revitalizing and Rebuilding Sustainable Enterprises

17 April 2026

On April 17, 2026, ECCP Cebu convened business leaders, executives, entrepreneurs, and decision-makers for Strategic Turnaround Management: Revitalizing and Rebuilding Sustainable Enterprises—a transformative three-hour executive dialogue conducted via Zoom. Facilitated by Mr. Sanjiv Noronha, the program equipped participants with essential frameworks, tools, and leadership mindsets to navigate organizational recovery and drive meaningful transformation. Through open dialogue and case study analysis, attendees explored performance evaluation, contingency planning, issue analysis, and practical turnaround strategies designed to convert crises into catalysts for sustained growth. The session empowered leaders with the clarity and confidence to revitalize their organizations and build enterprises resilient enough to thrive in an increasingly complex business landscape.



## Brewed for Business Driven By Golf Invitational

24 April 2026

Organized by Anzoria in partnership with ECCP Cebu and co-presenter HSBC, the Brewed for Business Driven by Golf Invitational—a WAGC-accredited invitational tournament—took place on April 24, 2026, at the Mactan Island Golf Club, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu. The premier sporting event brought together ECCP members, business leaders, and partners for a day of camaraderie and friendly competition beyond the boardroom—while playing with purpose, as part of the proceeds benefited breast cancer patients. The day culminated in an awarding lunch at the Mactan Clubhouse, celebrating outstanding performances on the greens and reinforcing the enduring Europe-Philippines business relationships that define the ECCP community.



# Inside ECCP: CDO

## ECCP Northern Mindanao Sets Strategic Path for 2026 at Business Council Meeting

12 May 2026

Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines — The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), through its Northern Mindanao branch, successfully convened its 1st Business Council Meeting of the year on 12 May 2026 at the CEPALCO Admin Building. The gathering brought together regional business leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders to address the evolving economic landscape and reinforce the Chamber's commitment to sustainable growth in the region.

The meeting served as a critical forum for updating the business community on the Chamber's 2026 advocacy initiatives. Central to the agenda was a deep dive into the region's current business climate, particularly in the face of ongoing energy challenges. Members engaged in high-level discussions on fostering economic resilience and the urgent transition toward sustainable industrial practices.

The meeting also provided a platform for members to receive comprehensive updates on the Chamber's 2026 goals, including planned initiatives designed to bridge the gap between local enterprises and European business standards. Key stakeholders engaged in a dialogue regarding the integration of green practices into the local supply chain, aligning with the ECCP's broader mission of promoting inclusive and sustainable growth.



by prioritizing sustainable energy and proactive advocacy, the Chamber is working to secure the future of regional industries.

The session concluded with a call for strengthened collaboration among the region's diverse sectors. By harmonizing the efforts of the private sector and local authorities, the ECCP Northern Mindanao aims to drive impactful change that supports both large-scale industries and emerging enterprises.

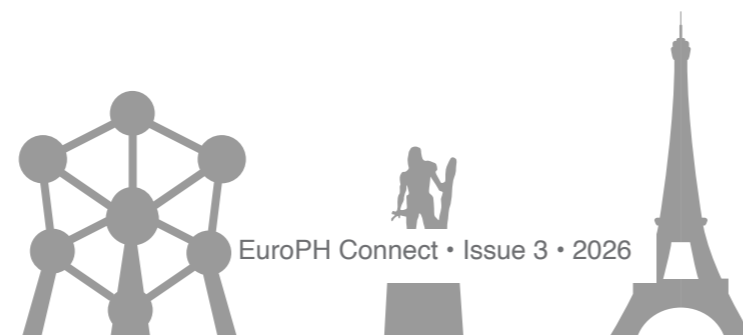


The 1st Business Council Meeting was attended by ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein, alongside a diverse group of representatives from member companies and organizations. Participants included leaders from A&L Marketing Solutions, the Board of Investments (BOI), and Cagayan Electric Power and Light Co., Inc. (CEPALCO). Also in attendance were officials from the City Government of Cagayan de Oro - Trade and Investments Promotions Centre, CLIMBS Life and General Insurance Cooperative, Comfac Corporation, Converge ICT Solutions, and Eastern Communications. The gathering further featured delegates from Metaxnoia Consultancy / Tax Help in the Philippines, MINERGY Retail Energy Solutions, Inc., the Office of the Vice Mayor – CDO, PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority, Pioneer Insurance and Surety Corporation, and Secured Bank – A Rural Bank.



ECCP Northern Mindanao Business Council Chairperson Jaime Rafael Paguio, who also serves as the Executive Vice President of Cagayan Electric Power and Light Co., Inc. (CEPALCO), emphasized that the goal for 2026 is to ensure the Northern Mindanao business community's voice is integrated into every level of policy-making. He noted that

The Chamber extends its sincere appreciation to CEPALCO for their hospitality and continued support in hosting this pivotal gathering.



## ECCP Northern Mindanao Conducts Strategic Site Visit to Villanueva; Strengthens Ties with Key Energy and Industrial Partners

13 May 2026



Villanueva, Misamis Oriental — Building on the momentum of its annual council assembly, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Northern Mindanao conducted a high-level site visit and industry consultation on 13 May within the PHIVIDEC Industrial Estate-Misamis Oriental (PIEMO). The mission focused on deepening synergistic partnerships with major industrial players and exploring avenues for enhanced energy cooperation and operational sustainability in the region.

The engagement featured a series of strategic consultations with Jacobi Carbons, FDC Retail Electricity Supply and the PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority, followed by a tour of the STEAG State Power, Inc. (SPI) Powerplant. These dialogues aimed to align the Chamber's advocacy efforts with the practical needs of large-scale industries that serve as the backbone of the Northern Mindanao economy.



Beyond physical development, PHIVIDEC Industries Association President Jerome Soldevilla underscored SPI's dedication to maintaining ecological harmony through robust environmental restoration projects. These include terrestrial reforestation and blue carbon initiatives, such as mangrove rehabilitation, designed to protect the coastline and enhance the region's natural biodiversity.

Complementing these local efforts, ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein introduced the Race to

Zero initiative, a global campaign aimed at rallying leadership and support from businesses and regions for a healthy, resilient, zero-carbon recovery. He encouraged local industries to align with these international standards, noting that transitioning to sustainable practices is no longer just an environmental imperative but a strategic business necessity in the global market.



ECCP Northern Mindanao Business Council Chairperson Jaime Rafael Paguio expanded on the theme of corporate responsibility by highlighting the significant contributions of power plants within the Philippines. He pointed out that these energy providers serve as vital community partners, consistently giving back through corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs that support education, livelihood, and local welfare, ensuring that industrial presence translates into tangible benefits for nearby residents.

The delegation also explored potential collaborations regarding green manufacturing and efficient power distribution, reinforcing the ECCP's commitment to regional energy resilience. The day's activities concluded with a shared commitment to maintain regular coordination to address common challenges within the industrial estate.

The site visit and consultations were led by ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein, ECCP Northern Mindanao Business Council Chairperson Jaime Rafael Paguio, and ECCP Northern Mindanao Regional Manager Joanne Natindim. The delegation was met by a distinguished group of industry leaders, including PHIVIDEC Industries Association President Jerome Soldevilla, SPI Chief Operating Officer Dr. Carsten Evers, SPI General Manager Carlos Streegan, FDC RES President Roderick Z. Fernandez, Jacobi Carbons Country Manager Ramesh Sundarraj, and PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority Deputy Administrator Hyessa Suegay.

Key technical and administrative perspectives were provided by Jacobi Carbons Country Manager Ramesh Sundarraj and General Manager Maria Niña Almueda, alongside FDC RES Customer Manager Ronison Acar, SPI Community Relations Officer Elnie Cagas, and FDC RES Engineer Moses Angelo Garcia.

# Inside ECCP: Davao

## ECCP Participates in the 2GO Business Forum Series

19 March 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao took part in the 2GO Business Forum Series held on 19 March 2026 at Park Inn by Radisson Davao. Centered on the theme "Empowering Partnerships for Sustainable Economic Progress," the event brought together business leaders and stakeholders to strengthen collaboration and explore new opportunities for growth.

Representing ECCP Davao, Branch Officer Ms. Rie Realingo engaged with various organizations interested in expanding their networks through ECCP's growing business community. ECCP Davao likewise met with Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region XI Regional Director Mr. Romeo Castañaga, who reaffirmed support for initiatives that promote broader opportunities for local enterprises.

The forum was organized in partnership with MinDA and DCCCII, further strengthening regional business cooperation.



## ECCP Conducts Exploratory Meeting with Dr. Yanga's Colleges, Inc.

14 April 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) recently conducted an exploratory meeting with Dr. Yanga's Colleges, Inc. (DYCI) on 14 April 2026 to discuss potential areas for collaboration in education and international engagement. As a higher education institution based in Bocaue, Bulacan, DYCI highlighted its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and the development of globally competitive learners and professionals. The discussion focused on shared interests in strengthening internationalization efforts, advancing research initiatives, and promoting industry-responsive education. DYCI also expressed interest in ECCP's education advocacy committee, opening opportunities for future collaboration and engagement. The meeting marks a promising step toward fostering partnerships that support educational growth, innovation, and global connectivity.



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## ECCP Davao Facilitates Team Finland Knowledge Visit to Davao

16 April 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao successfully organized and facilitated the visit of the Team Finland Knowledge delegation to Davao City, strengthening international academic and institutional partnerships in the region. The delegation included representatives from Team Finland Knowledge, the Finnish Embassy in Manila, and ECCP Davao, who engaged with key higher education institutions to share Finland's expertise in education, innovation, and research collaboration. Throughout the visit, discussions highlighted best practices in education systems, capacity-building initiatives, and opportunities for future partnerships with institutions including Holy Cross of Davao College, San Pedro College, Philippine Women's College of Davao, the University of the Philippines Mindanao, and the University of Mindanao. The initiative reflects ECCP's continued commitment to fostering global collaboration, innovation, and shared growth in the education sector while strengthening ties between Finland and Mindanao.



## ECCP Davao Joins the 18th Ambassador's Lecture Series on Japan-Philippines

16 April 2026

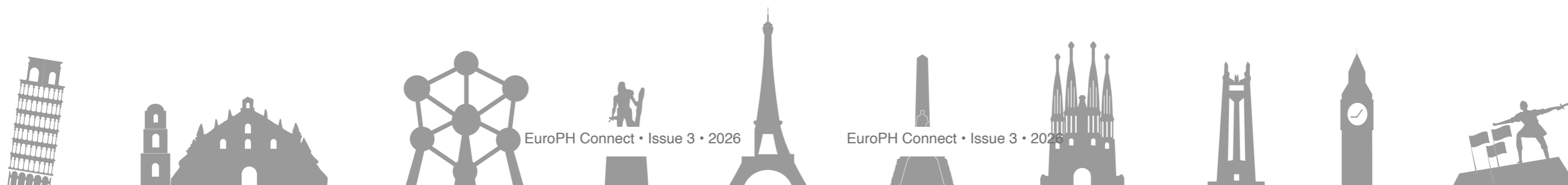
The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao took part in the 18th Ambassador's Lecture Series organized by the Institute of ASEAN-European Studies of Holy Cross of Davao College, in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan in Manila and the Consulate General of Japan in Davao City, held on 16 April 2026 at the HCDC Cross Theater. Anchored on the theme "Weaving the Future Together: Peace, Prosperity, Possibilities," the event commemorated 70 years of friendship between the Philippines and Japan, highlighting a partnership rooted in trust, shared values, and mutual growth. H.E. Endo Kazuya, Ambassador of Japan to the Philippines, shared insights on the long-standing relations between the two countries, emphasizing diplomacy, economic cooperation, and cultural exchange. The lecture served as a platform to strengthen regional ties and reinforce the importance of collaboration, mutual understanding, and shared progress across nations.



## ECCP Davao Joins the Grand Opening of Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino 2026

16 April 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao participated in the grand opening of Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino held at Abreeza Ayala Malls on 24 April 2026. With the theme "Connected by Taste: Filipino Food in the Flavors of ASEAN" the event showcased a vibrant selection of fruits, vegetables, and local delicacies from across the Davao Region, highlighting the rich culture and culinary heritage of the Philippines. The celebration also recognized the dedication of local farmers, fisherfolk, and producers whose hard work sustains communities and preserves authentic Filipino traditions. Through initiatives like this, ECCP continues to strengthen European-Philippine relations by supporting cultural engagement and fostering meaningful connections between communities, industries, and shared values.



## EFTA–Mindanao Dialogue Highlights Opportunities in Southern Mindanao 28 April 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) successfully convened the EFTA–Mindanao Dialogue: Maximizing Opportunities in the Regional Growth Corridor of Southern Mindanao on 28 April 2026 at Seda Abreeza, Davao City. The event gathered over 80 delegates from government, business, and institutional sectors to strengthen ties between Mindanao and EFTA member states. The programme featured key messages from ECCP-SMBC Chairman and Honorary Consul of Finland in Mindanao Mr. Antonio Peralta, MinDA Secretary Leo Tereso A. Magno, and H.E. Christian Halaas Lyster, Ambassador of Norway, who highlighted opportunities in trade, investment, and regional cooperation. A panel discussion involving representatives from MinDA, DTI Region 11, Davao City Investment Promotion Center, and the Bureau of Customs focused on trade facilitation, sustainable development, and investment opportunities in Mindanao, reaffirming the region’s growing role in international collaboration and economic growth.



## ECCP Davao and Norwegian Delegation Pay Courtesy Visit to Davao del Norte 29 April 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao, together with H.E. Christian Halaas Lyster, Ambassador of Norway, and Ms. Rosanna Tuason-Forés, Honorary Consul of the Norwegian Consulate in Davao and President & CEO of Hijo Resources Corporation, paid a courtesy visit to Governor Edwin Jubahib of Davao del Norte on 29 April 2026. The visit focused on discussing potential areas for collaboration and shared development initiatives within the province. The delegation was formally welcomed through the Signing of the Guest Book, followed by an Audio-Visual Presentation highlighting Davao del Norte’s development priorities, key sectors, and investment opportunities. The engagement provided a platform for meaningful discussions on strengthening economic linkages, promoting sustainable growth, and fostering future cooperation—reflecting ECCP’s continued commitment to building partnerships and supporting regional development through collaborative dialogue.



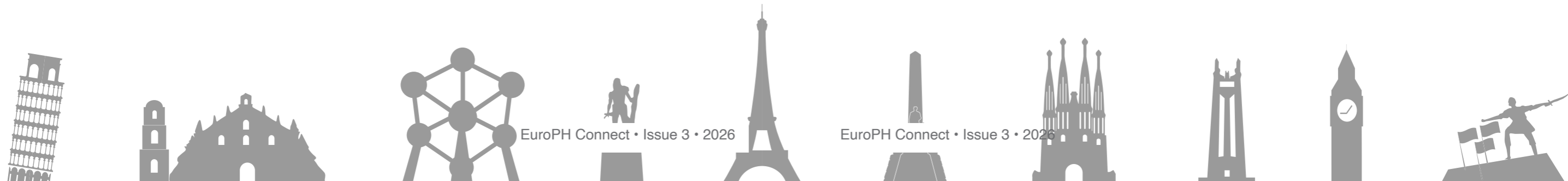
## ECCP Davao Visits Hijo Banana Plantation with Norwegian Delegation 29 April 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao visited Hijo Banana Plantation in Tagum City together with the delegation from the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Manila on 29 April 2026. The visit provided an on-ground look into the plantation’s operations and its contribution to the region’s agricultural industry. Joining the delegation were H.E. Christian Halaas Lyster, Ambassador of Norway, and Ms. Rosanna Tuason-Forés, Honorary Consul of the Norwegian Consulate in Davao and President & CEO of Hijo Resources Corporation. The program included a lunch meeting and presentations from the Pilipino Banana Growers and Exporters Association, Inc. (PBGEA) and Hijo Resources Corporation, encouraging discussions on innovation and opportunities in agriculture. The visit concluded with a tree planting activity led by Ambassador Lyster, symbolizing sustainability and continued collaboration for long-term industry growth.



## ECCP Davao Attends the 19th Ambassador’s Lecture Series 29 April 2026

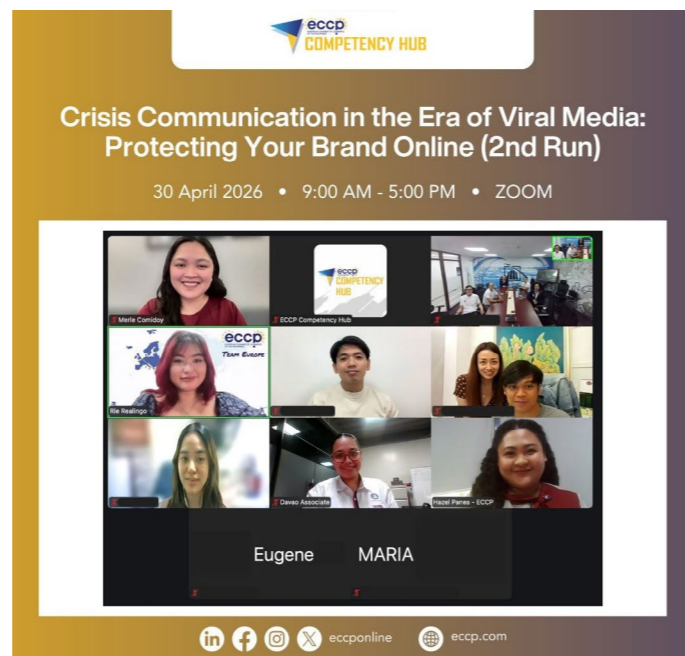
The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao attended the 19th Ambassador’s Lecture Series hosted by the Institute of ASEAN-European Studies (IAES) of Holy Cross of Davao College, in collaboration with the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Manila, at the HCDG Cross Theatre on 29 April 2026. With the theme “Norway in the Philippines: Opportunities, Culture, and Diplomacy,” the lecture featured H.E. Christian Halaas Lyster, Ambassador of Norway, who shared insights on strengthening bilateral relations through economic cooperation, cultural exchange, and diplomacy. The event brought together students, members of the academe, and stakeholders for meaningful discussions that highlighted the importance of international dialogue, global collaboration, and shared progress—reflecting ECCP’s continued commitment to fostering connections and promoting cross-border engagement.



## ECCP Davao Conducts 2nd Run of Crisis Communication Webinar

### 30 April 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao successfully conducted the 2nd run of “Crisis Communication in the Era of Viral Media: Protecting Your Brand Online” on 30 April 2026 via Zoom. The session provided participants with practical strategies for managing digital crises, responding to online backlash, and maintaining stakeholder trust in today’s fast-paced digital landscape. Through interactive discussions and simulated social media crisis scenarios, participants gained hands-on experience in developing effective crisis communication strategies and applying best practices in protecting brand reputation online. The initiative reflects ECCP’s continued commitment to creating meaningful learning platforms that empower businesses with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate challenges, strengthen credibility, and communicate with clarity and confidence in an evolving business environment.



## ECCP Attended the Opening day of Davao Trio 2026 at SMX Convention Center Davao

### 7 May 2026

On Thursday, 07 May 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) attended the opening day of the Davao Trio 2026 exhibitions held at the SMX Convention Center Davao. Organized by Worldbex Services International, the event featured the Philippine Building and Construction Exposition (PHILBEX), Travel and Leisure Expo (TLEX), and Manila Foods and Beverages Expo (MAFBEX), highlighting innovation, collaboration, and investment opportunities across Mindanao’s construction, tourism, and food and beverage industries.



The opening program gathered representatives from government agencies, partner institutions, and industry organizations, including officials from the local government of Davao City and regional offices. Representing ECCP were Mr. Antonio Peralta, Honorary Consul of Finland for Mindanao and ECCP-SMBC Chairman, together with Ms. Rie Realingo, ECCP Davao Branch Officer. Through its participation, ECCP continues to support initiatives that strengthen business linkages and promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth in Southern Mindanao.

## Exploratory Meeting with National Agency of Education of Finland

### 5 May 2026

Following the successful Team Finland Knowledge Visit on 16 April 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao conducted a follow-up and planning session on 5 May 2026 to further strengthen international academic and institutional collaborations in the region.

The discussion focused on potential partnerships with Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) visited during the delegation tour, as well as prospective engagements with the National Agency of Education of Finland. Present during the meeting were representatives from Team Finland Knowledge, the Finnish Embassy in Manila, ECCP Davao, and the National Agency of Education of Finland.

Through this initiative, ECCP continues to promote global collaboration and create opportunities for innovation, learning, and educational development.



# New Members Corner

## Premium Member



RepsMate

RepsMate is a European deep tech AI company founded in 2020, headquartered in Romania, with operations across 9 countries and 21 active markets. The company specializes in conversation intelligence, automated quality assurance, and real-time agent augmentation for contact centers and customer-facing teams.

## Regular Members



Monde Nissin

**Monde Nissin Corporation**

We bring good food to tables around the world. For more than 40 years, Monde Nissin has been committed to providing tasty, high-quality food to our customers. Our passion for food is reflected in every product we make, from the first biscuit that came off our production lines in the 1970's to the wide portfolio of branded food and beverages that we provide today to customers around the world. Our unwavering commitment is reflected in the success of our iconic brands such as Lucky Me! noodles, Skyflakes crackers, Fita crackers, Monde baked goods and Quorn meat-free products.

Our company aspiration: We aspire to improve the wellbeing of people and the planet, and create sustainable solutions for food security.



**JC Online Merchandising Corp.**

We aim to create a wine culture that is approachable and not intimidating. After all, we believe that a good wine is a wine that tastes good for YOU and that you enjoy. All our bottles are carefully selected so you can enjoy delicious, restaurant quality, and value-for-money wines delivered to your doorstep. We at JC Wines believe that "Everyone Deserves A Good Bottle of Wine."

Drinking wine shouldn't be intimidating and there is no need to become a wine expert to enjoy a good wine. We're here to supply the perfect wine for your every celebration, milestone, and even the quiet moments in life.



**COREnergy, Inc.**

COREnergy is part of the Vivant Group of Companies, a family-owned enterprise with deep roots in the Philippine power industry.

From founding the Visayan Electric Company (VECO) in the early 1900s to expanding across generation, distribution, retail electricity, and renewable energy, Vivant has been a trusted energy partner for Filipino communities and businesses for decades.



**HH Consulting Inc.**

HEARN & HEARN CONSULTING is a dynamic, multi-disciplinary construction practice providing advice and services on a wide range of activities relating to the construction and development of projects. We are a boutique firm with a global perspective and proven track record, offering services that meet international standards within the Philippine construction market. Our directors have over 40 years of collective experience, having worked on large-scale and prestigious development projects globally and across the country. Combined with extensive international experience, this depth of local and global expertise enables Hearn & Hearn Consulting to support clients with informed, practical, and globally benchmarked solutions across their development portfolios.



**ConEquip Philippines Inc**

ConEquip Philippines Inc is a trusted provider of: Heavy Equipment, trucks and transport solutions, construction and infrastructure support equipment. We cater to both government and private sector nationwide. We operate across Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Our work contributes directly to construction, transportation and national development projects. Our ISO certification also reflects our commitment to quality and standards. What makes us strong is not just our products, but our reliability and service.



**Hilton Manila**

Hilton Manila is a modern hotel located in Newport World Resorts, offering luxurious accommodations, diverse dining options, and excellent amenities for both business and leisure travelers.

Location and Accessibility. Hilton Manila is situated in the vibrant Newport World Resorts complex, which features a theater, cinema, casino, and shopping mall. The hotel is conveniently connected to NAIA Terminal 3 via the air-conditioned Runway Manila Sky Bridge, making it easily accessible for travelers. It is also just a short drive from Makati, one of the key business districts in Metro Manila.



**C&G Immigration and Business Services**

Our mission is to provide comprehensive, personalized immigration and business consulting services that guide individuals and organizations through the complexities of international relocation, immigration laws, and strategic business decisions. We aim to empower our clients with the right tools, knowledge, and support to achieve their global aspirations.



**McCoy IT Solutions Philippines Inc.**

McCoy is a global SAP Gold Partner headquartered in the Netherlands, with the Philippines serving as its pioneer hub in the Asia-Pacific region, alongside a growing presence in Singapore. As a trusted leader in digital transformation, McCoy empowers organizations to accelerate growth through data-driven and customer-centric SAP solutions. In the Philippines, McCoy proudly leads as a pioneer in the region, championing digital excellence and supporting organizations with cutting-edge SAP and IT solutions built on a results-driven mindset, innovation, and reliable partnership. With expertise spanning Digital Supply Chain, Finance Transformation, Higher Education Transformation, Procurement Transformation, Business AI, and the SAP Business Data Cloud, McCoy delivers intelligent, end-to-end solutions that enable businesses to operate smarter and scale faster.



### Hijo Resources Corporation

Hijo Resources Corporation is a Davao-based diversified conglomerate with business interests in agribusiness, property development (Hijo Land, Inc.), leisure and tourism, and port operations.



### Mediaxes Philippines Inc. (MyPocketDoctor)

European origin tech company providing a communications and technology platform in the Philippines to provide healthcare services such as remote health monitoring and remote doctors consultations.



### DA Energy Concept Corporation

DA Energy Concept Corporation is a Philippine-based solar energy company specializing in the design, supply, installation, and consulting of renewable energy systems. The company provides customized solar solutions for residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural applications, helping clients reduce electricity costs, improve energy reliability, and transition toward sustainable power.



### Naturland e.V. Philippine Representative Office

We are Naturland, one of the major international associations for organic agriculture worldwide with 128,000 farmers, beekeepers, aquaculturists and fishers in 61 countries throughout the world. We demonstrate that organic, social and fair economic activity can truly thrive in international cooperation. Since our founding in 1982, we have continued creating further developments in organic concepts and produced some impressive organic innovations. We were the first ones to convert a tea garden into organic agriculture. We also applied the organic principles to the production of fish and seafood in aquaculture and we were the first association ever to combine organic and fair trade in one label.



### Haleon

Haleon is a consumer company that is solely focused on better everyday health. We work to put better everyday health in more hands through our superior brands, including Sensodyne, Advil, and Centrum.

## Associate Members



### Apotheca Corporation

Apotheca Integrative Pharmacy is the pioneer specialty compounding pharmacy in the Philippines licensed by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration since 2014.

We strive for high-quality compounded medication and with state-of-the-art equipment in our approach to pharmaceutical innovation.

We work with registered licensed Pharmacists who have undergone international training on compounding medicine and stand by our strong collaborations with our International affiliates, such as Professional Compounding Centers of America (PCCA) and Medisca Australia.



### Metaxnoia Consultancy Inc.

BIR Audit Defense Specialist



### The Reef Island Resort Mactan, Cebu

The Reef is an architectural icon rising above the beautiful shores of Mactan. Its design echoes the heart of the region - the exterior is a stunning representation of cascading reef plates—a modern interpretation of the natural formations living underwater. Inside, local craftsmanship and materials are thoughtfully brought together to reflect the Philippines' splendor in a resort hotel setting - surrounded by a captivating horizon of sea and sky, a perfect blend of modern city comforts, and the true allure of nature.



### Berde Renewables Inc.

Berde Renewables is a renewable energy developer accelerating the transition of commercial and industrial businesses to clean, reliable, and cost-efficient power across Southeast Asia.

Headquartered in the Philippines, Berde delivers fully integrated rooftop and ground-mounted solar solutions. The company finances, develops, installs, and operates each system, removing upfront capital requirements and ongoing management for clients.

This end-to-end model transforms energy infrastructure into a managed asset, delivering fixed-tariff rate costs, consistent performance, and seamless execution, while enabling businesses to focus on growth and their core operations.



### Great Place To Work

We are the data scientists behind the Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For list since 1998. Using our rigorous methodology, we gather and evaluate employee high-performance cultures. Every year, we conduct the world's largest study of workplace excellence and hold the gold standard benchmarks surveying over 100 million employees around the globe. Our mission is to build a better world by helping organizations become Great Places to Work FOR ALL – and that includes the Philippines and every Filipino.



**Yamog Renewable Energy Development Group, Inc.**

Yamog is a non-profit organization based in Davao City that works to expand access to clean, reliable, and affordable community-owned and managed energy systems in underserved and remote areas of Mindanao. Our core work focuses on empowering rural grassroots and indigenous communities through the design and implementation of small-scale renewable energy solutions, particularly micro-hydropower and solar PV.



**LIKED Platform, INC.**

LIKED is an influencer marketing platform that brings structure, measurability, and trust to a fragmented industry. We help brands to discover creators, manage campaigns, track results, and handle payments in one place, turning influencer marketing into a scalable and accountable growth channel.



**Radius Telecoms, Inc.**

Radius Telecoms, Inc. (Radius) is a subsidiary of the Meralco company, delivering its services on an end-to-end full fiber optic network covering more than 11,000 kms in the Mega Manila and nearby provinces, as well as Clark and Cebu.

Radius is one of the preferred connectivity providers in the Mega Manila area, offering Direct Internet Access, Global Networking, Managed and Cloud services including SD-WAN and Zero-trust networking solutions.



**Cagayan Economic Zone Authority**

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**MINERGY Retail Energy Solutions, Inc. (MINRES)**

MINERGY Retail Energy Solutions, Inc. (MINRES), licensed by the Energy Regulatory Commission, is a trusted retail electricity supplier dedicated to delivering stable, cost-efficient, and sustainable power solutions to businesses and industries across the Philippines. As a wholly owned subsidiary of Mindanao Energy Systems, Inc. (MINERGY), MINRES was established to serve contestable customers in the competitive retail electricity market under the Retail Competition and Open Access (RCOA) framework.



**Belmont Hotel Manila**

Belmont Hotel Manila is a 4-star hotel within the renowned entertainment city of Newport City in Pasay City. It is a preferred hotel for business and leisure travelers who desire ease, safety, and consistency in service. Belmont Hotel Manila is a homegrown brand that is part of Megaworld Hotels & Resorts, the largest Filipino hotel chain in the Philippines.



**THE STUDIO BRIDGE OPC**

Established in 2020, The Studio Bridge is a creative design and digital production agency that helps brands stand out. The agency offers expertise in graphic design, packaging design, 2D and 3D animation, CGI, motion graphics, post-production, and employee leasing. By combining creativity with strategic thinking, The Studio Bridge delivers exceptional results tailored to each client's needs.

Dedicated to producing high-quality work on time, The Studio Bridge connects brands with their audiences across both digital and traditional platforms.



**Gorriceta Africa Cauton & Saavedra**

Gorriceta Africa Cauton & Saavedra (Gorriceta) is a top-tier legal powerhouse that is internationally ranked and renowned for its expertise in Corporate and Commercial Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, Technology Media & Telecommunications, Banking and Finance, Taxation and Data Privacy.



**Philippine Retirement Authority**

The Philippine Retirement Authority is a government agency attached to the Department of Tourism mandated to attract foreign nationals and former Filipinos to retire, invest, and permanently reside in the Philippines.



**BORACAY NEWCOAST**

**Savoy Hotel Boracay, Inc.**

Nestled within the private gardens in the island of Boracay, 10-minute drive from Puka Shell Beach and 15 -minute drive from D Mall, Savoy Hotel Boracay Newcoast features outdoor swimming pools, a private beach area, and a restaurant on-site. The hotel allows guests to enjoy free WiFi throughout the property.

Savoy Hotel Boracay is your fun escape to the hustle and bustle that the island is known for. Bask in the same white sand & clear blue waters while still enjoying that addicting island living vibe.



**Race to Net Zero Philippines**

The Race to Zero Philippines (RTNZ PH) is the local chapter of the global UN-backed campaign rallying businesses, cities, and institutions to cut greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. In the Philippines, the campaign is actively accelerated by the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP).



**BICM GENESIS FREIGHT INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

BICM GENESIS FREIGHT INTERNATIONAL INC. started in January 2016 with very humble beginnings. Bringing together our individual experiences and expertise, we established and developed a Customs Brokerage, Domestic and International Freight Forwarding company in the Philippines. We are committed to providing reliable, efficient, and comprehensive logistics solutions.



**FIRST FLOW HVAC TECHNOLOGIES INC.**

First Flow HVAC Technologies Inc. is a premier engineering and system integration firm based in the Philippines, specializing in advanced heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, mechanical life safety, and building automation. Headquartered with key office and plant operations in Taytay Rizal, the company serves commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors nationwide.

# EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

## JANUARY

- CEB** 8 Expanding Your Influence: Understanding the Psychology of Persuasion
- CDO** 12 Mindanao Economic Forecast: 2026 Outlook
- DVO** 15 ECCP Southern Mindanao Community Connect
- MNL** 20 10th Joint Economic Briefing
- 21 Business Regulatory Compliance Guide for 2026
- 22 Doing Business in the Philippines Guidebook Launch / European Ambassadors' Meeting / New Year's Reception
- CEB** 23 Visayas European Honorary Consuls' Meeting / 2026 ECCP Cebu Kick-Off Reception
- CDO** 26 Northern Mindanao New Year's Reception
- DVO** 27 Strategic Communication & PR Coordination for Businesses
- ILO** 28 Business Trends and Opportunities in Western Visayas 2026
- MNL** 30 Customer Profiling

## FEBRUARY

- MNL** 4 ITR Preparation for Corporations: Ensuring Accuracy and Compliance
- CEB** 5 Quarterly CEO Breakfast Meeting (Cebu Business Council Meeting)
- ILO** 5 European Networking Socials
- MNL** 5 February Luncheon Meeting
- DVO** 11 ECCP Southern Mindanao Business Council Meeting
- CDO** 12 1st ECCP NM Business Council Meeting
- MNL** 19 Compliance Audit: Ensuring Long Term Success
- 19 Climate Solutions Forum - Bicol
- 24 Supervisory Essentials for Leading Teams Effectively
- 26 Executive Assistant Training
- 27 Leading Gen Z Employees Workshop
- 27 Negotiated Collections Workshop
- CEB** 27 Visayas Forward: The LGU & Innovator Investment Summit

## MARCH

- MNL** 5 March Luncheon Meeting
- 11 Women's Month Event by Women in Business Committee
- CDO** 12 Next-Level Event Management: Advanced Skills Training
- ILO** 12 Industry Roundtable Discussion
- DVO** 17 Araw ng Dabaw Mixer
- MNL** 17 Hiring to Firing: The Employee Life Cycle
- 19 ECCP Community Connect
- CEB** 19 Inter-Visayas Business Corridor Dialogue
- MNL** 19-20 & 23-24 AI-Powered Data Privacy Compliance 5-Pillar Masterclass
- DVO** 24 Breaking Barriers: Dabawenya Leaders Shaping the Future
- CEB** 25-26 Climate Change Risk Management
- CDO** 26 Education Advocacy Forum
- MNL** 26 MS Excel Advanced Skills for Business
- MNL** 27 ECCP Ambassadors' Cup
- 30 Succession Planning Workshop
- 30 AI-Powered Marketing Workshop: Boosting Brand Performance, Creativity, and Efficiency

## APRIL

- DVO** 8 Mind Over Matter: Mental Health First Aid in the Workplace
- MNL** 9 Understanding the Philippine Labor Code: What Every Business Must Know
- CEB** 14-16 DGT-SIV Business Mission
- CDO** 15 Mindanao Business Dialogue II
- MNL** 16 April Luncheon Meeting
- 17 Smart Inventory & Lean Warehouse Management
- DVO** 21 Avoiding Financial Pitfalls: Risk Management for Business Owners
- MNL** 22 Negotiation Skills Workshop
- 23 Bicol Trade Fair
- CEB** 23 Academe-Industry Linkage Program Launch (CR2DO)
- ILO** 23 Western Visayas Investment Briefing
- CDO** 24 Artificial Intelligence Automation Workshop

## MAY

- CDO** 28 NorthMin Business Mixer Night
- MNL** 28 PEZA/BOI/CDC Benefits & Requirements
- 30 Sustainable Agriculture Forum
- CEB** 30 The Filipino's Guide to a Golden Retirement: Plan Today, Thrive Tomorrow
- DVO** 5 Retirement Ready: Planning Your Financial Future Today
- CEB** 5 EU-ASEAN Sustainability Summit & Europa Awards
- MNL** 6 HR Must Know: Creating Job Analysis
- CDO** 6 2nd ECCP NM Business Council Meeting
- CEB** 7 Quarterly CEO Breakfast Meeting (Cebu Business Council Meeting)
- MNL** 12 Effective Business Writing: Professionalizing Your Communication Skills
- CDO** 13 Executive Assistant Training
- MNL** 14 May Luncheon Meeting
- 15 Coaching Skills for Leaders
- CEB** 15-16 1st Visayas Higher Education Fair #VHEF1
- DVO** 20 Transformational Leadership in a Philippine Context
- ILO** 21 Bacolod Forum: Food, Agribusiness and Tourism Opportunities
- MNL** 21 Communicating with Confidence: Your Back to Basics and More Guide
- 26 Annual General Membership Meeting & Sunset Socials
- 27 HR Compliance and Fundamentals
- CDO** 29 Investment Forum with CDO LGU

## JUNE

- CEB** 9-11 Complete Warehouse Management Course
- DVO** 10 Pride at Work: Inclusion & Diversity Training
- MNL** 10 Improve Efficiency in MS Excel with Microsoft Copilot's AI Features
- 11 June Luncheon Meeting
- ILO** 16 Sustainability and ESG for SMEs
- MNL** 17 Superior Customer Service Workshop
- DVO** 18 Cybersecurity Awareness for Non-IT Professionals
- MNL** 18 Healthcare Forum
- 23-24 Train the Trainers
- CDO** 23 Coffee Mornings: HR Trends in the Workplace
- 25 Bamboo Workshop
- CEB** 25-27 #BLURISE2026: Sugbo Maritima Expo and Blue Economy Infrastructure Convention
- MNL** 30 Elevating Your Professional Presence
- CDO** 30 Investment Forum with Iligan City

## JULY

- MNL** 2 July Luncheon Meeting
- DVO** 8 Coffee Mornings: AI & Automation for Business
- MNL** 9 ECCP Community Connect
- 10 Agile Project Management Fundamentals 7.0
- ILO** 16 RE Forum: Wind, Solar, and Biomass in Negros
- CDO** 17 Sustainable Agriculture Forum in Mindanao
- MNL** 17 Leadership and Management Skills for Supervisors
- DVO** 23 Occupational Safety & Health Standards (OSHS)
- MNL** 23 Nutrition Forum
- CDO** 24 Business & Beers: Networking Socials
- 27 Workplace Generation Gap Workshop
- CEB** 30-Aug1 Beauty and Wellness and Summit

## AUGUST

- MNL** 6 August Luncheon Meeting
- CEB** 7 Quarterly CEO Breakfast Meeting (Cebu Business Council Meeting)
- 10-14 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
- MNL** 12 The First Time Managers
- CDO** 12 EU-GSP+ Forum
- DVO** 13 European Business and Beers: Kadayawan Mixer
- MNL** 13 3rd AI Forum
- ILO** 19 Green Tourism and Hospitality Forum
- MNL** 20 European Networking Socials
- 20 MS Excel Advanced Skills for Business - 2ND RUN
- CDO** 21 Mindanao Business Dialogue III
- CDO** 26 Energy Certification Management Course
- DVO** 27 Davao Connect: Maximizing Opportunities in the Regional Growth Corridor
- MNL** 27 Energy Smart Forum
- 28 Transforming Data with Microsoft Power BI: Build Dynamic Reports & Dashboards

## SEPTEMBER

- MNL** 3 September Luncheon Meeting
- DVO** 10 Safe Workplaces, Safe Communities (GAD)
- MNL** 10 Transportation Forum
- 16 Negotiation Skills Workshop - 2ND RUN
- 18 2026 Visayas JFC Mixer
- 18 Bamboo Forum
- MNL** 22 Data Analytics for Business
- 24 EU-ASEAN Business Summit
- ILO** 25 CEO Roundtable
- CEB** 30 Tidal Shift: Investing in the New Visayan Frontier
- DVO** 30 From Davao to the World: Agribusiness Export Compliance & Market Access
- CDO** 30 Investment Forum with Bukidnon Province

## OCTOBER

- CEB** 8 World Cafe of Opportunities (Leyte)
- MNL** 8 Philippine Aviation Summit
- CDO** 10 Succession Planning Workshop
- DVO** 13 Workplace Harassment Prevention & Safe Spaces Act Certification
- MNL** 14 The Mindful Leadership Reset
- CDO** 14 Investment Forum with Camiguin Island
- MNL** 15 October Luncheon Meeting
- ILO** 15 Digital Transformation
- MNL** 20 ECCP Community Connect
- DVO** 21 Mindanao EduConnect Summit
- CEB** 22-23 Certified AI Security Specialist (CAISS)
- CDO** 28 Connections and Canapes: Networking Night

## NOVEMBER

- CEB** 5 Quarterly CEO Breakfast Meeting (Cebu Business Council Meeting)
- MNL** 6 24th European Golf Tournament
- CDO** 7 Mindanao Business Dialogue IV
- MNL** 12 Business Innovation Congress
- DVO** 12 Financial Management for Non-Finance Professionals
- CDO** 15 Executive Assistant Training
- MNL** 18 November Luncheon Meeting
- ILO** 19 Agribusiness Forum in Roxas
- MNL** 19 European Networking Socials
- CEB** 20 Golf Tournament / Soccer Tournament
- CDO** 24 Export Readiness Forum
- DVO** 25 Anti-Violence Against Women Workplace Seminar
- MNL** 26 Partner's Appreciation Night

## DECEMBER

- MNL** 3 Economic Outlook
- CDO** 3 Future HR Trends and Concepts
- CEB** 4 Year-End Economic Outlook and Networking Cocktails
- DVO** 4 Sunset Jazz Year End Socials
- CDO** 7 Artificial Intelligence Automation Workshop

Legend:

- MNL** Manila Events
- CEB** Cebu Events
- ILO** Ilo-Ilo Events
- DVO** Davao Events
- CDO** Cagayan de Oro Events

