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## Editorial

Dear reader,

We are now in the second half of 2022 and it shows how time truly flies so fast! It is a continuous phase of living and adapting to these ever-changing times. The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the role of the safety and health industry in ensuring the welfare and safety of the community against the virus that has impacted our life so drastically. Moreover, it also highlighted the importance of a sustainable health care system to grapple with the effects of the pandemic on the economy.

In this latest EuroPH Connect issue, we invite you to read about the different topics of Safety and Health. Take a look at pages 6 and 8 where we feature the Embassy of Italy and Ambassador Marco Clemente as he shares his insights on the business relations between Italy and Philippines as well as how the embassy coped with the changes in safety and health protocols amidst the ongoing pandemic.

We also put the spotlight on our ECCP member Regus as they share how their organization quickly adopted health and safety protocols in all its locations to ensure their work spaces and environments are safe. This was due to the shift in working patterns and spaces in the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more about this story on page 10. We also invite you to read on ECCP member Holcim and how they were able to prioritize not only the physical wellbeing of their employees but also their mental wellness as a result of the changes brought about by the pandemic. They share the mental wellness programs and activities they provided for their employees and for a cause as well. To know more about this initiative, read about this on page 14.

On page 19, our member Pfizer shares news on the FDA approval of the emergency use authorization for its Novel COVID-19 Oral Treatment in the Philippines and how it provides another layer of protection aside from vaccination. Another ECCP member, Centre Médicale Internationale, meanwhile, shares the different services and facilities they offer to address the different medical needs of their patients. Lastly, the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) gives updates on the latest development on their project of the new terminal of Clark International Airport where it combines nature and technology in its concept and design with unique features adapted to the pandemic.

In May and June, we continued with our virtual and hybrid events such as the Annual General Membership Meeting where we discussed and presented the achievements of the Chamber for the recent year to its members. This was followed by our biggest networking event since the pandemic started, the Sunset Socials which turned into an evening of reconnecting and building relationships with fellow businessmen and professionals in the Philippine-European business community. Among the few face-to-face events that the Chamber organized in the last two years, this was our largest turnout with 207 attendees. Of course, this happened with great success and proper observance of safety and health protocols. This event would not have been possible without your support, our dear members. We hope to continue having hybrid events in the following months to provide you with an even more dynamic avenue to discuss and exchange ideas. Look forward to this in our upcoming events on our social media channels or visit our website to know more.

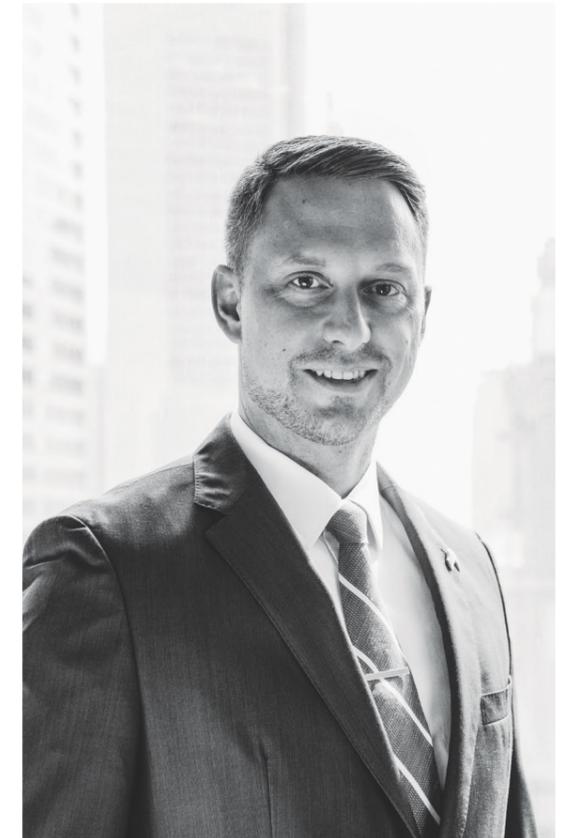
Another highlight last May was the launching of our newest branch in Western Visayas, specifically in the City of Iloilo. To introduce the ECCP, we had a networking social event with key government figures and business representatives in attendance. With this, we hope to reach out to the business community in this region to help bring more business opportunities and partnerships.

On page 38, we welcome our new members to the ECCP and we hope through their participation in our activities and events, they will see the value in their membership. We acknowledge that all our members are important and have made the Chamber into what it is today with your continuous support. We will continue to provide you with the support and services needed by your companies and organizations and to also highlight your advocacies and initiatives in the business community.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners and finalists of the recently held 2022 Europa Awards. You are truly the movers of sustainability who continue to work and inspire us with your commitment to achieving sustainability goals. My sincerest congratulations to all the winners and finalists! We hope to see all of you in the next edition of the Europa Awards. To know more about this event, turn to page 20.

Updates on your Chamber's activities over the past two months spanning its branches in Manila, Cebu, Davao, Cagayan De Oro, Clark, and Iloilo are all available on page 22. Keep yourself updated with the latest business opportunities on page 42.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the EuroPH Connect and, as always, thank you for your continued support.



**Florian Gottein**  
ECCP Executive Director

European Country in Focus

# Italy



301,340  
square kilometers



POPULATION

60.3 M  
approximately



CAPITAL

Rome

## ITALIAN TRADE AND INDUSTRY

The Italian economy is powered by its industrial north and agricultural south, with the former contributing more as Italy significantly relies on manufacturing and services for economic growth. Based on the country's GDP of 1.65T Euros in 2020, services accounted for 66.69%, manufacturing for 21.62%, and agriculture for 1.99%. Its major industries include tourism, machinery, and pharmaceuticals, whereas its top exports consist of packaged medicaments, cars, and refined petroleum. As for its imports, crude petroleum, packaged medicaments, and petroleum gas are among the top products in 2020. In the same year, it was the 8th largest economy in the world by GDP, 7th in exports, and 10th in imports. Italy, however, has consistently been reporting stagnant economic growth due to their high public debt which was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Its economy bounced back in 2021 when it reported a positive GDP growth of 6.5%.

**Geographical Location:** Italy is located in southern Europe. Several bodies of water can be found around Italy such as the Adriatic Sea on the east coast, the Tyrrhenian Sea on the west coast, and the Ionian Sea on the south. The countries of France, Switzerland, Austria, and Slovenia can be found in the north.

**Climate:** Mediterranean climate characterized by hot, dry summers and cold, rainy winters, has a variety of sub- and micro-climates where seasonal weather can differ greatly from each part of the country. Global climate change is also known to affect Italy's weather, which is seen through more extreme weather events and warmer temperatures year-round.

**Official Language:** Italian

**Government Type:** Parliamentary Republic

**Standard of Living:** Italy has a human development index of 0.892 as of the year 2020. It is ranked 29 out of 189 countries and territories.

**Organizations:**

- United Nations (since December 1955)
- European Union (founding member, January 1958)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (since August 1949)
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (since March 1962)
- General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (since May 1950)
- World Trade Organization (since January 1995)
- World Bank (since 1947)
- International Monetary Fund (since 1947)
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (since June 1973)
- Council of Europe (founding member, May 1949)
- G-20 (since 1999)
- G-7 (since 1975)

## FINANCIAL DISTRICT

Milan serves as the heart of finance in Italy since it shelters the country's stock exchange. The city is full of life any time of the year for one can spend a weekend in Milan to wind off. For tourists interested in history, they can explore the Duomo Cathedral and even find the Last Supper painting by Michelangelo. Milan is also a shopping destination for its famous shopping districts like the Quadrilatero and the Navigli. Hotels in the city are also expensive to stay at but budget hotels can also be found in the city. Locals are passionate about football which is evident in the crowd during football matches in the San Siro Stadium.

## TOP 3 TOURISM DESTINATIONS



### ROME

Located in Italy's central region of Lazio, Rome is a historic city that has been a center for culture, power, and religion which is greatly seen through the Vatican City. Divided into several districts, it is the home of ancient attractions like the Colosseum, the Forum of Augustus, Capitoline Hill, and the Roman Forum, while the famous Pantheon can be found on the outskirts of the city. Tourists can also visit the Vatican City and explore St. Peter's Basilica, Apostolic Palace, and the Sistine Chapel.



### FLORENCE

Known as the colossal outdoor museum, Florence is a treat for tourists as it is called internationally the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. Florence became the inspiration for many writers, artists, inventors, and scientists as well as it is also the origin of opera and the florin currency.

The Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore is a landmark of world architecture that is recognized for its gravity-defying dome. Famous art galleries such as the Uffizi and the Pitti Palace can also be explored by tourists.



### VENICE

This top tourist destination in northeastern Italy is known for its beautiful bridges and canals as Venice is a city that is made up of 118 islands and built upon a lagoon. This destination is popular for tourists since they can take a romantic gondola boat ride in the middle of the Grand Canal. Beautiful landmarks such as Saint Mark's Square and Basilica and Doge's Palace are both overlooking the tall campanile. Cars are not frequently used in this city so people either walk or take water taxis to tour around.

## INTERESTING FACTS

- Pizza was invented by Italians that resided in Naples in 1860.
- Italy, more than any other country, has 55 UNESCO world heritage sites as of 2019, including the City of Verona, the Amalfi Coast, and the Dolomites, which is why Italy is the 5th country in the world that attracts the most number of tourists.
- Italy has another country within its premises with the Vatican City, the world's smallest country, being in Rome, Italy.
- Italy is among the largest wine-producing countries alongside France and Spain due to their climate and abundance of vineyards. Italy even has a free-flowing wine fountain in Caldari di Ortona.
- The popular Trevi fountain literally means "three-ways" due to the intersection of three streets where it is located. Tourists also generate the fountain approximately 3,000 Euros on a daily basis, which are collected and given to charity.
- Aside from pizza and wine, Italy is also rich in cheese, having a variety of over 2,500 different types such as mozzarella, provolone, and parmesan.
- The Italian economy is the 3rd largest among the European Union members, the world's 13th largest based on GDP.
- Rome is also referred to as the Eternal City since ancient Romans believed that it would endure through time. In addition, having been founded in 753 BC, Rome is older than Italy itself.

Interview with the Italian Ambassador  
to the Republic of the Philippines

# H.E. Marco Clemente



**Since first arriving in the Philippines to take up your post as Italian ambassador how have you observed the relations between and the Philippines develop and progress?**

The bilateral relationships have always been excellent in all contexts and can count also on the presence of a well-integrated and hardworking Filipino community in Italy. 2022 marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relationship between the two countries and I hope that it is possible to organize an event to celebrate this important milestone. Now that the restrictions connected to the pandemic are likely to be steadily lifted it is realistic to foresee a further strengthening of the relations, in particular in the economic and trade sector. Trade and Industry Undersecretary Ceferino Rodolfo attended in June the prestigious Food and Beverage Bormio Forum during which he had the possibility to promote the many opportunities of import-export between Italy and the Philippines in this important sector. After the European summer break a new round of the bilateral political consultation between the MFAs will be held. It will be the occasion to set new goals to make the bilateral cooperation in all fields even more profound and profitable.

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*Filipino people are justly famous for their professionalism and dedication.*

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**What do you find is the Philippines' greatest strength that would serve it best when doing business with Europe? What about the ASEAN neighbors?**

Certainly, the human factor. Filipino people are justly famous for their professionalism and dedication. On top of that, the widespread knowledge of the English language and the Latin legacy in your culture and way of life represent an added value for anyone who wants to do business in the Philippines.

**What do Italian businesses find most attractive about doing business with the Philippines?**

As I said before, probably the Latin flavour which is disseminated in your culture, and which makes the Philippines most probably the easiest Asian country to live and work in for an Italian.

**What do you envision as the future of business and trade between Italy and the Philippines? How do you think both partners can work better together to achieve this vision?**

Before answering this question, I would rather wait for the pandemic to subside and for the restrictions to

be completely eliminated. Only when we do not have restrictions of any kind anymore will it be possible to envisage that "vision".

**What measures did Italy take in order to cope with the covid-19 pandemic? How do you build business resiliency?**

Italy was unfortunately the first European Country (and the second all over the world after China) to have been hit by the pandemic. After the first phase of severe lockdown, the successful vaccination campaign and the wisdom of the Italian people allowed my country to cope with Covid-19 without irreparably damaging the economy and the social fabric. With all the necessary caution, Italy managed to get out of the darkest hour giving the world a model which was imitated by most Countries. In particular, it is to be stressed that schools and universities in Italy have been closed only in the first and worst period of the pandemic – but that the academic year 2021-2022 has been practically normal for all students, albeit under the usual limitations (mask wearing and social distancing).

**How did the pandemic affect trade relations between Italy and the Philippines?**

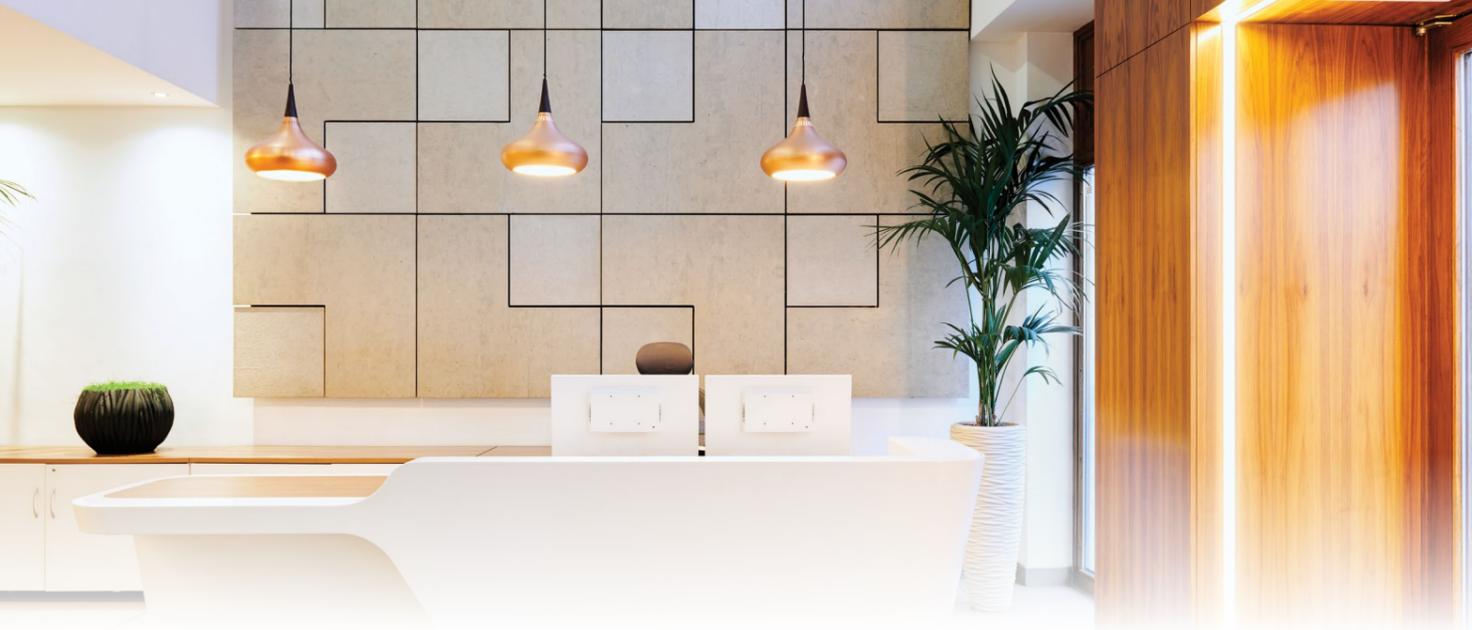
The initial phase of the pandemic hit hard trade flows all around the world, so naturally also the bilateral trade between Italy and the Philippine, which decreased 23% during 2020. However, adaptation measures worked well and in 2021 we've seen a rebound of +18,9%, that has accelerated in the first three months of this year to a remarkable +35,2%. This proves the potential of growth arising from the complementarity of our economies.

**What was the biggest hurdle of the embassy during the pandemic, and how was it addressed?**

The biggest issues during the height of the pandemic were, of course, related to consular affairs: repatriation of our nationals stranded in the Philippines, taking care of our residents in the Philippines affected by COVID, helping reunite binational couples divided by the pandemic. Some of this intense consular work also regarded the trade sector: we worked with the Philippine Government to repatriate Philippine seafarers from Italy, and enabled crew changes of many ships gathered in the Manila Bay during the summer of 2020; we cooperated with the DFA, the Bureau of Immigration and various economic Departments to allow Italian businessmen, engineers and managers to return to the Philippines and resume their work on crucial infrastructure projects in the archipelago.

**What was the biggest insight the embassy took from the pandemic?**

First of all, the pandemic was definitely a wake-up call on the need to modernize our work procedures and related IT infrastructure, in order to allow the continuation of our operations even during lockdowns, when most of our employees were in smart-working mode. It also brought a renewed attention to the health and wellbeing of our staff and the people – Italians and Filipinos – which use our consular and visa services, with the creation of new sanitary protocols that helped us avoid almost completely the shutdown of our activities.



## Regus & Spaces by IWG

### Hybrid: The opportunity is now. 90% of employees now want to work flexibly

During a world-shifting couple of years, workers everywhere experienced a forced experiment of working from home longer-term. For those still in the office, safety became a primary concern as workers looked to travel less, minimise contact with others and wherever possible, be closer to home. With the largest network of workspaces in the world, IWG very quickly adopted health and safety protocols across all its locations to ensure their environments were safe.

Now as we start to move on from this, a permanent shift in working patterns has taken place. As people have returned to work they have a new set of experiences and expectations about how they would like to manage their work-life balance moving forward and now they want a choice in where and how they work. The knock on effect is many companies are moving to hybrid workspace strategies longer-term to keep their employees happy and productive whilst also being in a position to compete for top talent.

### 88% of companies are already planning the shift to hybrid work

IWG has worked with thousands of companies of all sizes in the past 12 months and with over 30 years of experience, is able to help businesses offer their

workers choice and flexibility. This is not about a one size fits all approach, hybrid work supports a full range of workstyles, from homeworkers to occasional office workers, to permanent office workers.



Companies can also reduce carbon footprints with less need for commuting and reduced travel, boost local economies, as well as making savings on their real estate costs. Flexibility and choice is key moving forward for both workers and companies, not just for dealing with the unexpected like the pandemic, but for a happier, healthier and sustainable future.



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## Centre Médicale Internationale (CMI)

Since April 2017, Centre Médicale Internationale (CMI) has built a solid reputation as a premier outpatient healthcare facility among individuals who value efficiency, time, and responsiveness to their medical needs. While CMI has proven to be the clinic of choice of diplomats, top business executives, and VIPs who are able to attend to their health issues in a quiet and well-appointed setting that respects their privacy and busy schedules, it has also become the preferred clinic of their families—from multi-generation clans to parents and their young children.

World-class facilities, a wide range of diagnostics, comprehensive health packages for all ages, well-trained staff, and more than 130 medical specialists in its roster allow the clinic to stay steps ahead in giving its patients the best that outpatient healthcare has to offer.

Covering all the bases of urgent and preventive healthcare in a single-level layout, the spacious 700-sq m center houses private consultation rooms, suites and diagnostic equipment, and a pharmacy to accommodate primary and specialty care services for family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, neurology, adolescent medicine and psychiatry, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, obstetrics and gynecology, dental medicine, rehabilitation treatment, and more.

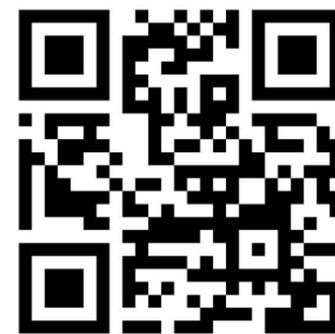


As CMI unceasingly place patients' utmost safety in mind, the clinic elevates their so called "premier outpatient experiences" by offering teleconsultation services for patients who prefer to seek medical care in the comfort of their home. Aside from that, the strict observance of health and safety protocols against COVID-19, plus built-in safety measures such as negative pressure airflow and High Efficiency Particulate Absorbing (HEPA) filters ensure relaxed, and worry-free in-person appointments.

Centre Médicale Internationale is located at 2/F, Ore Central Bldg., 31st corner 9th Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. For inquiries and appointment scheduling, visit [www.cmi.care](http://www.cmi.care). You may also email [experience@cminternationale.com](mailto:experience@cminternationale.com) or contact 02.8816.1035 or 36.



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## How Holcim takes care of its employees' mental well-being

Holcim Philippines

Now more than ever, mental health is becoming a top priority in society. As an organization that cares for people's holistic well-being, Holcim Philippines, Inc. has recently organized back-to-back mental wellness programs and activities for its employees and for a cause.

In the first leg of the company's employee mental wellness campaign, Holcim Philippines conducted an internal webinar dubbed "Self-Care. Self-Love. Be Kind to Your Mind" last October led by licensed psychologist and Certified Mindfulness Coach Rose Pattugalan, who talked about self-love practices that would help in managing stress and anxiety.

Pattugalan was joined by international award-winning interior designer and founder of CMM Interior Design and Consultancy Cara Marcelo, who talked about achieving mental balance and clarity through interior design.

An employee donation drive, "Decluttering with a Purpose," was also launched last October in partnership with Caritas Manila. The activity aimed to put into action lessons from the webinar, and promote bayanihan among the employees in helping Filipinos in need.



Holcim Philippines' head office in Taguig also launched an internal competition wherein employees shared photos of their healthy, clutter-free workstation in support of better mental health.

Out of the overwhelming number of entries received, five employees won and were awarded last March 16 in a culminating event that also served as the ceremonial turnover of the employees' donations to Caritas Manila.

Aside from conducting regular mental health webinars, Holcim Philippines also partnered with Argao Psych, a privately-owned mental health center in the country to help employees in availing free life counseling sessions.



# Nature meets technology in the newest gateway to the Philippines

Bases Conversion and Development Authority

A series of glorious peaks rises in the vista as travelers approach the horizon of Pampanga, one of the country's most historic Luzon provinces. The peaks of Mt. Arayat and the Zambales mountains are like gods of legends that have stood as guardians of the area and its people. These mountains, as well as other natural features and the cultural heritage of the region, provide ingenious references in the interior design of the new terminal building of Clark International Airport (CRK).

Bundled with the ease and comfort that will be accorded to travelers in the new terminal, the design artistry will all come together to make the total experience at the new CRK both pleasurable and meaningful. It will cement that sense of place, every time a passenger passes through.

The new passenger terminal building of Clark International Airport, managed and operated by private consortium Luzon International Premiere Airport Development Corp. (LIPAD), is a four-level terminal with a total area of 110,000 square meters and has the capacity to accommodate eight million passengers annually. The new facility will serve both domestic and international flights.

When it opens, passengers can expect to experience unique features that make this terminal truly world-class.

First are contactless options. There will be self-service kiosks for passenger check in as well as self-bag drops to ensure minimal contact between passenger and airport personnel.

Another first will be the contactless ordering system for the terminal lounges and restaurants. Ordering food can be done via QR codes as guests sit themselves safely distanced while waiting for their food and beverage.

The new terminal is also intuitive and inclusive. Toilet categories have been expanded with Family Rooms, gender-neutral and PWD-friendly restrooms, while all boarding gates will have escalators and elevators, providing seamless access for all passengers.

A transit lounge has been dedicated exclusively for the use of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), the country's modern-day heroes.

Another unique feature is the transfer desk which international passengers can use for convenience

and seamless travel. Unlike in the past, passengers from Kansai had to pick up their luggage, pass through immigration and re-check-in again for their Singapore flight. This time around, passengers can use the transfer desk upon arrival and go straight up to the departure area to wait for their next flight.

The CRK new terminal also highlights the importance of technology to improve passenger safety as well as the on-time performance of aircrafts. The terminal will be using state-of-the-art "intelligent" Advanced Visual Docking Guidance System—a system which allows pilots to park aircrafts precisely and safely even in adverse weather conditions, using advanced laser technology.

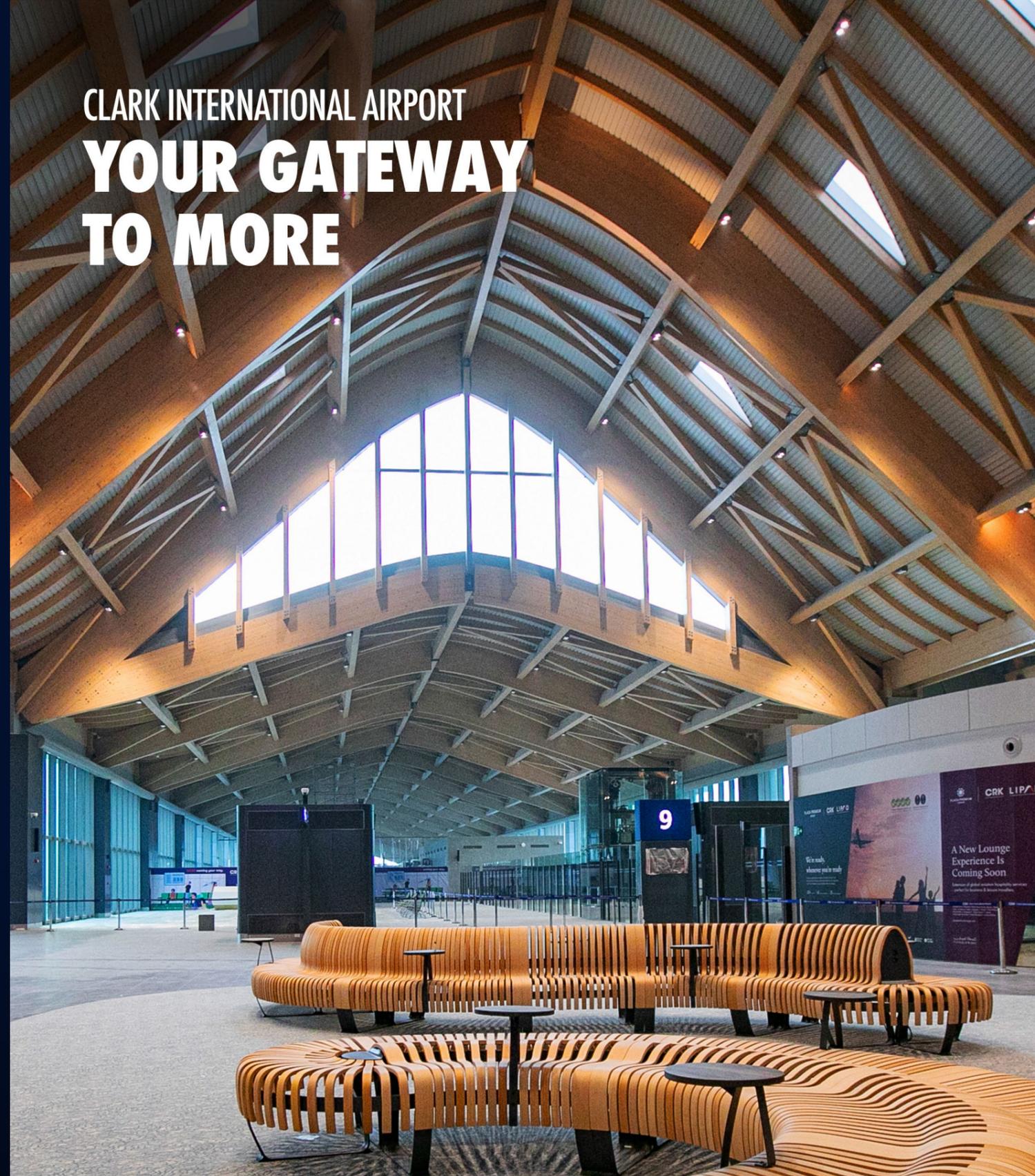
The opening of Clark International Airport's new terminal building shall pave the way for CRK to achieve its objective of becoming a premiere gateway in the Philippines—solving congestion in the metro, serving world-class comfort and convenience to millions of travelers, and accelerating economic developments in the region.

Clark International Airport is expected to create 150,000 new jobs, equating to 0.4% of the total employed population in the Philippines. The tourism, food and beverage, services, infrastructure, agriculture and manufacturing industries are expected to benefit when Clark airport becomes fully operational.

The Airport will redefine air travel experience—serving as Northern and Central Luzon's gateway—connecting the region to the rest of the Philippines and the world.

CRK is operated by LIPAD—a consortium of companies with vast experience in airport operations, air transportation and property development and is composed of Filinvest Development Corporation, JG Summit Holdings Inc., Changi Airports Philippines, and Philippine Airport Ground Support Solutions. It was awarded the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) contract for Clark International Airport in 2019 by the Philippine Department of Transportation (DOTR) and the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA). The consortium members are committed to bring in their expertise to transform Clark Airport into a world-class airport.

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## Food and Drug Administration Philippines Gives Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Pfizer's Novel COVID-19 Oral Treatment in Philippines

Pfizer

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, 17 March 2022 – Pfizer announced today that the FDA Philippines has granted the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the supply and use of Nirmatrelvir 150 mg / Ritonavir 100 mg (PAXLOVID) Film-Coated Tablets in Philippines. PAXLOVID is indicated for the treatment of COVID-19 in adults who do not require supplemental oxygen and who are at increased risk for progression to severe COVID-19.

PAXLOVID is the first oral treatment of its kind; it includes nirmatrelvir, a 3CL protease (also known as Main protease or Mpro) inhibitor that was specifically developed in Pfizer's laboratories to combat SARS-CoV-2. This oral treatment and should be taken within the first five days of symptomatic infection.

"This milestone in Philippines is an important moment in our continued fight against COVID-19, paving the way for use of PAXLOVID as we address the threat of a new variant of concern, Omicron. We are honored to have been working with the FDA Philippines and want to commend them for their fast-track assessment of PAXLOVID to grant the Emergency Use Authorization" said Edilberto Reyes, Pfizer Philippines Interim Country Manager.

"Whilst vaccination remains to be an effective way to help prevent COVID-19, this oral treatment provides us with another important line of defense - to reduce

hospitalizations and help save lives. PAXLOVID has the potential to transform COVID-19 treatment and help lessen the devastating impact of the virus globally." Mr. Edilberto Reyes said.

FDA Philippines based its decision on positive results from the Phase 2/3 EPIC-HR (Evaluation of Protease Inhibition for COVID-19 in High-Risk Patients) interim analysis, which enrolled non-hospitalised adults with confirmed COVID-19 who were at increased risk of progressing to severe illness. The data showed that PAXLOVID reduced the risk of hospitalization or death by 89% (within three days of symptom onset) and 88% (within five days of symptom onset) compared to placebo, with no deaths observed in the treatment group. Treatment-emergent adverse events were comparable between PAXLOVID (23%) and placebo (24%), most of which were mild in intensity. Treatment-emergent adverse events were comparable between PAXLOVID (23%) and placebo (24%), most of which were mild in intensity. These data were recently published in the New England Journal of Medicine. Additional Phase 2/3 clinical trials are ongoing in adults at standard risk (i.e., low risk of hospitalization or death) of progressing to severe illness, and in those who have been exposed to the virus through household contacts.



# ECCP hosts the second installment of the Europa Awards on Sustainability

23 June 2022, Makati City, Philippines – As an acknowledgment of the urgency for sustainability and in line with the European Commission's efforts on the European Green Deal, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) conducted its annual flagship event the Europa Awards on June 23.

Now in its second year, the Europa Awards event of the ECCP recognizes companies with exceptional performance and contributions in promoting sustainability. The ECCP announces this year's ten winners of the 2022 Europa Awards. The winners and finalists per awards category are:

- **Winner of the Clean and Green Energy Award – Vivant Foundation, Inc.**  
Finalists: Citicore Renewable Energy Corp.; Globe Telecom
- **Winner of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Award – Mondelez Philippines**  
Finalists: Citicore Renewable Energy Corp.; Coca-Cola Beverages Philippines Inc
- **Winner of the Green and Inclusive Finance Solutions Award – ENGIE Services Philippines**  
Finalists: Land Bank of the Philippines; Pru Life UK
- **Winner of the Green Buildings Award – Union Bank of the Philippines**  
Finalists: Globe Telecom; Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation
- **Winner of the Green Workforce Award – Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc.**  
Finalists: Ascott Makati; Ikano Philippines Inc (IKEA)
- **Winner of the Smart and Safer Mobility Award – Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation**  
Finalists: Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc.; In1Go Technologies
- **Winner of the Startup for Sustainability 2022 Award – Ampersand Design Think Lab Corp**  
Finalists: Verne Energy Solutions; Sustainability Standards
- **Winner of the Sustainable Agri-food Award – Nestle Philippines, Inc.**  
Finalists: Century Pacific Food, Inc.; Ikano Philippines Inc (IKEA)
- **Winner of the Waste Management Award – Unilever Philippines**  
Finalists: Coca-Cola Beverages Philippines Inc; Kuehne + Nagel, Inc.; Laguna Water Corporation; Shell Business Operations Manila
- **Winner of the Water Resource Management Award – Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation, Inc. (AIDFI)**  
Finalists: Maynilad Water Services, Inc.; NXTLVL Water Technology Inc.

Winners in each category received a trophy designed by designers Rita Nazareno and Gabriel Lichauco of Nazareno/Lichauco for ZACARIAS 1925 who once again served as Trophy Sponsors for this year's Awards Event. The Awards were co-presented by Procter & Gamble for the Special Award: Start-up for Sustainability 2022 category, JTI Philippines for the Smart and Safer Mobility category, and Emeritus for the Green Workforce category.

"Following the successful launch of the ECCP Europa Awards last year, we are delighted to see sustained, and even increased, support and interest from our members and even non-members. For this year, we have expanded the awards category from six to ten. We're happy to note that since we opened the nominations in mid-February until the end of April, we received about 85 initial entries, higher than what we received last year. Likewise, we are delighted and grateful to have the support of our exceptional panel of judges once again to help us review the merits of these entries throughout the process." ECCP President Lars Wittig said. Mr. Wittig also thanked SGV & Co., the Official Tabulator for the ECCP 2022 Europa Awards. The Firm also tabulated the scores and rankings of the finalists and winners of the Awards.

Wittig added, "the number of entries we received demonstrates the growing commitment of the business community to adopt sustainable business practices in their core operations and strategies." He further shared that the Chamber hopes "that the Europa Awards will serve as an instrument to promote and strengthen stakeholders' commitment and efforts in light of the urgency of sustainability."

The technical judges include Jean-Marc Arbogast, Country Manager of International Finance Corporation Philippines; Khalid Hassen, Country Director of International Labour Organization Philippines; Angelo Tan, Country Lead for the Philippines of the Climate Business Department - International Finance Corporation; Atty. Jose Layug Jr., President of Developers of Renewable Energy for AdvanceMent, Inc; Dr. Alma Bella Madrazo, PhD of the University of the Philippines; Dr. Jose Bienvenido Manuel Biona, Executive Dean of the De La Salle University Enrique K. Razon Jr. Logistics Institute; Roderick De Castro, Executive Director of Business for Sustainable Development; Cherrie Atilano, President and Founding Farmer of AGREA Agricultural Systems International, Inc.; Christopher Ilagan, Chairperson of Philippine Water Partnership; and Rene "Butch" Melly, President of QBO Innovation Hub.

Ambassador Luc Véron of the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines, once again sat as a final judge along with United Nations - Global Compact Network Philippines Chairperson, Ms. Ma. Victoria Tan.

During the online event, the ECCP also launched the second edition of its Sustainability Whitebook containing the Chamber's policy recommendations on ten thematic areas of mobility, energy efficiency, clean energy, waste management, agriculture, finance, green buildings, green workforce, sustainability for start-ups, and water management, including how these policy advocacies are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Philippine Development Plan.

Same as last year, the organizers also released a special edition of the EuroPH Connect membership magazine featuring in-depth accounts of the winners' entries. Judges and some event partners also contributed articles on thought leadership, success stories, and best practices on sustainability. All publications related to the Europa Awards can be accessed by visiting <https://www.eccp.com/europa-awards>.

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# Inside ECCP

## Data Privacy Compliance: Masterclass Edition 28 April 2022

Last April 19 to 28, the ECCP Competency Hub hosted Data Privacy Compliance: Masterclass Edition. This workshop taught participants the most efficient and effective approach to implementing DPA2012 compliance.



## Sunset Jazz Networking Night 04 May 2022

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines hosted the "Sunset Jazz Networking Night" on 4 May 2022 at the Park Inn by Radisson Davao. AlcoHall-Michael's Wine and Spirits, Malagos Garden Resort, Park Inn by Radisson, and Belle's Refreshing Juice were among the partners who helped make the event successful.

C-level executives, Davao businessmen, and members of the media were present during the said event, alongside ECCP Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein. More than 50 participants joined the night filled with good music as they forged fruitful relationships within the Southern Mindanao business community.



## Ensuring Energy Security for Tomorrow 04 May 2022

The ECCP and its Renewable and Energy Efficiency Committee hosted Ensuring Energy Security for Tomorrow. We are joined by Senior Undersecretary Felix William Fuentabella of the Department of Energy, Atty. Pedro Maniego Jr. of the Energy Lawyers Association of the Philippines, Director Michael Sinocruz of Energy Policy and Planning Bureau, Department of Energy, and Ms. Ruth Yu-Owen, Chairperson of the Renewable and Energy Efficiency Committee of the ECCP.

The event aimed to serve as a guide to sustainable management to the country's energy resources in response to the urgent need to further capacitate the country's energy sector, in line with the national objective of pursuing sustainability.



## Effective Business Writing 05 May 2022

The ECCP Competency Hub hosted Effective Business Writing last May 4 and 5. Mr. Stephen Banares discussed the common errors in business correspondences based on his experience. The principles of effective business writing, including detailed guidelines, as well as grammar rules and words that are confusing, were also discussed to better prepare the participants for writing business correspondences.



## Making Connections and Linkages: Western Visayas

10 May 2022

The ECCP hosted “Making Connections and Linkages: ECCP Western Visayas Networking Socials” at Park Inn by Radisson Iloilo. The event officially launched the ECCP Western Visayas Branch based in Iloilo City. This will jumpstart valuable partnerships in Iloilo and active promotion of the region as a ground for investment opportunities.

We would like to thank our Venue Partner, Parkinn by Radisson Iloilo, Raffle Partner Parkinn by Radisson Bacolod, Wine Sponsor Jose Andres Wines & Foods, and Bronze Sponsor, Trends And Concepts for helping make this event possible.



## Investment Opportunities for Nordic Businesses

18 May 2022

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines organized a webinar entitled “NOW (New Opportunities Waiting) in Davao City: Investment Opportunities for Nordic Businesses” on 18 May 2022, via Zoom. The event was made possible in partnership with the Embassy of Finland in Manila, Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway, Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark, Philippine Embassy in Sweden, Philippine Trade and Investment Centre Stockholm, and Davao City Investment Promotion Center - City Government of Davao. The event was attended by 48 participants coming from various countries and sectors.

Ambassador Juha Pykkö of the Embassy of Finland in Manila and Ambassador Bjørn Jahnsen of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway were present to give their keynote speeches at the event. Moreover, speakers from varying organizations shared their insights on the opportunities awaiting foreign investors including Davao City Investment Promotion Center Officer-In-Charge Mr. Christian D. Cambaya, Mr. Jose Raoul Balisalisa and Atty. Thyrza Marbas from Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co., Ms. Clariza Mae A. Columna of the Philippine Trade and Investment Center Stockholm, Iona & Co CEO Mr. Mikko Mantila, and Mr. Pat Lester Solosa from the Embassy of the Philippines in Sweden.



## Data Privacy in Office Leasing

17 May 2022

The ECCP and its Real Estate Committee hosted Data Privacy in Office Leasing. Recognizing that the pandemic has required us to give more data to establishments, this webinar examined current data privacy regulations as well as what can and must be done by those in the real estate sector in order to protect and respect data privacy rights.

We were joined by speaker Atty. Jose Angelo Tiglao, panelists Atty. Frederick Jose and Atty. Kenneth Chua, moderator Atty. Ramon Miguel Bacani, and host Ms. Lylah Fronda-Ledonio.



## Mobilizing Social Safety Nets for the Vulnerable Population: Women

24 May 2022

The ECCP, in partnership with Pru Life UK, hosted Mobilizing Social Safety Nets for the Vulnerable Population: Women. This webinar discussed social safety nets that women can utilise when problems arise, as well as the importance of personal financial wellbeing and insurance.

We were joined by Ms. DG Fonancier, Deputy Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Ms. Maria Kristine Josefine Balmes, Deputy Executive Director for Operations of the Philippine Commission on Women, Ms. Melissa Santos, Chief of the Cooperative Project and Assistance Division of the Cooperative Development Authority, Ms. Divine Furagganan, of Executive Vice President and Chief Distribution Officer of Pru Life UK, Ms. Maria Donovan and Ms. Cynthia Sison, from the Supervisory Policy and Research Department of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.



## Negotiated Collections Workshop

24 May 2022

Last May 19-24, The ECCP Competency Hub held the second run of its Negotiated Collections Workshop. Using lectures, role-plays and experiential exercises, this webinar taught participants how to understand and apply the skills of collecting and negotiating the terms of payment with delinquent clients.

Various topics like the sources of delinquency, the degrees of delinquency, and different techniques of collection to apply to each were covered. The steps in negotiating, and powerful negotiating gambits to ensure that the client adheres to their commitments were also discussed.



## Shaping Supply Chains in the Philippines for Economic Recovery

24 May 2022

On 24 May 2022, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines hosted "Shaping Supply Chains in the Philippines for Economic Recovery" in partnership with Onesource Logistics Asia Incorporated.

With the goal of identifying the potential risks and reinforcing strategies, experts in the field of supply chain management were invited to discuss their thoughts on how businesses can develop resiliency despite external influences. Mr. Pierre Curay, CEO & Co-Founder of InsightSCS and Director of XVC Logistics, presented an assessment of the country's supply chain as well as the main drivers of disruption. Meanwhile, Deloitte SEA Transfer Pricing Leader Mr. Carlo Navarro gave an overview of tax issues and solutions that arise due to disruptions to the supply chain.



## Return to Work Safety: The Critical Importance of COVID-19 Self-Test Kits for Employees

25 May 2022

The ECCP, in partnership with Abbott, hosted Return to Work Safety: The Critical Importance of COVID-19 Self-Test Kits for Employees. We were joined by Ms. Subah Nadarajan, Regional Business Manager - APAC of Abbott to discuss the following: the COVID-19 situation in the Philippines, the diagnostic tests used for the COVID-19 pandemic response, understanding Antigen test results, introduction to the Panbio COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test, and the reliability of the Panbio COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test.



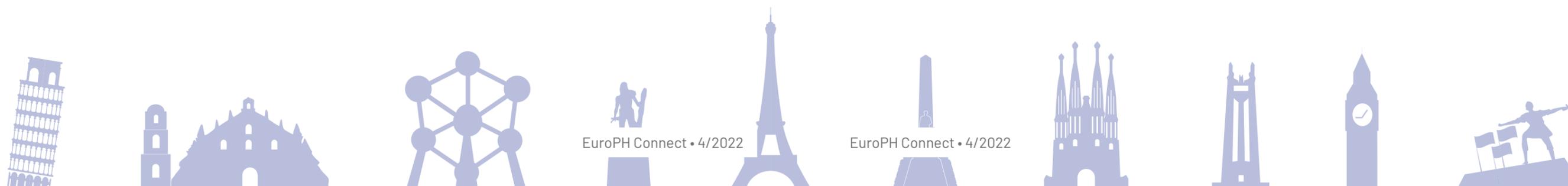
## Live, Work, and Invest in Finland

25 May 2022

The ECCP in cooperation with the Finnish Embassy in Manila hosted a hybrid event to discuss Finland's growth and explore its trade and investment policies and other business opportunities.

The event was attended by Ambassador Juha Pyykkö of the Embassy of Finland in Manila, Mr. Florian Gottein, ECCP Executive Director, Mr. Gerry Constantino, ECCP Director for Projects, Events & Training, Ms. Dei Cimat, Associate Director Business Development and Strategic Partnerships of ECCP, Ms. Hanna Hyttinen, Senior Advisor, ICT and Digitalization, and Ms. Helvi Väisänen, Senior Advisor, Bio and Circular Economy of Invest in Finland, Ms. Laura Hassinen, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Finland, and Ms. Katri Raevuori, Manager, Talent Attraction of Business Finland.

Following the series' success, the ECCP continues the informative session by virtually transporting you to get a glimpse of what Finland has to offer.



## Mindanao Talks: Impact of the Current Crisis to the Energy Sector

31 May 2022

The ECCP hosted Mindanao Talks: Impact of the Current Crisis to the Energy Sector. Speakers and experts from the public and private sectors discussed the power situation in Mindanao and its impact to the current crisis, best practices, and coping strategies.

We were joined by the following keynote speakers: Asec Romeo M. Montenegro, Deputy Executive Director at MinDa and Head of Mindanao Power Monitoring Committee; Mr. Jaime Rafael U. Paguio, Executive Vice President of Cagayan Electric Power and Light Co.; Engr. Cerael C. Donggay, President and CEO of Greenergy Development Corporation; and Engr. Rodger Velasco, Director/President and COO of Davao Light & Power Co. Inc..

This event was sponsored by Greenergy Development Corp. and Davao Light and Power Co., and supported by Cagayan Electric Power & Light Co., Inc. - Cepalco.



## Post-Election 2022: Deep Dive of the Philippine Governance Law

07 June 2022

The ECCP in partnership with Southern Block Law hosted the Post-Election 2022: Deep Dive of the Philippine Governance Law today virtually via ZOOM.

Joining us was Atty. Kenneth O. Tamala, MBA, Senior Partner at Southern Block Law. Atty. Tamala discussed the Philippine Governance Law and how the new administration will have its chance to be more creative, efficient, and effective as we deal with substantial and new management issues as a result of the pandemic.



## Leveraging ICT: Blueprint to Develop Business Growth and Opportunities

31 May 2022

The ECCP in partnership with Eastern Communications hosted the Leveraging ICT: Blueprint to Develop Business Growth and Opportunities in partnership with Eastern Communications.

This conference gathered together experts from technology companies and agencies from the public and private sectors to further highlight how information and communications technology play a crucial role in shaping the dynamics of modern society.

We were joined by the following keynote speakers: Asec. Mary Jean Pacheco, Assistant Secretary Digital Philippines and E-commerce Lead of DTI Philippines; Mr. Jack Madrid, President and CEO of I.T. & Business Process Association of the Philippines, Inc (IBPAP); and Mr. Albert Antig, Executive Account Manager of Mindanao Regional Operations of Eastern Communications.



## Investing in Italy: Unpacking the Italian Flat Tax Regime

07 June 2022

The ECCP together with Antonio Viñal & Co. Abogados hosted Investing in Italy: Unpacking the Italian Flat Tax Regime, yesterday, 7th of June 2022 from 3:30-5:00 PM.

An overview of Italy's economy, growing industries, the benefits for digital nomads, an overview of the startup ecosystem, property purchases and taxes, and the application for Italian citizenship were all discussed during the conference.

We were joined by the following distinguished experts: Atty. Antonio Viñal, Partner at AVCO Legal Europe; Mr. Paolo Franzoni, Lawyer and Chartered Accountant at Elexia Law Firm in Milan, Italy; and Mr. Davide Ascari, Lawyer at Ascari Davide Law Firm in Milan, Italy.



## Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting

16 June 2022

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines held its Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting last Thursday, June 16, 2022 via ZOOM.

ECCP President Mr. Lars Wittig spearheaded the meeting and discussed ECCP's milestones over the past year. The event was attended by the Chamber's Board of Directors, Business Council, Committee Heads, partners, and members.

We were joined by our Keynote Speaker, Atty. Elaine Collado, Country Director of Vriens & Partners.



## Change Management Workshop: Understanding the Ever-changing Work Environment

20 June 2022

Last June 20, the ECCP Competency Hub, together with ECCP Member Leaderwise Consulting, held its "Change Management Workshop: Understanding the Ever-changing Work Environment" e-learning session. The online training was facilitated by Ms. Jo-ann Vidal, Chief Learning Officer of Leaderwise Consulting.

The workshop featured a comprehensive discussion on change management, which included topics on how to help companies and employees address change with agility and resilience; address and decrease anxiety that comes with change to fully concentrate on productivity and results; and be able to handle significant changes in the workplace.



## Sunset Socials

16 June 2022

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines' Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting and Sunset Socials took place through Zoom and the Manila House, BGC respectively last June 16.

Moreover, the Sunset Socials that happened afterward was the first in-person encounter for most partners throughout the pandemic.

We would like to thank the following members for making this event possible: PMFTC and our airline partner Turkish Airlines. Our gold sponsors: DivinaLaw, Multisys, Invisible Hand Inc. Our silver sponsors: Seda Residences Makati and PayMongo. Lastly, photos courtesy of Eastern Communications.

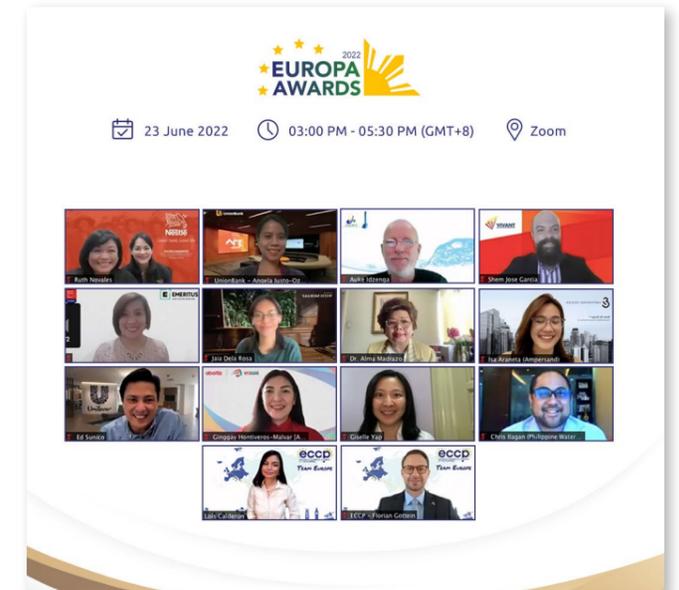


## 2022 Europa Awards

23 June 2022

Last 23 June, we unveiled the 10 awardees of this year's Europa Awards. Together with our ECCP Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein and host and moderator Ms. Lois Calderon, we had the great honor of welcoming and presenting the winners of each category.

We would like to thank each and every one of our guests, speakers, partners and sponsors who attended our grand awarding ceremony and made this event a success. This would not have been possible without your support and collaboration!



## The 5S + 2S Process (with Files and Record Management)

24 June 2022

Last June 23 & 24, the ECCP Competency Hub held the second run of its e-learning session entitled "The 5S + 2S Process (with Files and Record Management)".

Facilitated by HR Solutions & Business Management, Inc. consultant Mr. Stephen Bañares, the webinar introduced the attendees to the fundamentals of good housekeeping and files and records management. Throughout the program, the attendees learned the importance and benefits to be derived from properly and effectively implementing the 7S as well as on how to improve their productivity and help enhance the company's image by consistently practicing the 7S in the workplace.



## Reforestation and Sustainability: Realigning Strategies for Climate Change Mitigation

16 June 2022

With the recent report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, we are grateful that you took the time to join us in our effort to assess approaches for climate change.

Last 27 June, the ECCP, in partnership with the Finnish Embassy in Manila, hosted the event "Reforestation and Sustainability: Realigning Strategies for Climate Change Mitigation." Together with our panel of experts, the webinar discussed key insights on reforestation and highlighted opportunities for rehabilitation of forest land in the country.

The event was moderated by Mr. Tony Peralta, Chairman of the ECCP Southern Mindanao Business Council. We were joined by the following keynote speakers: H.E. Juha Pykkö, Ambassador - Embassy of Finland in Manila; Mr. Antti Asikainen, Member of the Finnish Climate Change Panel; Prof. Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat, Plant Geneticist; Mr. Ruben Mnataakanian, Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at Central European University; and Mr. Matt Hill, President and Founder of One Tree Planted.



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# Advocacy Corner

## JFC Meeting with DOTr Secretary Tugade 04 May 2022

The ECCP and other JFC members had a meeting with DOTr Sec. Arthur Tugade last 4 May 2022 at the Manila International Airport Authority office. During the session, the participants talked about (1) the DOTr's recommended Airport, Ferry, Rail, and Seaport projects that should be pursued by the next administration, (2) blue economy – Development of Philippines intra-Asia container line as port of Philippine Blue Ocean, and (3) priority legislation including the creation of PTSB and HB 10575.



## JFC Meeting with DTI Secretary Lopez 05 May 2022

The ECCP, together with other members of the Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines, had a farewell meeting with DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez last 5 May. During the session, the Secretary and the JFC representatives discussed updates on trade and investment agreements, major policy reforms, the status of the Foreign Investment Negative List, and the post-pandemic initiatives of DTI.



## JFC Meeting Hosted by ECCP 12 May 2022

The ECCP hosted the JFC physical meeting last 12 May 2022, held at SPACES, World Plaza, Bonifacio Global City. During the session, the participants discussed their initial thoughts on the partial, unofficial results of the 2022 Philippine Elections, as well as the JFC's proposed engagements for the next administration. In addition, the representatives talked about the priority legislation of the JFC, including the creation of the Philippine Transportation Safety Board, Digital Payments, and the implementation of the Extended Producers' Responsibility (EPR) scheme. Updates on the Arangkada Forum and the New Congressional leadership were also discussed during the face-to-face meeting.



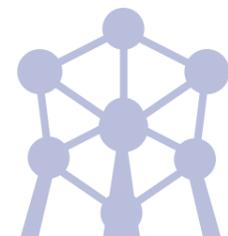
## FDA Public Consultation on Draft Circular Guidelines 12 May 2022

The ECCP, represented by F&B Committee Chairperson Ms. Helen Grace Baisa, participated in the public consultation on the Updated Guidelines for the Assessment of Microbiological Quality of Processed Food Products Repealing FDA Circular No. 2013-010 "Revised Microbiological Quality of Processed Foods" and FDA Circular Guidelines in the Voluntary Certification of Food Contact Articles Used for Prepackaged Processed Food Products. Participants shared their comments and inputs on the mentioned draft circular guidelines.



## ECCP Aviation Committee Meeting with AsBAA 20 May 2022

The ECCP and its Aviation Committee had a meeting with the Asian Business Aviation Association last May 20. During the session, participants discussed the Philippine ratification of the Cape Town Agreement for aircraft; the integration of Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) and Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP); privatization efforts of CAAP; as well as the Philippine Transportation Safety Board.



## Digital Skills in ASEAN: What will it take to bridge the talent gap?

25 May 2022

The ECCP, along with the European Business Organisations Worldwide Network, conducted a webinar entitled, "Digital Skills in ASEAN: What will it take to bridge the talent gap?" hosted by EuroCham Singapore last May 25. The online session aims to highlight the challenges and opportunities of the digital workforce for companies operating in the ASEAN region as well as Europe's role in bridging the talent gap. During the webcast, human development professionals and representatives from the European Chambers of Commerce from 4 ASEAN countries—Vietnam, Malaysia, The Philippines, and Singapore—discussed regional workforce strategies for digital business.



## Environment and Water Committee Meeting

16 June 2022

The ECCP Environment and Water Committee held its second committee meeting last 16 June 2022. During the meeting, the members shared industry updates and discussed possible next steps for its policy advocacies. The meeting also featured initial discussions on the Chamber's flagship event for the Water Sector, the Water Challenge Forum Series.



## JFC meeting hosted by JCCIPI

09 June 2022

ECCP President Lars Wittig and Associate Director Sophia Ordoña participated in a hybrid meeting with fellow members of the Joint Foreign Chambers (JFC) of the Philippines last 9 June 2022. Online attendees joined via Zoom while the in-person meeting was held at Dusit Thani Manila. During the session, participants discussed the key priorities of the incoming administration, 18th Congress legislative accomplishments, additional liberalization of foreign equity restrictions, and BIR's new e-invoicing system, among others.



## EU-ABC and Philippine Customs Consultation Meeting

17 June 2022

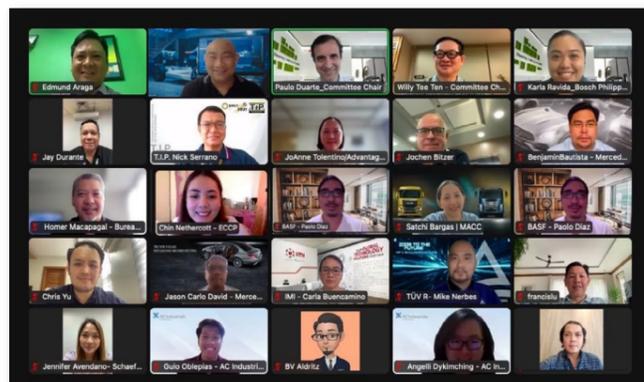
The ECCP participated in a consultation with the Philippine Bureau of Customs and the EU-ASEAN Business Council last 17 June via Zoom. During the session, the Chamber raised the ECCP Customs Committee's concerns on penalties imposed under CAO 01-2020 and CMO 12-2021 specifically preliminary suspension, and the penalties for light infractions. The group also heard updates on the various BOC policies and updates.



## ECCP Automotive Committee Meeting on EVIDA

09 June 2022

The ECCP Automotive Committee had its second quarter meeting last 09 June 2022 to talk about the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act (EVIDA), which lapsed into law in April of this year. The session featured representatives from the Electric Vehicle Association of the Philippines (EVAP), namely its President Mr. Edmund Araga and Executive Director Dr. Jose Bienvenido Manuel Biona, to give an overview of the law as well as provide policy recommendations for the Comprehensive Roadmap for the Electric Vehicle Industry (CREVI). During the session, the committee also tackled its key priorities and recent industry updates.



## JFC Meeting with incoming DOF Secretary Diokno

21 June 2022

Last 21 June, ECCP President Lars Wittig, along with fellow representatives of the Joint Foreign Chambers (JFC) of the Philippines, had a meeting with the current Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor and now incoming Finance Secretary Benjamin "Ben" Diokno at the BSP Executive Business Center. During the session, the JFC welcomed his appointment as the Secretary of Finance and had the opportunity to introduce the new JFC Presidents. The representatives also expressed their interest in working closely with Sec. Diokno in his new capacity.



# New Members Corner

## Premium Member



### AppleOne Properties, Inc.

AppleOne Properties, Inc. is a homegrown property developer and operator with roots deeply entrenched in Cebu and its celebrated culture of local design meeting global standards. With over 12 years of property development expertise under its belt, AppleOne Properties continues to develop landmarks of strength and iconic partnerships, along with multi-awarded projects that compete in a global stage.

Founded by enterprising couple Ray and Venus Manigsaca whose firm belief in teamwork, hard work, prudence and integrity have propelled the company to unprecedented growth over the last 12 years. Through strategic partnerships with major local and international companies, the company continues to expand and is now engaged in the development of residential, hotel and resort, commercial, and healthcare.

## Associate Members



### UC-1 Corporation

Looking to experience the greatest adventure of your life? Be among the first to brave Asia's Longest Dual Zipline and fly like Superman from a launch point at 4,700 feet above sea level. With speeds of up to 90 kph, zoom through lush greenery and breathtaking views only found in the mountains of Dahilayan. Guaranteed safe and fun for every age, Zipzone has become the ultimate adventure destination for young and old alike. Since its opening in September 2009, Zipzone has been visited to over a thousand enthusiasts, including a courageous 2-year-old and a 77-year-old grandpa.

Get the thrill of your life with Zipzone's 840m scream-inducing ride! Bond with families and friends amidst Dahilayan's cool and foggy weather. This is one amazing adventure you will never forget!



### Aboitiz Construction, Inc.

Aboitiz Construction, Inc. is the construction arm of one of the biggest conglomerates in the Philippines, the Aboitiz Group.

A privately-held company, with a 45-year track record in building structures of value with quality and safety in mind that advance businesses and communities.

Our team of engineers, designers, project managers, and support function teams work with clients and stakeholders at every stage of the construction business process to ensure that projects are delivered on time, safely, and with quality.



### Virginia Food, Inc.

Virginia Food Inc. is engaged in the manufacturing, distribution and selling of processed meat products. It started as an agricultural-based company originally registered as Virginia Farms, Inc. in 1968. After several years, it expanded into meat processing and, in 1977, it put up a 2215 sq.m. processing plant with canning facilities. The meat processing operations was later spun off to form a separate company now known as Virginia Food, Inc.



### Foralis Marine And Construction Materials Trading

Part of the Foralis Group of companies. Along with its sister company "Vietnam Foralis Engineering Co. Ltd.", located in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, the group specializes in the manufacturing of ship components and trading of marine & civil construction materials and equipment.



### Hitech Lighting World Corp.

Hitech Lighting World Corporation offers smart & digital quality long-term lighting, solar, and hybrid power solutions together with our selected partners & distributors.

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### WCTI Solar Power Services

Established in 1996 in Davao City as a Renewable Energy Company that specializes in Solar Street Lights and Solar Generators.



### Lacson & Lacson Insurance Brokers Inc.

Lacson & Lacson is one of the leading independent all lines insurance brokers in the Philippines. Established in 1973 and headquartered in Manila, the firm ranks among the top three brokers in terms of paid up capital. Satellite offices in Alabang, Bacolod and Cebu act as servicing arms of the company's head office in Manila. Lacson & Lacson is also the only broker in the Philippines with its own accredited network of providers. In terms of portfolio, the company's business volume is composed of Employee Benefits and Property & Casualty businesses at 50/50 split. 85% of its clients are corporates and 15% are individuals.



### Grab Financial Services Philippines, Inc.

Southeast Asia's largest mobile technology company that connects millions of consumers to millions of drivers, merchants, and businesses. Grab is taking on the largest problems that affect the region, including access inequality, outdated infrastructure, and income disparity.

## Regular Members



### The Covenant Car Company, Inc.

The Covenant Car Company Inc. (TCCCI) is a Filipino-owned company and the exclusive importer and distributor of Morris Garrages automobiles and parts in the Philippines.



### Navfix Flight Services Inc.

Navfix is a Philippine-based flight support services company that specializes in dispatching business jets. Our clients comprise of business jet operators and management companies in Asia and Europe. We are engaged by our clients to prepare, coordinate and conduct all flight-related components to ensure smooth and economically sound and safe travel which includes flight planning, airport coordination, take-off, airspace and landing permits processing, among many other tasks which our clients might require for special flights.



### Royal Canin Philippines, Inc.

Royal Canin Philippines, Inc. was incorporated in the Philippines and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on August 24, 2004. The company is 100% owned by Royal Canin, S.A.S., a company incorporated and domiciled in France. Veterinarian Jean Cathary founded Royal Canin in France in 1968, with the vision of a pet food company grounded in science.



### Michael Page International Recruitment (Philippines) Inc.

Michael Page International is a leading professional recruitment agency specializing in the recruitment of permanent, contract, and temporary positions on behalf of the world's top companies.

The quality of our service is demonstrated by the fact that over 90% of our current business comes from referrals and repeat clients.



### Constantin Serval & Associates (Philippines) Inc.

International audit and consultancy network.



### Airbus Helicopters Philippines Inc.

Airbus is the market leader in the Philippine civil and parapublic segment. It is the only full-fledged set up of an OEM, providing spares, MRO and technical assistance to its operators in the country.



### UHY M.L. Aguirre & Co., CPAs

UHY M.L. Aguirre & Co., CPAs offers "Total Advisory eXperience" to business enterprises and non-profit organizations, primarily banking institutions, savings & loans associations, manufacturing, gaming, real estate, retail, travel, advertising, aerospace, export-oriented, foreign-controlled & affiliated companies, NGOs, cooperatives, and service entities. This unique advisory experience is predicated on a strong sense of professionalism that is highly personalized and responsive to clients' requirements. It also maximizes the client's benefit.

## Foreign-based Members



### Emeritus Institute of Manage. Pte Ltd.

Emeritus is committed to teaching the skills of the future by making high-quality education accessible and affordable to individuals, companies, and governments around the world.



### LT Group, Inc.

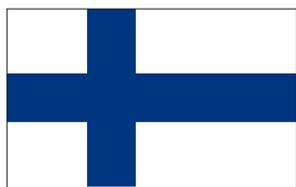
LT Group, Inc. (LTG), one of the Philippines's largest business conglomerates encapsulating some of the country's most well-loved brands in alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages under Asia Brewery, Inc. and Tanduay Distillers, Inc., banking through Philippine National Bank, tobacco through PMFTC Inc., property development through Eton Properties Philippines, Inc. and sugar refining through Victorias Milling Corporation. In 2021, LTG had an attributable net income of Php20.246 billion. As of the end of 2021, LTG had assets of Php1.312 trillion.

## Individual Members

- Claiza Uy
- Ernesto Mascenon



# Business Opportunities



## Finnish sporting goods company is looking for a technical sports bras local manufacturer

A Finnish company is in search of a technical sports bras local manufacturer. The factory must be able to manufacture bra cup molds and have the experience and machinery for producing that. Materials should be durable and of top export quality (Lycra/Polyamide/Polyester/Elastane fabrics).



## Sri Lankan Manufacturer is looking for Distributors and Retailers for high quality plastic durables.

A leading Sri Lankan Manufacturer is looking to appoint Distributors and Retailers in the Philippines Market for high quality plastic durables ranging from Household articles, Furniture, Storage & Organization, Crates & Pallets, Toothbrushes, and Rigid packaging for commercial requirements.

If interested in becoming a partner, we would love to talk to you. Please send us an email to [catherine.lee@eccp.com](mailto:catherine.lee@eccp.com) or visit [www.eccp.com](http://www.eccp.com) for more information. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

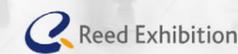
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<p><b>JAN</b></p> <p><b>ISPO MUNICH</b> Sports 21-26   Hybrid   Munich, Germany</p> <hr/> <p><b>FEB</b></p> <p><b>SPRING FAIR</b> Home and Living, Giftware 06-10   Birmingham, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>F.R.E</b> Leisure and Travel 16-20   Munich, Germany</p> <hr/> <p><b>MARCH</b></p> <p><b>INTERNATIONALE HANDWERKSMESSE</b> Construction, Renovation, Refurbishment 09-13   Munich, Germany</p> <p><b>HANDWERK &amp; DESIGN</b> Arts and Design 09-13   Munich, Germany</p> <p><b>IFAT AFRICA</b> Water, Sewage, Recycling, Refuse Johannesburg, South Africa</p> <hr/> <p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p><b>PERFORMANCE DAYS@</b> Fabric 27-28   Hybrid Exhibition Munich, Germany</p> <hr/> <p><b>MAY</b></p> <p><b>OPTI</b> Optics and Design 13-15   Munich, Germany</p>	<p><b>THE TIRE COLOGNE</b> Mobility 24-26   Hybrid   Cologne, Germany</p> <p><b>BAUMA CTT RUSSIA</b> Technology and Construction 24-27   Moscow, Russia</p> <hr/> <p><b>MAY</b></p> <p><b>DIGITALBAU</b> Technology 31-02 Jun   Cologne, Germany</p> <hr/> <p><b>IFAT</b> Water, Sewage, Waste, and Raw Materials 30 May - 3 June   Munich, Germany</p> <p><b>AIR CARGO CHINA</b> Air Cargo and Logistics 15-17   Shanghai, China</p> <p><b>TRANSPORT LOGISTIC CHINA</b> Logistics, Mobility, IT, and Supply Chain Management 15-17   Shanghai, China</p> <p><b>CERAMITEC</b> Ceramics and Technology 21-24   Munich, Germany</p> <p><b>AUTOMATICA</b> Automation and Robotics 21-24   Munich, Germany</p> <hr/> <p><b>JUNE</b></p> <p><b>JAPAN FOOD EXPO</b> Home Decoration, Additives, Bakery, Dairy Products, Meat, Sweets, Food Processing 22-24   Chiba, Japan</p> <hr/> <p><b>JULY</b></p> <p><b>GARTEN MÜNCHEN</b> Garden Design and Garden Culture 06-10   Munich, Germany</p> <p><b>PRODUCTRONICA CHINA</b> Electronics 13-15   Shanghai, China</p> <hr/> <p><b>AUG</b></p> <p><b>M&amp;T EXPO</b> Construction and Mining Machinery 30 Aug - 2 Sep   São Paulo, Brazil</p> <hr/> <p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p><b>MAISON SHANGHAI</b> Design and Lifestyle 12-15   Shanghai, China</p> <p><b>DRINKTEC</b> Beverage and Liquid Food 12-16   Munich, Germany</p> <p><b>OILS+FATS</b> Food Innovation and Technology 12-16   Munich, Germany</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p><b>FURNITURE CHINA 2022</b> Furniture 13-17   Shanghai, China</p> <p><b>PRODUCTRONICA INDIA</b> Electronics 21-23   India</p> <p><b>ELECTRONICA INDIA</b> Electronics, Components, System Applications and Solutions 21-23   India</p> <hr/> <p><b>EXPO REAL</b> Property and Investment 04-06   Munich, Germany</p> <p><b>CHINA BREW CHINA BEVERAGE</b> Food and Beverage 12-15   Shanghai, China</p> <p><b>BAUMA</b> Construction, Machines, Mining, and Automotive 24-30   Munich, Germany</p> <p><b>GLASSTECH ASIA</b> Glass 28-29   Marina Bay Sands, Singapore</p> <hr/> <p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p><b>HEIM+HANDWERK 2022</b> Handicrafts 30 Nov - 4 Dec   Munich, Germany</p> <p><b>FOOD &amp; LIFE 2022</b> Food and Lifestyle 30 Nov - 4 Dec   Munich, Germany</p> <hr/> <p><b>AIR CARGO FORUM MIAMI</b> Air Cargo, Transportation, Logistics 08-10   Miami, Florida, USA</p> <p><b>TRANSPORT LOGISTIC AMERICAS</b> Logistics, Mobility, IT and Supply Chain Management 08-10   Miami, Florida, USA</p> <hr/> <p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p><b>ELECTRONICA</b> Electronics 15-18   Munich, Germany</p> <p><b>BAUMA CHINA</b> Construction, Machines, Mining, and Automotive 22-25   Shanghai, China</p> <hr/> <p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>DRINK TECHNOLOGY INDIA 2022</b> Beverage &amp; Liquid Food 07-09   Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, India</p> <p><b>LASER WORLD OF PHOTONICS INDIA 2022</b> Industrial Solutions 07-09   Mumbai, India</p>
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JULY 2022

**04,19**  
09:00 AM - 12:00 NN

e-Learning

Introduction to the Art and Science of Data Analytics

**04**  
02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

Growth Opportunities:  
Invest, Work, and Stay in Iloilo City

**05**  
09:00 AM - 04:30 PM

e-Learning

Understanding Financial Reports  
Balance Sheet Analysis Module

**06**  
03:30 PM - 05:00 PM

Live, Work, and Invest in Europe  
AVCO Legal

**08**  
09:00 AM - 12:00 NN

e-Learning

The Power of Influence  
and Persuasion

**08**  
02:30 PM - 04:30 PM

The New Center of Economic Gravity:  
Understanding RCEP  
JFC Webinar

**13,14**  
09:00 AM - 12:00 NN

e-Learning

Intermediate to Advanced  
Microsoft Excel Workshop

**14**  
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Live, Work, and Invest  
in Spain and Portugal  
AVCO Legal

**19**  
08:30 AM - 04:30 PM

e-Learning

Understanding Financial Reports  
Accounting for the Basic Financial  
Statements Module | Batch 2

**19**  
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Mobilizing Social Safety Nets for  
the Vulnerable Population: Retirees

**20**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 NN

Technology for Progress:  
Retail to eCommerce

**21,22**  
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e-Learning

Supervisory Leadership:  
Crucial Skills Training for  
Supervisors

**21**  
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1H Real Estate 2022  
Market Overview  
Leechiu Property Consultants

**25**  
02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

Mindanao Talks:  
Innovations of Agribusiness  
for Rural Growth Economy

**29,05 AUG**  
01:00 PM - 05:00 PM

e-Learning

Certified Lean Six Sigma  
Yellow Belt  
Batch 3

