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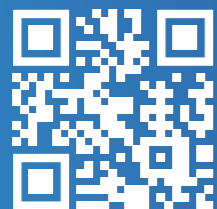
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Editorial

Dear Reader,

The start of 2026 has been marked by significant global and regional developments that continue to shape the business environment in which we operate. Ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East have heightened concerns around global energy security, contributing to volatility in fuel prices and renewed discussions on supply chain resilience. At the same time, governments across Europe and Asia—including the Philippines—are strengthening their focus on energy preparedness and sustainability. In the Philippine context, the declaration of a **State of Energy Emergency** to accelerate critical power infrastructure projects underscores both the urgency and the opportunity for private sector engagement. Alongside these developments, progress in EU–Philippines Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations and broader regional economic cooperation signal encouraging prospects for deeper trade and investment flows. Against this evolving backdrop, the role of a strong, connected, and forward-looking business community has never been more important.

As we reach the end of the first quarter, the Chamber has already delivered a dynamic series of events and engagements, with many more initiatives in the pipeline for the months ahead.

As always, our team remains committed to providing timely initiatives and meaningful opportunities for our members and partners. In this second edition of EuroPH Connect, we spotlight the theme of Healthcare, sharing insights, best practices, and collaboration opportunities aimed at strengthening healthcare systems and improving outcomes.

In line with this theme, we are pleased to feature His Excellency Andreas Pfaffernoschke, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, who offers valuable perspectives on Germany’s healthcare system, ongoing initiatives, and the country’s growing business relations with the Philippines. You may read more on page 8.

We are also honored to feature Edwin Mercado, President and CEO of PhilHealth, who highlights the agency’s current programs and its efforts to address key challenges within the Philippine healthcare sector. Further details can be found on page 12.

Beyond these features, we are pleased to share key highlights from the Chamber’s activities over the past months. In January, we launched the 2026 edition of the Doing Business in the Philippines Guidebook, followed by our annual European Ambassadors’ Meeting, which served as a platform for discussions on pressing economic issues, shared priorities, and upcoming ASEAN-related initiatives. Shortly thereafter, we hosted the 2026 New Year’s Reception, welcoming more than 300 guests for an evening of meaningful networking and renewed collaboration.

In February, we further advanced our advocacy efforts. The Chamber actively supported the ongoing EU–Philippines FTA negotiations through engagements with a high-level delegation from the European Parliament’s Committee on International Trade (INTA). In parallel, several advocacy committee meetings were convened to align industry priorities and prepare for upcoming flagship initiatives and dialogues with government stakeholders.



Florian Gottein
ECCP Executive Director

March proved equally active and impactful. We held our first luncheon meeting of the year with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), offering members the opportunity for direct dialogue with regulators. In celebration of International Women’s Month, the ECCP—together with its Women in Business Committee—organized the Women Who Shape Tomorrow: Giving to Gain Progress forum, an inspiring platform highlighting leadership, empowerment, and progress among women in business.

The Chamber also successfully launched the first ECCP Community Connect of the year, marking the tenth edition of this flagship initiative and bringing together both new and longstanding members in a collaborative setting. This was followed by the inaugural European Ambassadors’ Cup, which united members of the diplomatic corps and senior business leaders for a day of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Building on this strong sense of community, we invite you to look forward to the 24th ECCP Golf Tournament in November 2026—further details will be shared in the coming months.

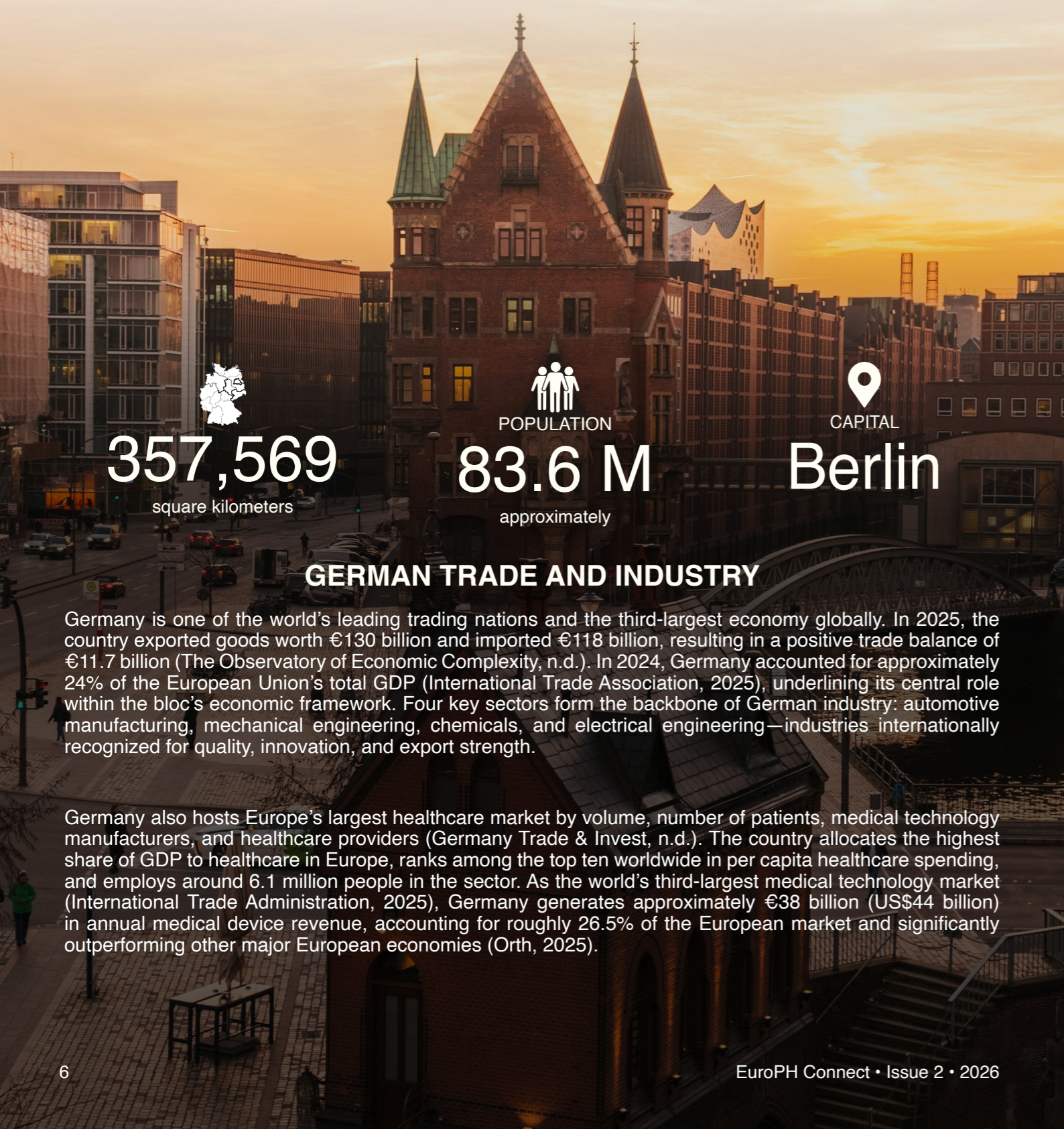
For additional updates, we encourage you to visit the Advocacy Corner on page 22, where we provide insights into our ongoing engagements with key government agencies and highlight committee-driven initiatives addressing critical industry concerns.

We are also pleased to welcome our newest members in the New Members Corner on page 78. This issue further includes updates from our branches in Manila, Cebu, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, Clark, and Iloilo, as well as information on upcoming events, training programs, and international trade fairs that may be of interest to you.

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of EuroPH Connect. Thank you, as always, for your continued trust and engagement. We look forward to working closely with you in unlocking new opportunities and strengthening our shared success throughout 2026.

Warm regards,
Florian

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GERMAN TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Germany is one of the world's leading trading nations and the third-largest economy globally. In 2025, the country exported goods worth €130 billion and imported €118 billion, resulting in a positive trade balance of €11.7 billion (The Observatory of Economic Complexity, n.d.). In 2024, Germany accounted for approximately 24% of the European Union's total GDP (International Trade Association, 2025), underlining its central role within the bloc's economic framework. Four key sectors form the backbone of German industry: automotive manufacturing, mechanical engineering, chemicals, and electrical engineering—industries internationally recognized for quality, innovation, and export strength.

Germany also hosts Europe's largest healthcare market by volume, number of patients, medical technology manufacturers, and healthcare providers (Germany Trade & Invest, n.d.). The country allocates the highest share of GDP to healthcare in Europe, ranks among the top ten worldwide in per capita healthcare spending, and employs around 6.1 million people in the sector. As the world's third-largest medical technology market (International Trade Administration, 2025), Germany generates approximately €38 billion (US\$44 billion) in annual medical device revenue, accounting for roughly 26.5% of the European market and significantly outperforming other major European economies (Orth, 2025).

GERMANY



Geographical Location: Situated at the heart of Central Europe, Germany features a diverse landscape, ranging from the flat northern plains to the mountainous southern terrains. The country shares land borders with Denmark in the north; Poland and the Czech Republic to the east; Austria and Switzerland to the south; and France, Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands to the west. In addition, it has approximately 1,200 km of coastline along the North and Baltic Sea.

Climate: Germany has a predominantly temperate climate influenced by maritime air from the North Sea, bringing moderate temperatures and year-round precipitation. Most of the country falls within the temperate oceanic zone. Toward the east and southeast, conditions become more continental, with colder winters and greater seasonal contrasts, while the highest Alpine areas may exhibit subarctic characteristics. Four distinct seasons shape the year: spring (March–May), summer (June–August), autumn (September–November), and winter (December–February).

Official Language: German

Government Type: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Standard of Living: Germany has a per capita average household net-adjusted disposable income of USD 38 971, which is higher than the USD 30 490 OECD average. Approximately 77% of Germans between the ages of 15 and 64 work for a living, which is higher than the OECD employment average of 66%.

Organizations:

- United Nations (1973)
- World Health Organization (1951)
- European Union (1958)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (1955)
- Council of Europe (1950)
- International Monetary Fund (1952)
- World Bank Group (1952)
- World Trade Organization (1995)
- Asian Development Bank (1996)

FINANCIAL DISTRICT

Germany's principal financial district is located in Frankfurt am Main, one of the foremost banking centers in continental Europe. The city is home to the Deutsche Bundesbank and the European Central Bank, placing it at the core of both national and Eurozone monetary policy. Prior to the euro's introduction in 2002, the Bundesbank issued and managed the deutsche mark and played a central role in preparing for the common currency, reinforcing Germany's reputation for financial stability. Today, Frankfurt hosts more than 200 financial institutions, over 80% of which are foreign banks, alongside a dense network of supervisory authorities, insurance companies, asset managers, and legal and professional services firms

INTERESTING FACTS

- The world's largest beer festival, Oktoberfest, is held annually in Munich. Despite its name, the celebration begins in September and concludes in early October. Originally established in 1810 to celebrate the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese ("Oktoberfest", 2024), it has become an international symbol of Bavarian culture, tradition, and hospitality.
- Before e-readers and paperbacks, the printed book itself was revolutionary. In the mid-15th century, Johannes Gutenberg of Mainz refined the movable-type printing press, enabling large-scale book production in Europe. His most celebrated work, the Gutenberg Bible, published in 1455, marked a turning point in history (National Geographic Society, 2023).
- Germany boasts over 20,000 castles, more than the number of McDonald's locations in the United States (Ramirez, 2026), reflecting centuries of regional power and architectural ambition. Among the most celebrated is Neuschwanstein Castle, the 19th century hilltop palace whose romantic silhouette is said to have inspired Disney's iconic castle (Todd, 2019).
- The English name "Germany" derives from Latin Germania, used by the Romans to describe territories north of the Alps inhabited by various tribes. However, the country is known by different names across Europe: Allemagne in French and Alemania in Spanish, both referencing the Alemanni tribe (Bartholomew, 2024).

TOP 3 TOURISM DESTINATIONS



COLOGNE CATHEDRAL

The Cologne Cathedral stands as one of Germany's most iconic tourism landmarks and a masterpiece of Gothic architecture. With the construction beginning in 1248 and only completed 1880, the successive generations of builders remained remarkably faithful to the original plans.



ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER

Germany's enchanting medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber is celebrated for its storybook charm, with impeccably preserved half-timbered houses adorned with flower boxes and winding cobblestone lanes that lead to the iconic Plönlein, one of the most photographed corners in the country.



LAKE KÖNIGSSEE

Picturesquely nestled by the dramatic cliffs of the Berchtesgaden Alps, Königssee stretches nearly 8km in a striking, fjord-like form. Translating to "King's Lake," it lives up to its regal name with clear emerald waters set beneath Watzmann, within Berchtesgaden National Park.

Interview with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the
Republic of the Philippines

H.E. Dr. Andreas Michael Pfaffernoschke



Since first arriving in the Philippines to take up your post as German Ambassador, what have been your observations on the relations between Germany and the Philippines?

Germany and the Philippines share a relationship built on mutual respect, shared values, and a commitment to cooperation across multiple domains. Since arriving as Ambassador in 2023, I have been impressed by the vibrant dialogue between our societies and mutual interests of Germany and the Philippines. Our partnership emphasizes not only strong economic ties, including trade and investments, but also shared commitments to democracy, human rights, and sustainable development, reflecting Germany's interest-driven foreign policy principles of security, freedom, and prosperity.

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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 its ASEAN neighbors?

The Philippines' greatest strength lies in its people! Filipino professionals are widely recognized for their skill sets, English proficiency, and cultural versatility. All these are key assets in navigating European markets. Furthermore, the Philippines show a growing interest in innovation and sustainability. This aligns very well with German and European priorities as we put emphasis on sustainable and competitive technologies.

The Philippines' strategic location in the Indo-Pacific makes it an ideal hub for trade. Europe as well as the ASEAN countries want to diversify trade partnerships promoting economic security, open markets and rules-based trade. This forms an ideal basis for even closer collaboration in the future.

What do German businesses find most attractive about doing business with the Philippines? What are their main considerations in entering the Philippine market?

German businesses find skilled workforce in the Philippines. Filipino employees are proficient in English, which facilitates easy communication and collaboration. Often

Filipino employees have experience in working abroad, which makes them highly open-minded, also with regard to different styles of communication and working cultures. The Filipino culture and sense of family, which is unique to the Philippines, are invaluable assets for every business entering the Philippine market. Other important factors for German companies entering the Philippine market are a growing population with more than 110 million people, a growing economy with growth rates significantly higher than the rates in Germany, and existing infrastructure to do business.

What efforts have been put in place to expand German companies across the Philippines? Which sectors are German businesses most active in?

German businesses are particularly active in manufacturing and production, benefiting from the highly skilled Philippine workforce. Their engagements span various sectors, including aviation with Lufthansa Technik Philippines, automotive industries, healthcare, and sustainable infrastructure.

Germany actively supports German-Philippine economic relations on multiple levels. Politically, Germany collaborates closely with the Philippines to create favorable market entry conditions and reduce trade barriers. Practically, the German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GPCCI) offers comprehensive support in market entry and business planning, helping companies navigate the Philippine market effectively.

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

Despite the geographical distance, Germany and the Philippines enjoy close ties through people-to-people exchanges in business, academe, and culture, forming a solid foundation for robust trade relations. In the future, our trade relations will likely focus on green technology, sustainable industries, and digital transformation.

To fully unlock the potential of German-Philippine cooperation, it is essential to expand joint initiatives while actively working to reduce trade barriers. Furthermore, vocational and technical training for Filipino workers could ensure long-term success for German and European businesses. Many German companies entering the Philippine market prioritize sustainability over short-term profitability, contributing to lasting, mutually beneficial partnerships.

How would you describe the current state of Germany's healthcare system in terms of accessibility, quality, and financial sustainability?

Germany's healthcare system is universally accessible, offering broad coverage through statutory and private insurance. The quality of the health care system is high, underpinned by advanced medical facilities and skilled professionals. Financial sustainability is a concern due to an aging population and rising healthcare costs, especially within the German public insurance system. While the system is robust, it is facing challenges in the form of demographic shifts and healthcare worker shortages.

Healthcare spending represents a major share of Germany's national budget. How does the government balance investment in preventive care, hospital services, and medical innovation to ensure long-term sustainability and resilience of the healthcare system?

Germany balances healthcare spending by prioritizing preventive care through public health campaigns and screening programs, aiming to reduce long-term treatment costs. Hospital services receive significant investment to maintain a high standard of care and ensure access across regions, while medical innovation is supported through funding for research and technological advancements. Public-private partnerships also help manage costs, with private insurance contributing additional resources. Despite this, demographic challenges and rising costs require ongoing reforms to maintain financial sustainability.

Germany has accelerated healthcare digitalization in recent years. What role will digital transformation play in improving efficiency and patient outcomes?

I see great potential for AI to improve the quality of healthcare overall. Digital transformation in Germany's healthcare system can improve efficiency by streamlining administrative tasks, reducing waiting times, and enabling remote consultations through telemedicine. In line with our data protection law, electronic health records might allow for better coordination between providers in the future. Digital tools can support preventive care through health tracking and personalized treatments, potentially leading to more precise diagnoses and treatment plans.

The European Union, through the EU4Health program, aims to ensure a high level of health protection across member states. How does Germany align its national healthcare policies with these EU objectives, particularly in terms of health promotion and disease prevention?

The challenges facing the German healthcare system are not unique in Europe. In fact, many European countries are dealing with ageing populations and rising costs. Therefore, it is only logical that we address these issues not only at a national level, but also at the European level. We need to address the challenges all member states are facing in the health sector with a common approach in line with the European single market, which allows for cross border mobility of employees and patients alike. The Covid pandemic has also shown us that diseases do not stop at borders. In my view, our national healthcare policies and EU objectives complement each other. At the national level, we must focus on the accessibility, quality and financial sustainability of healthcare, while at the EU level, we must address cross border threats and challenges in order to promote health.

As a member of the European Commissions, how has Germany strengthened crossborder healthcare cooperation, and what measures are in place to ensure continuity of care for citizens across EU borders?

Germany shares borders with nine countries, eight of them being members of the European Union. This geographical position inherently positions Germany as a key actor in fostering cross-border cooperation within various sectors,

including healthcare. This is why we support initiatives such as the EU4Health program to enhance healthcare cooperation or the EU regulation on cross-border healthcare, which aims to address administrative barriers and improve patient access across borders.

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Germany has faced growing shortages in its healthcare workforce. How has the Triple Win Project, an agreement between the German Federal Employment Agency (BA) and Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), contributed to addressing these shortages, particularly among nurses and general practitioners? What lessons can be drawn from this model for future international cooperation?

I am convinced that initiatives such as the successful Triple Win Project are essential for addressing the demographic and financial challenges currently facing Germany's healthcare and care sectors. Triple Win takes a holistic approach: our aim is to recruit nurses and care workers from the Philippines to work in Germany. However, it is equally important to us that this migration happens on an equal footing. This is why we want migrant workers to live and work in Germany, integrating them into our society. We also recognize the administrative and linguistic hurdles Filipino migrant workers have to overcome. Our Triple Win program therefore provides not only opportunities for on-the-job training and further education, but also language training. Germany has had excellent experiences with young, skilled and motivated Filipino workers so far. I hope that we will expand our German-Philippine cooperation within the Triple Win project and beyond, in order to strengthen German Filipino bilateral and people-to-people relations.



Building a Healthier Philippines: PhilHealth's Shift from Treatment to Prevention

By Dr. Edwin M. Mercado, President & CEO,
Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)



For more than three decades, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) has served as the country's financial safety net for hospitalization. Today, under the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act, PhilHealth is undertaking a decisive shift, moving the health system toward primary care and prevention. Our goal is no longer just to pay for hospital stays; it is to help Filipinos stay healthy and prevent disease.

This shift repositions PhilHealth from a passive payer into a strategic purchaser of health services. Instead of merely reimbursing claims, resources are directed toward evidence-based interventions that deliver measurable health outcomes. Public spending follows protocols that ensure value for money while encouraging providers to deliver the right care at the right time. In practical terms, this means moving upstream by addressing risks early, managing conditions before complications arise, and reducing the need for costly hospital care.

The urgency of this transition reflects the country's evolving health challenges. The Philippines faces a triple burden of disease. Non-communicable diseases account for 68 percent of deaths, with eight of the top ten causes linked to conditions such as heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. At the same time, infectious diseases like tuberculosis and dengue persist, while injuries, mental health concerns, and lifestyle-related risks continue to rise. These overlapping pressures strain a system historically centered on hospitals. Around 30 percent of hospital beds are occupied by conditions that could have been managed at the primary care level, pointing to a mismatch between how care is delivered and where it is most effective.

Strengthening primary care is therefore essential. Many of the most serious and costly illnesses begin as manageable conditions. When addressed early, they can be controlled at significantly lower cost while improving quality of life and reducing the burden on hospitals. Primary care also enables continuous, relationship-based care that supports individuals throughout their health journey rather than only during episodes of illness.

Financial protection must work hand in hand with access. Check-ups alone do not improve health if treatment remains out of reach. PhilHealth's YAKAP Program supports essential primary care services, including consultations and diagnostics, while PhilHealth GAMOT covers necessary medicines, from maintenance drugs for chronic conditions to antibiotics, at little to no cost. Together, these interventions ensure that care continues beyond diagnosis and leads to better health outcomes.

Expanding access at scale also calls for deeper collaboration. Public facilities alone cannot meet growing and increasingly complex healthcare demands, making private sector participation indispensable. PhilHealth is strengthening partnerships with private providers to build an integrated network where patients can move seamlessly across levels of care, from community-based services to specialized treatment. This improves patient outcomes while creating opportunities for investment in health infrastructure, service delivery, and innovation.

Digitalization reinforces these efforts by improving efficiency, transparency, and trust. Tools such as the PhilHealth Check Utility enable real-time validation, reduce errors, and accelerate claims processing, ensuring that resources are used where they matter most.

Taken together, these reforms mark a deliberate transition toward a more resilient and equitable health system. By aligning financing with prevention, strengthening primary care, expanding partnerships, and leveraging digital solutions, PhilHealth is helping build a system that fulfills the promise of Universal Health Care. From a fragmented, hospital-centered system to a seamless continuum of care, PhilHealth is shifting from reacting to illness toward supporting Filipinos in maintaining their health. This is the future of health care in the Philippines, and PhilHealth is committed to making it a reality.



The Heart of Care: Why Modern Travelers are Choosing the Philippines for Personal Health

By Dr. Kim Ploteña,
Medical Director, Centre Médicale Internationale

Healthcare today has found a new home beyond traditional borders. With the world more connected than ever, the act of traveling for health has taken on a deeper and more personal meaning. More individuals are venturing abroad not just for the journey, but for the reassurance of a trusted medical opinion and the comfort of specialized attention. This intersection of travel and medicine is what we now call healthcare tourism.

As a physician and an internist, I see this trend as a reflection of a more empowered patient. People are no longer settling for a one-size-fits-all approach; they are proactively seeking medical homes that align with their lifestyle, their values, and their expectations for excellence.

A Destination Defined by Sincerity

The Philippines is uniquely positioned in this landscape, offering a rare blend of advanced medical infrastructure and genuine humanity. While our English proficiency and modern clinics make the logistics seamless, it is the compassionate spirit of Filipino healthcare that truly defines the experience. We do not just manage cases; we care for people. This innate warmth helps dissolve the travel jitters that often come with navigating a healthcare system far from home.

Precision Meets Personality: The Power of Tailored Medicine

In my years of practice, I have learned that the most important medical data point is the patient's own story. No two journeys are the same, and your healthcare should be as unique as your own fingerprint.

At Centre Médicale Internationale (CMI), we believe in healthcare thought through. This is a deliberate and personalized approach to medicine that considers your lifestyle, family history, and long-term health goals. We treat medicine with the precision of a craft, moving away from reactive treatments toward preventive and predictive care.

Imagine catching a potential health risk during a routine executive check-up while on a business trip, simply because a physician took the time to understand your family history and daily environment. Our goal is to detect these risks early and guide patients toward lasting health. After all, the true purpose of medicine is to ensure you can be healthy for what you love, whether that is your family, your career, or your next great adventure.

BGC: An Urban Sanctuary for Health

Our home is Bonifacio Global City (BGC), the vibrant heartbeat of modern Metro Manila. BGC is a district designed for the global citizen. It is safe, walkable, and filled with culture and fine dining, making it an ideal setting for those prioritizing their health.

Whether you are here for a week of meetings or relocating permanently, CMI is designed to fit seamlessly into your life. We have moved away from the cold, intimidating feel of a traditional hospital. Instead, we have created a space that feels more like a private lounge where clinical precision meets the comfort of a welcoming home.

The Essence of Healing: Keeping it Human

Even as technology and medical advancements reshape what is possible, the most powerful tool a doctor has is a listening ear.

For the international traveler, arriving for healthcare can feel like a vulnerable step. Our role goes beyond lab results; we are here to provide clarity, reassurance, and a sense of partnership. Filipino healthcare professionals are recognized globally for their attentiveness, and at CMI, we believe that this human connection is what turns a medical consultation into a truly restorative experience.

The future of healthcare tourism is not just about the number of visitors; it is about the quality of life those visitors lead after they leave our care.

Whether you are a long-time resident of the Philippines or a traveler discovering our shores for the first time, our commitment remains the same: to deliver care that recognizes your uniqueness. We invite you to discover a version of healthcare that is not just about getting better, but about living your most vibrant-healthy life, so you can be healthy for what you love.

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Boehringer Ingelheim launches community-based kidney health screening efforts

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) often goes unnoticed until it reaches an advanced stage, when kidney function has already significantly declined. By this point, many patients require dialysis, bringing substantial financial strain and emotional burden to families.

In the Philippines, an estimated 13 million Filipinos or 11.2% population are living with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). Currently, 1 out of 3 patients are already in Stages 3–5, where the cost of care can increase up to 11x compared with timely detection and early intervention.¹

To help address this growing health challenge, Boehringer Ingelheim launched “Iwas Dialysis, Ligtas Kidneys: Get CheCKD Habang Maaga Pa!,” an initiative aimed at improving early detection and increasing kidney health awareness at the community level. The program officially kicked off with a pilot run in District 1, Quezon City, followed by a city-wide rollout in Antipolo City.

Iwas Dialysis, Ligtas Kidneys: Get CheCKD Habang Maaga Pa! falls under Boehringer Ingelheim’s Sustainable Development for Generations (SD4G) commitment to improve health equity and outcomes for 50 million people in underserved communities worldwide. By working directly with barangay health centers, the program ensures that kidney health services such as screening and education are accessible to all residents.

“Our SD4G commitment guides us to work where the needs are greatest,” shared Dr. Bin Wang, General Manager, Boehringer Ingelheim (Philippines), Inc. “By partnering with barangay health centers and equipping community health workers, we help bring essential kidney health services closer to families who may otherwise have limited access. Early detection can make a real difference in people’s lives, and we are proud to support these efforts.”

Key program components include kidney health screenings, community education sessions, and practical guidance to help residents better understand their health and reduce long-term risks. Patients with abnormal screening results are guided towards timely referrals to appropriate healthcare facilities. To date, more than 1,500 Filipinos have received kidney health screening through the initiative.

“Symptoms such as fatigue, nausea, or skin irritation are often overlooked or mistaken for minor

concerns,” shared Dr. Greta Cortez, Head of Medicine at Boehringer Ingelheim (Philippines), Inc. “As a result, many patients only receive a diagnosis during an emergency or when managing conditions. Early screening, especially with individuals with diabetes or hypertension, allows us to intervene and help prevent progression to end-stage renal disease.”

“When one family member has Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), the entire family suffers emotionally and financially. We want to break that cycle. By bringing kidney health screenings directly

to our barangays, we are giving our parents and grandparents a chance to stay healthy and present for their loved ones. Alagaan natin ang ating mga bato, para sa kinabukasan ng ating pamilya (Let’s take care of our kidneys to safeguard our family’s future),” urged Antipolo City Mayor Casimiro “Jun” A. Ynares III, M.D.

A central element of the program is the empowerment of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs). Through targeted training, BHWs are given training and tools that empower them to become community kidney health advocates. BHWs are equipped to perform initial health assessments, master effective patient communication, and assist in conducting urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio (uACR) tests. The program has trained over 200 healthcare providers (doctors and barangay health workers), representing 20 barangays.

Albumin, a specific type of protein, in the urine is an important early indicator of kidney damage. With portable and user-friendly technology, BHWs support nurses in conducting uACR tests that deliver quick results and enable earlier identification of at-risk individuals – often before symptoms appear.

While diabetes and hypertension remain the leading causes of CKD², additional factors such as age, smoking, obesity, and family history also increase risk. Lifestyle habits, particularly high-sugar and high-sodium diets, chronic stress, and physical inactivity, further contribute to the disease burden.

“Early detection is life-saving. We welcome efforts that strengthen early kidney screening and raise awareness across our barangays about the importance of renal health,” stated Quezon City Councilor Dorothy Delarmente. “With the support of our health partners and dedicated barangay officials, more residents will now have access to free check-ups, proper medical knowledge, and essential services.”

For more information on Chronic Kidney Disease, please visit ItStartsWithYou.com.ph.



Dr. Greta Cortez, Head of Medicine at Boehringer Ingelheim Philippines underscores how early symptoms of kidney disease are often overlooked, stressing the importance of routine screening to enable timely intervention and prevent progression to advanced stages that may require dialysis.

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ECCP forum champions women, promotes more inclusive business community

Makati City, Philippines — On 11 March 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines held Women Who Shape Tomorrow: Giving to Gain Progress at the Makati Diamond Residences, Makati City.

In celebration of the International Women’s Month, the event brought together a powerhouse group of women leaders, changemakers, and advocates from various sectors and industries for a meaningful forum on how intentional support advances women’s participation and leadership. It featured a dynamic program of presentations, panel discussions, and a networking opportunity that underscored the impact of women in shaping progress, while also highlighting the stereotypes and challenges that still persist today.

Key perspectives on what institutions can do to strengthen women’s participation in the workplace and communities, alongside the importance of investing in women’s health and wellness, were shared by Ms. Paula Ferrer Cheng, Mind You’s Head of Research and Development, and Dr. Emmie Liza Perez-Chiong, Undersecretary of the Department of Health (DOH), respectively.

“Women’s wellness is the greatest investment in leadership we can make—not a cost, but a multiplier of strength and productivity,” said DOH Undersecretary Chiong, emphasizing that women’s wellness should be prioritized in every policy, workplace, and household.

The first session of the program concluded with an engaging panel discussion featuring the speakers and Ms. Samantha Betia-Pagdanganan, ACCIONA’s Head of Marketing for Southeast Asia. Moderated by Dr. Diana Edralin, ECCP Vice President, the discussion highlighted how the celebration of the Women’s Month serves as a reminder of all the progress made in championing women empowerment and gender equality. At the same time, it echoed a common theme: that the spirit of the celebration must extend beyond the month itself, as the call to support women across sectors continues every day.

The second part of the program continued the conversation with more powerful stories and reflections from women leaders across industries. Speakers highlighted how creating real opportunities for women—whether in business, leadership, or community initiatives—can lead to meaningful and lasting impact.

“Inclusion means women are not just present, they are influential. Not just invited but heard. Not just visible, but part of succession planning. The difference between symbolic diversity and real inclusion is intentionality—and that intentionality must begin at the top,” stated Ms. Iris Palacio, Chief Risk and Compliance Officer of HSBC Philippines.

Mentorship and sponsorship also emerged as a key theme throughout the discussions. Several speakers emphasized the importance of guiding and supporting the next generation of women leaders, recognizing that progress is sustained when experience and knowledge are shared.

Ms. Toni B. Tompar, Executive Vice President of Operations at TP in the Philippines, shared: “It challenges us all to take a look at the next woman next to you. Who is it in your company that can learn from you? And I am part of Gen X, so I look to the Gen Z, and I always look to them and say, ‘These are the women leaders that’s going to come and rise soon.’ I may not understand their language, but I do know that there is a certain humanity and there is a certain emotional strength that the next generation of leaders are going to have.”

The second group of speakers also included Ms. Gina Romero, Founder of Connected Women; Ms. Mariana Zobel de Ayala, U-GO Board Advisor and Managing Director of Ayala Corporation; Dr. Maria Caironza Salcedo, Medical Operations Manager, mWell-KonsultaMD; and Ms. Geeta Royyuru, Head of HR at Unilever Philippines.

Led by Ms. Ruth Yu-Owen, President & CEO of Upgrade Energy Philippines, a second panel discussion followed with panelists Ms. Nina Abad, TP in the Philippines’ Vice President of Operations, and Ms. Sierra Basmayor-Ng, Unilever’s Head of Customer Service & Logistics. During the dialogue, speakers shared empowering advice, personal reflections, and stories, while participants had the opportunity to ask questions.

The event was graced with the presence of H.E. Emma Hickey, Irish Ambassador to the Philippines and H.E. Smiljana Knez, Slovenian Ambassador to the Philippines, who delivered messages of support at the beginning of the program. Video messages from Risa Hontiveros, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality, and Ermelita Valdeavilla, Chairperson of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), also underscored the importance of advancing gender equality and empowering women across sectors.

ECCP President Paulo Duarte and Vice President Roman Menz, along with ECCP Women in Business Committee (WIB) Chair Sheila Lobien and Co-Chair Jen Francisco, attended the event. It was hosted by Ms. Abi Paco, Executive Headhunter at Global Executive Solutions Group (GESG).

At the ECCP, women are championed and recognized for their role in shaping industries and redefining progress. The organization continues to support women’s leadership while exploring ways to build a more inclusive and forward-thinking business community.

The success of the Women Who Shape Tomorrow: Giving to Gain Progress was made possible through the support extended by Event Partners Ayala Foundation and U-GO, HSBC Philippines, Mind You, mWell KonsultaMD, TP in the Philippines, and Unilever Philippines, Inc.; Event Supporter ACCIONA; Table Top Partners B. Braun, Centre Medicale Internationale, Nague Malic Magnawa and Associates Customs Brokers; Food and Beverage Partner Le Cellier French Wine Selection; and Raffle Partners 8 Studio Philippines and Sinaya Cup.





ECCP highlights PH economic momentum, launches guidebook for investors

Makati City, Philippines – The Philippines emerges as a promising investment destination, fueled by resilient economic growth and policy reforms attracting foreign investment. This outlook is reinforced by forward-looking and proactive initiatives, as highlighted by the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) at a press conference on Thursday, 22 January 2026.

“Despite global uncertainties, the Philippine economy remains resilient. Driven by a young, growing population and strong English proficiency, the Philippines continues to be among the fastest-growing economies in ASEAN,” said ECCP President Duarte. This resilience is reflected in a record GNI per capita of USD 4,470, placing the country below the upper-middle income status; a 1.7% inflation rate in 2025; and a steady economic growth, which averaged over 5% in the first half of the year.

Remittances from overseas Filipino workers also continue to bolster the economy, while ongoing negotiations for the Europe-Philippines Free Trade Agreement (EU-PH FTA) present new avenues for trade and investment – strengthening the country’s readiness to engage in meaningful international partnerships.

ECCP’s 2025 Business Sentiment Survey further revealed that 70% of the European-Philippine business community plan to increase trade and investment in the next year. However, advancing reforms is imperative to sustain investor confidence, as 90% of respondents still face barriers, particularly due to complex taxation, customs inefficiencies, and regulatory inconsistencies in the Philippine business environment.

The government is actively modernizing policies to attract foreign investors through measures such as the Enhanced Fiscal Regime for Large-Scale Metallic Mining, designed to provide a predictable and transparent tax framework for investors; the Green Lanes for Strategic Investments, accelerating permit and licensing processes; and Konektadong Pinoy, which simplifies licensing, promotes infrastructure sharing, and allows new players to enter without a legislative franchise.

In addition, reforms in the financial and investment sectors strengthen the country’s investment appeal. The Capital Markets Efficiency Promotion Act (CMEPA) enhances market competitiveness and is expected to generate over ₱25 billion in revenue by 2030, while amendments to the Investors’ Lease Act allow foreign investors to lease private land for up to 99 years, providing greater certainty and flexibility for long-term investments.

“These reforms, alongside ongoing ease of doing business initiatives and the CREATE MORE Act, continue to improve the investment climate and reinforce investor confidence,” said Duarte. “The Philippines’ exit from the FATF Greylist is [also] a pivotal moment that significantly bolsters our

international credibility,” he added.

The ECCP President stressed that “beyond these specific milestones, we recognize that the Ease of Doing Business is not defined by a single law, but by a continuous commitment to progress.” This requires the consistent efforts of agencies and sectors in dismantling procedural barriers for investors.

As a foreign chamber, Duarte said the ECCP’s advocacy extends beyond the Philippines and ASEAN, reflecting its commitment to strengthening European–Philippine engagement globally.

“Central to the Chamber’s agenda is driving increased trade and investments, improving the business environment, and championing sustainability and digitalization,” added Duarte. The ECCP also promotes the Green Economy Program and pushes for reforms such as the Construction Licensing for foreign contractors, and strengthening of the Anti Red-Tape and Ease of Doing Business Act, among others.

Guide to Doing Business in the Philippines

To showcase invaluable resources for businesses navigating the local landscape, the ECCP, DivinaLaw, and the Department of Trade and Industry-Board of Investments, unveiled the latest edition of its Doing Business in the Philippines Publication alongside key government officials and heads of European diplomatic missions.

This year’s edition introduces significant updates, including new chapters covering key sectors poised for growth in 2026, such as real estate, mining, renewable energy, fintech, and telecommunications.

“For us at the ECCP, improving the Ease of Doing Business is not just a goal; it is our central mission. Through persistent advocacy and our close collaboration with both government and industry, we seek to build a climate of predictability and confidence for every investor,” ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein stated during the press conference.

The launch was joined by distinguished guests, including H.E. Massimo Santoro, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines; H.E. Christian Halaas Lyster, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Manila; Atty. Nilo T. Divina, DivinaLaw Managing Partner; Atty. Danny E. Bunyi, Senior Partner of Divina Law; Atty. Bobby G. Fondevilla, Executive Director of the Investment Assistance Center, Philippine Board of Investments; and Director Ernesto De Los Reyes, Jr. of the Investment Assistance Service, Philippine Board of Investments.



Advocacy Corner

ECCP and AsBAA Meeting with the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines and Department of Transportation 14 January 2026



On 14 January, the European Chamber of Commerce, together with the Asian Business Aviation Association, met with key officials from the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) and Department of Transportation (DOTr).

Discussions during the meeting centered on the participation of the Philippines in the upcoming Singapore Airshow as well as the preliminary preparations for the 2026 Philippine Aviation Summit. Present at the meeting were DOTr Undersecretary for Aviation and Airports Jim Sydiongco, CAAP Director General LT GEN Raul Del Rosario AFP (Ret), CAAP Deputy Director General for Administration Atty. Danjun Lucas, and CAAP Deputy Director General for Operations LT GEN Rozzano D Briguez AFP (Ret).

Representing ECCP were Jussi Hoikka, Board of Directors; Atty. Mannix Manalo, ECCP Aviation Committee Co-Chairperson; Arci Catalan, Associate Director for Events; and Joaquin Reloj, Industry and Government Affairs Manager.

ARTA Business Environment Strengthening through Technology (BEST) NEHEMIA Wrap-Up Forum 15 January 2026

The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), organized the Business Environment Strengthening through Technology (BEST) NEHEMIA Wrap-Up Forum last 15 January.

With the focus on Strengthening Reforms in Digital Infrastructure and Renewable Energy, the forum marked the culmination of ARTA and ADB's collaboration under the BEST Program, highlighting key reform initiatives and outputs developed for the Renewable Energy and Digital Infrastructure sectors. Key speakers include ARTA Director General Ernesto V. Perez, Department of Information Communication Technology Assistant Secretary Maria Victoria Castro, Department of Trade and Industry - Bureau of Investment Director Ernesto C. Delos Reyes, and Department of Energy Assistant Director Ruby D. De Guzman.

Representing the ECCP at this event was Austin Sy, Industry and Government Affairs Manager.

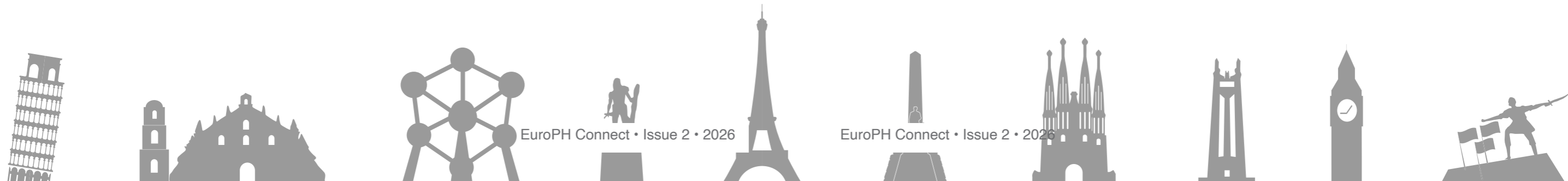


DOF-BSP's "Big Bold Reforms: The Philippines 2026" 16 January 2026

The Department of Finance (DOF) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) gathered government economic officials and business leaders at its Big Bold Reforms: The Philippines 2026 event held last 16 January in Bonifacio Global City.

The high-level dialogue aimed to nurture partnership with the business community and reinforce investor confidence in the country. Discussions during the event centered on underscoring the government's resolve to pursue reforms that strengthen good governance and drive sustainable development.

Key cabinet officials and heads of agencies provided concrete updates on the Philippine economy, reform priorities, and strategic initiatives designed to support inclusive and resilient growth for the year ahead.



CIPE Leveraging Investment Screening to Foster Constructive Capital Inflows

20 January 2026

On 20 January, the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) hosted its event on “Leveraging Investment Screening to Foster Constructive Capital Inflows” in Makati City. The engagement convened several stakeholders including government agencies, local government representatives, and international experts, among others, to discuss how investment screening mechanisms can strengthen the Philippines’ investment climate by safeguarding national interests while sustaining openness to foreign capital.

In line with this, discussions focused on recent legislative reforms, implementation challenges, and global best practices in ensuring that investment



screening supports transparency, accountability, and long-term, high-quality foreign direct investment (FDI).

Representing the ECCP at this event was Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto, Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs.

Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines (JFC) Meeting hosted by ECCP

20 January 2026

On 20 January, the ECCP hosted the Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines (JFC) meeting for the month of January at the Manila House Private Club to discuss industry developments and shared priority areas.

During the meeting, the group focused on key topics including Revenue Memorandum Circular 5 (RMC-5) and the suspension of audits and letters of authority (LOAs); customs and logistics issues such as the suspension of reefer containers in Manila North Port; the recent drop in tourism for the Philippines; Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) licensing for foreigners; recent updates on the Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) program; and movements surrounding the Department of Labor and Employment’s (DOLE) Department Order (DO) No. 248.



ECCP President Paulo Duarte, Executive Director Florian Gottein, Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto, Industry and Government Affairs Co-managers Austin Sy and Joaquin Reloj, and Advocacy Research Associate Atasha Bernardo actively took part in this engagement on behalf of the Chamber.

BIR-PMSG Consultation on Audit Reforms

20 January 2026

The ECCP, together with colleagues from the Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines (JFC), participated in a consultation session held by the Bureau of Internal Revenue-Private Multi-Sectoral Group (BIR-PMSG) last 20 January.

Through this meeting, the BIR presented its identified gaps in pre-audit controls, audit and assessment processes, institutional structure, and IT systems and monitoring. The agency also outlined its key policy directions, initiatives, and program for 2026 to provide a more comprehensive update on the BIR’s Audit Reforms.

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines was represented by Atty. Alden Labaguis, Vice Chair of the ECCP Tax and Financial Services & Vice Chair of the ECCP Customs and Logistics Committee Meeting.



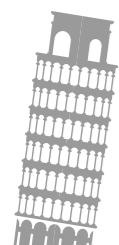
BOC Public Consultation on the Proposed New Customs Processing System

23 January 2026

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) organized a public consultation on the Proposed New Customs Processing System and Fees Structure, held on 23 January 2026, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, at the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Inc. Headquarters in Binondo, Manila.

The consultation aimed to ensure that the proposed system design and fees structure are equitable, reasonable, and responsive to both public and private sector needs. The project profile may be accessed through the link below: <https://ppp.gov.ph/project-dashboard/project-profile/?project=customs-processing-system>.

The European Chamber of Commerce was represented by ECCP Industry and Government Co-Manager Austin Sy, and members of the ECCP Customs and Logistics Committee.



ECCP Courtesy Meeting with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) 26 January 2026

The ECCP paid a courtesy visit to the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) last 26 January 2026, at the PCCI office in Taguig City.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the ECCP team to meet PCCI's new President, Mr. Ferdinand "Perry" Ferrer. Discussions focused on strengthening cooperation between ECCP and PCCI and exploring joint initiatives to promote the Philippines as an attractive investment destination.

The ECCP team was represented by President Paulo Duarte; Executive Director Florian Gottein; Director of Operations Gen Anaquita-Gatan; and Industry and Government Affairs Manager Joaquin Reloj.

The Chamber looks forward to nurturing this collaboration and advancing shared goals with the PCCI to support the country's economic growth and international competitiveness.



ECCP Meeting with EU-PH FTA Chief Negotiator Dora Correia 27 January 2026

On 27 January, ECCP President Paulo Duarte, ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein, and several ECCP members met with the EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiation team at the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines, Makati City.

The visit aimed to provide updates and feedback on sector-specific and cross-sectoral issues pertinent to the ongoing negotiations, similar to the previous meetings held last October and February.

The ECCP remains a steadfast advocate for the swift conclusion of the Philippines-European Union FTA. As the country's most comprehensive trade deal, covering market access, digitalization, and rules of origin, the ECCP is actively engaging with the respective negotiating teams to ensure that the voice of the business community is heard.

The Chamber will continue to support its swift passage to unlock new areas of cooperation, competitiveness, and sustainable growth for both regions.



ECCP Aviation Committee Meeting 28 January 2026

On 28 January, the ECCP Aviation Committee, co-chaired by Atty. Mannix Manalo and Atty. Marvin Masangkay, convened for its first committee meeting of the year at the ECCP Office in Makati City and via Zoom for online participants.

During the meeting, the body reviewed the 2025 ECCP advocacy recommendations for Aviation to track pertinent movements and lay the foundation for the committee's priorities throughout the year. The dialogue also served as a platform for members to provide recent industry updates, particularly on tourism, airport infrastructure, and regulatory developments. Focusing on sustainability, Island Skies Alliance (ISA) CEO Mr. Junard Cruz also shared a brief presentation to tackle the landscape surrounding sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in the Philippines.

To join or inquire about the Aviation Committee, please reach out to advocacy@eccp.com.

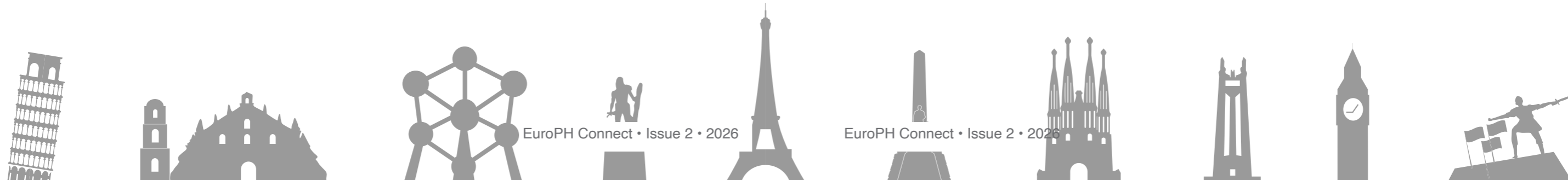


ECCP Tourism Committee Meeting 28 January 2026

The ECCP Tourism Committee convened for its first Committee Meeting of the year on 28 January via Zoom. The meeting was led by the Tourism Committee Chairs Atty. Cenelyn Manguilimotan, Ms. Ann Olalo, and Ms. Dottie Wurgler.

The discussion opened with a review of the 2025 Advocacy Papers recommendations, as well as the latest updates on legislative developments regarding each specific action point. The meeting served as an opportunity to align members on priority issues and actionable next steps for the year ahead. Members also shared timely industry updates, including inbound tourism performance, travel facilitation measures such as the visa-free entry policy for Chinese nationals, and ongoing airport modernization developments and its current capacity constraints.

To join or inquire about the Tourism Committee, please reach out to advocacy@eccp.com.



ECCP Healthcare Committee Meeting 30 January 2026

On 30 January, the ECCP Healthcare Committee convened to align members on priority issues and kick off the committee's 2026 workplan, including initial planning discussions for the upcoming healthcare forum and other committee-led engagements for the year ahead. The meeting was led by Healthcare Committee Chairs Dr. Ma. Teresa "Teng" Dioko and Ms. Wei Sun, with Dr. Bin Wang introduced during the session as the committee's new Co-Chair.

A key highlight of the discussion was a special presentation by UP Mindanao on its telemedicine initiative supporting geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs), including communities in BARMM. Members also shared timely industry updates and participated in an open forum, reinforcing the committee's focus on practical, collaborative initiatives that improve access to care.

To join or inquire about the Healthcare Committee, please reach out to advocacy@eccp.com.



Stakeholders Consultation on RA No. 12308 with the National Dairy Authority 30 January 2026

On 30 January, the ECCP F&B Committee, led by Chairperson Helen Grace Baisa, actively joined the Stakeholders Consultative Forum on RA 12308, hosted by the National Dairy Authority (NDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The committee engaged in discussions following its submitted position paper, which called for regulatory clarifications on the NDA's expanded role in dairy regulation.

The forum was spearheaded by NDA Administrator Atty. Marcus Andaya, DA Undersecretary Constante Palabrica, and FDA Director Pilar Pagayunan, providing a platform for stakeholders to collaborate on strengthening the country's dairy regulatory framework.

To join or know more about the Food & Beverage Committee, please email advocacy@eccp.com.



World Cancer Day Celebration in Quezon City and the Launch of the City Cancer Care Collaboration between C/Can and Quezon City 4 February 2026

On 04 February, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) joined the World Cancer Day Celebration and the official launch of the City Cancer Care Collaboration in Quezon City. Held at the Philippine Medical Association, the event marked Quezon City's induction as the 17th member of the City Cancer Challenge (C/Can) global network.

This milestone establishes a framework for long-term collaboration in equitable cancer care, uniting key stakeholders from the Quezon City Government, the Department of Health (DOH), the private sector, and civil society. As the fourth city partner in the region, Quezon City's initiatives will be further bolstered by the Philippine Cancer Society to drive accessible, high-quality care at the local level.

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



DICT Philippine Telco Summit 2026 5 February 2026

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) hosted the 2026 Telecommunications Summit last 5 February in Pasay City. The Summit is designed as a one-day, high-impact forum that brings together government, regulators, telecom operators, technology providers, and investors to align on the future of connectivity in the Philippines. The program moves from national policy and strategy to real-world deployment and investment, ensuring that discussions translate into action.

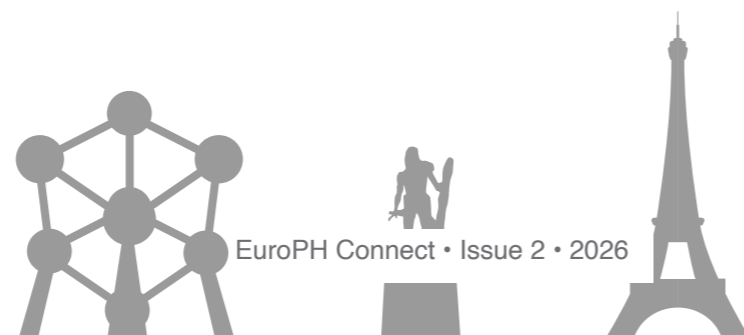
During the morning sessions, topics centered on government and regulatory keynotes setting the direction of the National Digital Connectivity Plan (NDCP) and implementation of the Konektadong Pinoy Law (RA 12234) from DICT Secretary Henry Aguda and Congressman Brian Poe Llamanzares. The keynote speeches were supplemented by expert panels on governance, infrastructure rollout, and public-private partnerships.

In the afternoon plenary, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. provided an overview of the state of



the Philippines' connectivity, noted key challenges that remain and significant developments that have been achieved. President Marcos highlighted the passage and implementation of the Konektadong Pinoy Act and the phased completion of the National Fiber Backbone Project, alongside other reforms, as vital steps in improving the country's internet services and connectivity.

Representing the ECCP at this event was Joaquin Relej, Co-Industry and Government Affairs Manager.



Report Launch and Forum: The Economic Impact of the Agri-Food Sector in the Philippines

5 February 2026

On 5 February, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) attended the Report Launch and Forum: The Economic Impact of the Agri-Food Sector in the Philippines, organised by Food Industry Asia (FIA) and the ASEAN Food & Beverage Association (AFBA).

During the forum, the official report prepared by Oxford Economics was presented, highlighting the agriculture and food and beverage sector's contributions to trade, investment, employment, and overall economic growth. The event gathered key stakeholders across the agri-food value chain to discuss the sector's current landscape and future opportunities. ECCP was represented by Helen Grace Baisa, Chairperson of the Food & Beverage Committee, and Kyla Uy, Senior Advocacy Officer.



EU-PH Free Trade Agreement Meeting on Services Sector

5 February 2026

The ECCP and selected member companies participated in a virtual consultation meeting with Mr. Jan Saver from the European Commission Directorate-General for Trade and lead negotiator for the services cluster under the EU-Philippines Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

During the meeting, Mr. Saver provided an overview of the recent developments regarding the text to be embedded in the Services Chapter for the EU-PH FTA. This meeting also served as a platform for ECCP member companies to share relevant insights and on-the-ground experience in establishing and maintaining shared services centers in the Philippines with particular focus on market access and movement of persons.

Mr. Saver was accompanied by colleagues from the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines including Ms. Justyna Lasik, Head of Trade and Economic Section, and Ms. Monique De Guzman, Trade Officer.



The 25th ASEAN Lecture: 2026 ASEAN Chairmanship under the Republic of the Philippines

6 February 2026

On 06 February 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) participated in a lecture hosted by the ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute. The 25th ASEAN Lecture, titled “2026 ASEAN Chairmanship Under the Republic of the Philippines,” served as a strategic preview of the nation's leadership role in the region.

The keynote address was delivered by H.E. Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro, Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs, who provided a comprehensive roadmap for the country's upcoming term. Under the central theme “Navigating Our Future, Together,” Secretary Lazaro emphasized a commitment to collective resilience and proactive diplomacy. The Secretary highlighted three main priorities: 1) Peace and Security; 2) Prosperity Corridors; and 3) People Empowerment.

ECCP was represented by Joaquin Reloj and Austin Sy, Co-Industry and Government Affairs Managers.



2026 Philippine Property Market Outlook

6 February 2026

On 6 February, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) attended the 2026 Philippine Property Market Outlook organized by Prime Philippines, which convened public and private sector leaders to discuss real estate market trajectories across key sectors and emerging growth areas nationwide.

Prime Philippines executives delivered keynote presentations on projections for the industrial, office, hospitality, and retail segments, supported by a 10-year overview of the Philippine property market. A key theme was the continued decentralization of development beyond Metro Manila, with urban expansion increasingly evident in emerging metros such as Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Clark, and Cagayan de Oro, reflecting evolving investment opportunities and demand drivers across the country.

The forum also featured two panel discussions. The first panel brought together senior government officials, such as SEC Chairperson Francis Lim,



PEZA Deputy Director General Anidelle Joy Alguso, BOI Executive Director Ma. Corazon Halili-Dichosa, BCDA Vice President and COO Atty. Gisela Kalalo, and DOE Director Patrick Aquino, to share policy reflections, current challenges, and forward commitments in governing a changing market. The second panel featured executives from Prime Philippines, Megaworld, Metro Gaisano, and Anvil, who discussed the evolution of Philippine real estate through insights from past cycles, drivers shaping today's market, and strategies for navigating future growth.

Representing the ECCP at this event was Atasha Bernardo, Advocacy Research Associate.



ARTA 2026 Economic-Ease of Doing Business Briefing

11 February 2026

On 11 February, the Anti-Red Tape Authority hosted the 2026 Economic-Ease of Doing Business Briefing at the Asian Development Bank in Mandaluyong City. With the theme **“Strengthening Fiscal Compliance, Transparency, and Seamless Government Processes for a Competitive Business Environment,”** the briefing highlighted how administrative reforms, transparency, and improved service delivery can meaningfully enhance ease of doing business, increase investors’ confidence, and advance whole-of-government reform efforts in line with the continued implementation of the EODB Act of 2018.

During the fireside chat with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Bureau of Customs, ARTA, and Chambers of Commerce, ECCP President Paulo Duarte provided the perspective of the European-Philippine Business community surrounding the ease of doing business in the country as well as the larger investment landscape.



Mr. Duarte noted the barriers that European businesses commonly encounter when dealing with government agencies on fiscal compliance. Relatedly, Mr. Duarte likewise emphasized how transparency, automation, and predictability significantly encourage better compliance culture and investor confidence.

The ECCP was also represented by Mr. Florian Gottein, ECCP Executive Director, and Mr. Albert Perez, ECCP Board Member. The Chamber remains committed to collaborating with the ARTA and the government to create a fair, transparent, and attractive business climate.

Briefing and Presentation on National Action Plans for Business and Human Rights (NAP-BHRs) in Southeast Asia

11 February 2026

Last 11 February 2026, the ECCP attended the International Labor Organization’s briefing on National Action Plans for Business and Human Rights (NAP-BHRs) in Southeast Asia, at the ILO Head Office in Makati. The session discussed how NAP-BHRs work and the role of employers and business, the growing integration of labour provisions, human rights due diligence, and monitoring in global trade agreements, as well as the ILO-EU Trade for Decent Work Project 2026 Work Plan, which includes initiatives on EU GSP+ compliance.

ECCP, with its Human Capital Committee, remains committed to advancing responsible business conduct and decent work in the Philippines. Representing the Chamber at the meeting was Ms. Kyla Uy, Senior Advocacy Officer.

To join or know more about the Human Capital Committee, you may reach out to advocacy@eccp.com



ECCP Customs and Logistics Committee Meeting

12 February 2026

On 12 February, the ECCP Customs and Logistics Committee, co-chaired by Atty. Mark Tamayo and virtually by Mr. Michael Raueber, convened for its first committee meeting of the year at the ECCP Office in Makati City and via Zoom.

During the meeting, the committee discussed key updates in the customs and logistics sector. The meeting served as a platform for members to exchange recent industry updates and regulatory developments.

To join or inquire about the Customs and Logistics Committee, please reach out to advocacy@eccp.com.



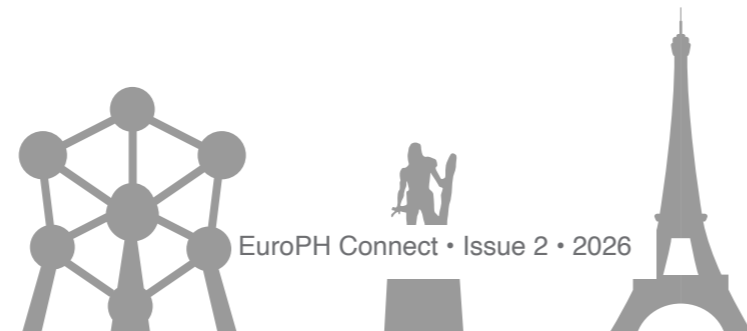
ECCP Tax and Financial Services Committee Meeting

12 February 2026

On 12 February, the ECCP Tax and Financial Services Committee, co-chaired Atty. Maria Concepcion Simundac-Delos Santos and Atty. Benedicta Du-Baladad, convened for its first committee meeting of the year at the ECCP Office in Makati City.

The body discussed the committee’s activities in 2025 and other committee-led engagements for the year ahead, including initial planning discussions for the upcoming tax forum. The session provided an opportunity to review the committee’s priorities and goals for the year and allowed participants to discuss key tax and financial services issues.

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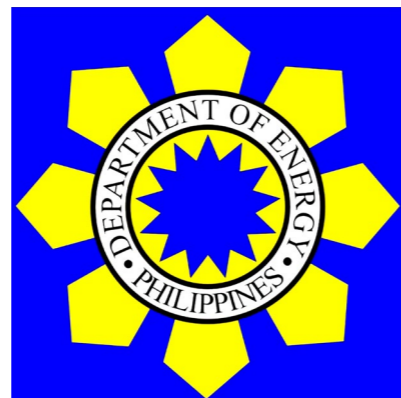


**ECCP Courtesy Meeting with
DOE Undersecretary Felix William
Fuentebella**
16 February 2026

On 16 February, the ECCP paid a courtesy visit to Department of Energy (DOE) Undersecretary Felix William Fuentebella at the DOE Office in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. Undersecretary Fuentebella was joined by several officials from the DOE Energy Policy and Planning Bureau.

During the meeting, the participants discussed areas for collaboration in shared advocacy priorities regarding renewable energy and critical raw materials as well as the EU-backed Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi (BaSuTa) Mini Grid Powerplant and Digital Backbone Project.

Representing the ECCP at the meeting were Gerry Constantino, Director for Projects and Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto, Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs.



**ECCP EU-PH FTA Consultation with
the European Parliament's Committee
on International Trade (INTA)**
16 February 2026

On 16 February, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) met with a high-level delegation from the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA). The mission was led by Hon. Bernd Lange, Chair of the INTA Committee, and joined by H.E. Massimo Santoro, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation to the Philippines.

As the body responsible for managing the EU's international trade agreements, INTA is visiting Manila to drive momentum for the EU-Philippines Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations. With the current GSP+ scheme nearing its expiration, finalizing this FTA is vital to unlocking new export potential and fostering long-term economic transformation.

As a primary advocate for the agreement's early conclusion, the Chamber provided the delegation with critical "on the ground" perspectives from European businesses. The ECCP highlighted the Philippines' robust economic fundamentals while candidly addressing remaining regulatory



bottlenecks. These insights aim to ensure the upcoming FTA is built on a solid foundation of transparency and ease of doing business.

The ECCP remains steadfast in its commitment to a swift and favorable outcome for the FTA, recognizing the agreement as a powerful key for trade growth and economic prosperity in both the EU and the Philippines.

The ECCP was represented by President Paulo Duarte, Executive Director Florian Gottein, and Treasurer and Human Capital Co-Chair Albert Perez. Also in attendance were Atty. Alden Labagu, Vice Chair of the Tax and Financial Services and Customs and Logistics Committees; Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto, Director for Government and Industry Affairs; and several key members from the private sector.

**BusinessWorld Insights: Stock Market
2026**
23 February 2026

On 23 February, BusinessWorld hosted the BusinessWorld Insights: Stock Market Outlook 2026, at Lanson Place Manila in Pasay City. With the theme "The Bull Case for 2026: Value, Yield, and the Governance Dividend", the event provided a deep dive into market hurdles, projected the next wave of industry trends, and mapped out the most promising opportunities for the coming year.

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chairman Atty. Francis Edralin Lim delivered the keynote address to a gathering of high-level industry experts. Representing the Chamber was Atty. Alden Labagu, Vice Chair of the ECCP Tax and Financial Services Committee, as well as the Customs and Logistics Committee.

To join or know more about the Customs and Logistics Committee and Tax and Financial Services Committee, you may reach out to advocacy@eccp.com.



**ECCP Agri-tech Roundtable and
Agriculture Committee Meeting**
24 February 2026

On 24 February, the ECCP Agriculture Committee successfully convened its first Agri-Tech Roundtable and Committee Meeting of the year at the ECCP Office. The discussion opened with a presentation by Mr. Hans Chua, Chairman of Green Thumb Precision Farms, who shared insights on their innovative agri-tech practices and explored opportunities for collaboration across sectors and stakeholders to support agricultural modernization.

In line with its commitment to advancing the development of Philippine agriculture, the Agriculture Committee aims to hold these roundtable discussions on a regular basis to promote knowledge sharing, innovation, and multi-sectoral cooperation within the industry. This session was led by Agriculture Committee Leaders, Ms. Ruth Novales and Mr. Tom Van der Meulen.

To join or know more about the ECCP Agriculture Committee, you may reach out to advocacy@eccp.com.



JFC Monthly Meeting Hosted by JCCIPI

26 February 2026

The Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce of the Philippines (JFC) convened for its monthly meeting last 26 February at the Makati Diamond Residences to discuss industry developments and shared priority areas.

During the meeting, the group focused on key topics including the recent movements around the Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) program, the Department of Labor and Employment Department Order 248/A, and proposed PEZA amendments. The ECCP further provided inputs on AO 23 or pre-border technical verification, data localization, transfer of regulatory responsibilities from FDA to NDA, and addressing the Manila North Port congestion.

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.



FDA-CFRR Industry Consultation for Q1

26 February 2026

Last 26 February, the ECCP was invited to participate in the quarterly FDA-CFRR Industry Consultation. The meeting covered key regulatory updates, including the migration from the ePortal system to the new eServices platform, as well as developments related to the transition of certain functions to the National Dairy Authority (NDA), among others.

During the consultation, ECCP raised member-specific questions that had been consolidated in advance. As the only foreign chamber invited to these discussions, ECCP takes pride in ensuring that members' concerns are directly communicated to the relevant officials of the FDA CFRR. Representing the Food & Beverage Committee were Helen Grace Baisa, Committee Chairperson, and Kyla Uy, Senior Advocacy Officer.

Responses to the submitted questions will be shared with members during the upcoming F&B Committee Meeting on 4 March. To register, please email Kyla Uy at kyla.uy@eccp.com



The Manila Times Executive Health Forum 2026

26 February 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) attended The Manila Times' Executive Health Forum held at EDSA Shangri-La Manila on 26 February. The forum centered on the need to adopt emerging health technologies while also pursuing a more holistic, systems-based approach. The presentations also discussed how technology is being integrated into clinical procedures to aid in both successful diagnostic and treatment of ailments.

The event featured key insights from PhilHealth Vice President Mr. Walter Bacareza, Beyond Medical Hub CEO Dr. Ma. Victoria Lualhati, Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC) Director General Dr. Ma. Teresa Iñigo, RadLink Philippines Country General Manager Ms. Carmie De Leon, and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Spokesman Ms. Khay Ann Magundayao-Borlado.



The ensuing discussion was joined by Dr. Jennifer Marie Jose, Section Chief, Urogynecology & Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery at Makati Medical Center, and Dr. Edwin Bien, Director of LeBien Medical Group.

A common theme among all topics discussed during the forum was that health innovation is primarily an implementation challenge. The discussions pointed to public-private engagement as a practical requirement for moving reforms from policy to implementation.

Representing the ECCP was Atasha Bernardo, Advocacy Research Associate.

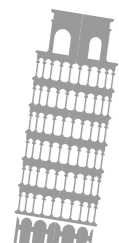
Joint Maritime Committee Meeting for February

26 February 2026

On 26 February, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) participated in the Joint Maritime Committee (JMC) meeting with Mr. Andreas Nordseth, EU SCOPE Project Team Leader, hosted at the German Club Manila. Mr. Nordseth provided background and key points on the EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package for Seafarers (SCOPE) - Technical Assistance.

The discussion touched on the 2025 transition of the Philippine maritime education system, the practical implementation of the Maritime Labor Convention (MLC), and ensuring a "Just and Equitable Transition" for seafarers regarding future green technologies.

Representing the ECCP was Austin Sy, Co-Industry and Government Affairs Manager.



International Farmers Summit 2026
27 February 2026

On 27 February, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) attended the International Farmers Summit 2026 held at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City. The summit brought together key stakeholders across the agriculture sector, including players in high-value crops, livestock and poultry, and fisheries, providing a dynamic platform for dialogue and collaboration.

During the event, the Chamber also engaged with prospective partners and stakeholders in preparation for the upcoming 9th Sustainable Agriculture Forum, scheduled for 30 April 2026 at Raffles & Fairmont Makati. Representing ECCP at the summit were Kyla Uy, Senior Advocacy Officer, and Bea Uy, Events Officer.

For inquiries and participation in the 9th Sustainable Agriculture Forum, please contact saf@eccp.com or events@eccp.com.



ECCP Courtesy Dinner with Land Transportation Office Chief Markus Lacanilao
5 March 2026

On 05 March 2026, the ECCP Automotive Committee had the opportunity to meet with Markus Lacanilao, Chief of the Land Transportation Office (LTO), at the LTO Central Office in Quezon City.

The meeting provided a valuable platform for dialogue between the private sector and government, focusing on key developments in the Philippine automotive and mobility landscape. Discussions covered priority issues including Motor Vehicle Inspection System (MVIS) implementation, electric vehicle developments, and road safety initiatives, alongside updates from the LTO on its upcoming plans and programs for 2026.

The meeting was attended by Paulo Duarte, President of ECCP and Automotive Committee Co-Chair; Willy Tee Ten, ECCP Automotive Committee



Co-Chair; Atty Kathryn Pioquinto, ECCP Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs; and Sophia Panergo, ECCP Advocacy Officer, together with representatives from Bosch, AutoHub Group, and Shell.

This engagement reflects the ECCP Automotive Committee's ongoing efforts to promote meaningful public-private collaboration and drive policies that enable safer, efficient, and forward-looking mobility in the Philippines.

For more information about the ECCP Automotive Committee and its initiatives, please email advocacy@eccp.com.

Public Consultation on Philippine AI+ Infrastructure Masterplan
3 March 2026

On 03 March, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) participated in a private sector stakeholder consultation for the Draft Philippine AI+ Infrastructure Masterplan. Organized by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the session focused on the Philippines' strategic potential to become a premier AI compute hub in Southeast Asia.

During the consultation, the Chamber together with industry leaders provided commercial perspectives to help refine the Masterplan's framework, addressing critical areas including connectivity, energy requirements, and regulatory enablers necessary to attract long-term investment, and supporting the Philippines' transition into a regional AI powerhouse.

Representing the ECCP was Justine Yuki Ocate, Advocacy Research Associate.

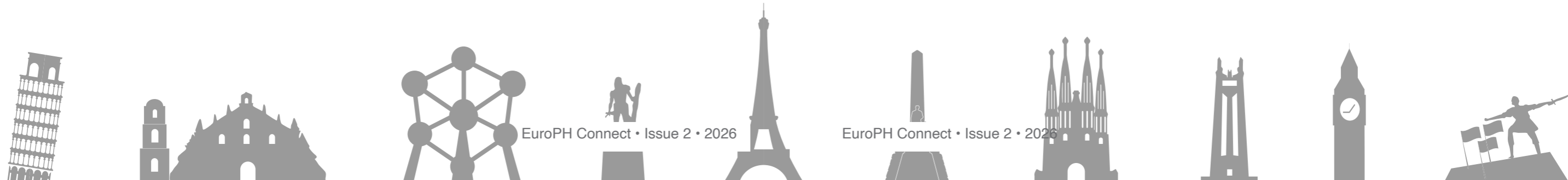


ECCP Food and Beverage Committee Meeting
5 March 2026

On 4 March, the ECCP Food & Beverage Committee held its first committee meeting of the year, bringing together members to discuss key regulatory and industry developments. The meeting focused on updates from the FDA, including the highlights and outcomes following ECCP's participation in the recent quarterly FDA-CFRR Industry Consultation.

Members also exchanged insights on several pressing matters affecting the sector, such as the proposed Philippine Nutrient Profile Model (PNPM), Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) Sugar Order No. 10, and the recent transfer of dairy product regulation from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to the National Dairy Authority (NDA). The session was chaired by Ms. Helen Grace Baisa, Chairperson of the ECCP Food & Beverage Committee.

For more information or to join the F&B Committee, please email advocacy@eccp.com



Public Hearing of the Senate Committee on Migrant Workers, Committee on Finance, and Committee on Professional Regulation

5 March 2026

On 5 March, the ECCP Human Capital Committee attended the Senate Committee on Migrant Workers' deliberations on the proposed Bagong Balikbayan Act, as observer. The proposed legislation aimed 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.

For more information or to join the Human Capital Committee, please email advocacy@eccp.com.



Ceremonial Launch of 'Juana Trabaho' Roadmap

10 March 2026

On 10 March, the ECCP attended the ceremonial launch of *Juana Trabaho: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan to Increase Women's Labor Force Participation* through Quality Jobs at The Westin Manila, Ortigas.

Organized by DEPDev in partnership with Investing in Women, the event marked International Women's Day and National Women's Month. The Juana Trabaho Framework and Plan is a gender-informed, life cycle-responsive roadmap to address structural barriers to women's participation in the labor market.

Representing the ECCP was Kyla Uy, Senior Advocacy Officer, and Atasha Bernardo, Advocacy Research Associate.

For more information about ECCP's Human Capital and Women in Business Committees and their initiatives, please email advocacy@eccp.com.



ECCP Healthcare Committee Courtesy Visit with PhilHealth EVP & COO Atty. Dino Santos

11 March 2026

On 11 March, the ECCP Healthcare Committee conducted a courtesy visit to PhilHealth Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Atty. Eli Dino Santos at the PhilHealth Head Office in Pasig City.

The meeting highlighted key areas for collaboration, specifically focusing on expanding PhilHealth coverage, streamlining Health Technology Assessments (HTA), and strengthening Universal Health Care (UHC) implementation. Beyond policy, the dialogue explored PhilHealth's recent efficiency gains, its roadmap for digital transformation, and a strategic pivot toward primary care, all underpinned by a shared commitment to public-private partnership.



Representing the ECCP were Austin Sy, Co-Industry & Government Affairs Manager and Lead Coordinator for the Healthcare Committee, alongside members of the ECCP Healthcare Committee.

For more information about ECCP's Healthcare Committee and their initiatives, please email advocacy@eccp.com

Building Economic Security through Strengthened Canada-Philippines Partnership

13 March 2026

The Stratbase Institute, in partnership with the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, hosted a forum titled "Building Economic Security through Strengthened Canada-Philippines Partnership" at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel on 13 March 2026. Speakers discussed areas of collaboration specifically focusing on advanced technology partnerships, clean technology development, critical raw minerals (CRMs), and defense cooperation.

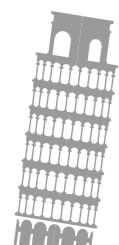
Notable speakers who provided remarks at the forum included H.E. David Hartman, Ambassador of Canada to the Philippines; Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Undersecretary Ceferino Rodolfo; Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Carlos Primo David; and Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Undersecretary Sarah Maria Sison. They were joined by the Honorable Mary Ng, Canada's former Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business, and Economic Development; Prof. Dindo Manhit, President of



Stratbase Institute; and Ms. Vina Nadjibulla, Vice President of Research & Strategy at the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. The forum also featured high-level representation from the Philippine military and the private sector, led by Gen. Romeo Brawner, AFP Chief of Staff.

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) was represented by Austin Sy, Industry and Government Affairs Manager and coordinator for the ECCP Defense and Disaster Response Committee. Also in attendance was committee member Jay-Ar De Guzman, representing Airbus Defence and Space Philippines.

For more information about the Defense and Disaster Response Committee, please email advocacy@eccp.com.



World Bank NQI Policy Dialogue 13 March 2026

On 13 March, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) participated in the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) Policy Dialogue. Organized by the World Bank in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the event was supported by South Korea's Ministry of Economy and Finance (MOEF) and the Seoul Center for Finance and Innovation (SCFI). Under the theme "Standards for Competitiveness in the Philippines: Insights from the World Bank Development Report 2025," the forum gathered government leaders, industry players, and policy experts to discuss strategic priorities for strengthening the nation's quality ecosystem.

Drawing on the recently launched World Development Report 2025, the dialogue emphasized how robust NQI institutions catalyze productivity and market expansion, while showcasing key takeaways from South Korea's success in establishing a globally competitive NQI framework. Representing the



Chamber, ECCP Vice President Dr. Diana Edralin served as a panelist for the session entitled "Perspectives on Upgrading Quality for Philippines' Export Competitiveness." During the discussion, she underscored the urgency of harmonizing local standards with global benchmarks and streamlining inter-agency logistics to maximize the Philippines' readiness for major trade milestones, such as the upcoming EU-Philippines Free Trade Agreement.

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

Irish Embassy Dinner for Irish Minister of State for Public Procurement, Digitalisation and eGovernment 13 March 2026

On 13 March, the Irish Embassy Manila hosted an intimate dinner in honor of Irish Minister of State for Public Procurement, Digitalisation, and eGovernment Frank Feighan, TD, at Grand Hyatt Manila. Discussions revolved around the digitalization landscape of the Philippines including e-governance, AI, as well as critical infrastructure, energy, and power. The dialogue also explored avenues for cooperation in public procurement and digital transformation, as well as various policy initiatives aimed at fostering a more resilient and interconnected economic environment between Ireland and the Philippines.

The ECCP was represented by its President, Paulo Duarte, and Industry and Government Affairs Manager, Austin Sy.



ECCP Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting with DOE and ERC 17 March 2026

On 17 March, the ECCP Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Committee convened for its first committee meeting of the year at the Upgrade Energy Philippines (UGEP) Office in Makati City. During the meeting, members discussed key regulatory and industry updates.

Joining the meeting were Department of Energy (DOE) Undersecretary Mylene Capongcol and Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Engr. Jayson Corpuz who shared the priorities of their respective offices for 2026, particularly honing in on developments regarding the Green Energy Auction Program. Members also exchanged feedback and insights during the open forum discussion that ensued.

To join or inquire about the Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Committee, please reach out to advocacy@eccp.com.

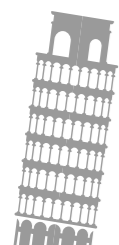


ECCP Infrastructure Committee Meeting 18 March 2026

On 18 March, the ECCP Infrastructure Committee convened for its first meeting of the year at the ECCP Office. Co-chaired by Mr. Reinier Dizon and Dr. Sajith Edirisuriya, the session brought together members from across the infrastructure, finance, construction, and legal sectors to discuss the committee's priorities for 2026, focusing on resilient and sustainable infrastructure, integrity and governance, connectivity, resource security, and fair competition.

Key discussions centered on advancing national standards and updating the National Building Code, strengthening waste management policy, and clarifying PCAB licensing rules in light of recent policy developments. Members also highlighted the importance of monitoring broader sectoral policies, including national masterplans, amendments to GOCC charters, and trade negotiations at the ASEAN and EU levels.

For more information or to join the Infrastructure Committee, please email advocacy@eccp.com.



Joint EU Economic Counsellors and Business Chambers Meeting

19 March 2026

On 19 March, the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines hosted the Joint EU Economic Counsellors and Business Chambers Meeting at their office in RCBC Plaza, Makati City. The dialogue convened the economic counsellors of several EU embassies in the Philippines alongside EU business chambers, which includes the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP).

The session opened with a presentation delivered by Gonzalo Varela, the World Bank's Lead Economist for the Philippines, Malaysia, and Brunei. Mr. Varela highlighted the economic outlook for the region as well as growth prospects, key risks, structural challenges, and opportunities relevant to EU-Philippines trade and investment relations.



Following the World Bank's insights, the EU Delegation proceeded to share relevant updates on economic and trade policies in the EU, Philippines, and the ASEAN Region. Other key topics discussed were the progress of the EU-PH Free Trade Agreement, the EU's market access concerns in the Philippines, and other developments in relation to trade and sustainable development.

Present at this meeting was ECCP Industry and Government Affairs Manager Austin Sy.

JFC Monthly Meeting hosted by KCCP

19 March 2026

The Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce of the Philippines (JFC) convened for its monthly meeting on 19 March at the Manila Elks Club to discuss industry developments and shared priority areas.

During the meeting, the group focused on key topics including concerns of several companies regarding the VAT refund process in the Philippines as well as the impacts of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. The ECCP further shared insights and updates on the progression of the EU-PH Free Trade Agreement.

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.



2026 Intellectual Property Boot Camp with TikTok Shop

24 March 2026

On 24 March, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL), in partnership with TikTok Shop, hosted the 2026 Intellectual Property (IP) Boot Camp at the ByteDance Office in Bonifacio Global City. The program brought together brand owners, regulators, and platform representatives to strengthen IP enforcement in the digital marketplace.

Opening remarks by Atty. Christine V. Pangilinan-Canlapan, Director IV of IPOP HL's Bureau of Legal Affairs and Atty. Yves Gonzalez, Head of Public Policy of TikTok Shop emphasized authenticity and strong IP frameworks as foundations of trust in digital markets. The program featured updates on TikTok Shop's IP Protection Center, IPOP HL's regulatory priorities, and a panel with sports brands on practical IP protection. TikTok Shop outlined its proactive monitoring, Notice and Takedown



procedures, and enforcement policies, while IPOP HL highlighted interagency collaborations and international initiatives.

Representing the ECCP was Justine Yuki Ocate, Advocacy Research Associate and Coordinator of the Intellectual Property Rights Committee. For more information or to join the committee, please email advocacy@eccp.com.

Strengthening Strategic Ties: 70 Years of Japan-Philippines Diplomatic Relations

24 March 2026

The Stratbase Institute, in partnership with the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines, organized a high-level conference entitled "Strengthening Strategic Ties: 70 Years of Japan-Philippines Diplomatic Relations" on 24 March at the Peninsula Manila Hotel in Makati City.

The event gathered leading experts and stakeholders to discuss the strategic importance, past achievements, current realities, and prospects of the Philippine-Japan relations. It also served as a significant platform to further explore overarching topics on shared commitments to democracy and the rule of law, maritime security, infrastructure development, human capital development, and economic growth.

Present at this gathering were members of the ECCP Advocacy team including Industry and Government Affairs Co-managers Austin Sy and Joaquin Reloj, Senior Advocacy Officer Kyla Uy, Advocacy Officer Sophie Panergo, and Advocacy Research Associate Atasha Bernardo.



Inside ECCP: Manila

GreenDev paid a visit to ECCP Manila office

15 January 2026

On January 15, the ECCP team welcomed its new Associate Member, GreenDevelopment Sustainable Solutions Inc (GreenDev), to their head office. GreenDev was represented by Ms. Kim Abella, Managing Partner for Growth and Development, and Ms. Trisha Mae Ramirez, Executive Assistant to the Managing Partners.

The discussion centered on exploring ways to maximize GreenDev's membership with the Chamber through future events and activities. It also explored opportunities within key sectors, such as renewable energy, environment and water, mining, infrastructure, transportation, and tourism.

Representing the ECCP team were (from L-R): Ms. Bea Uy, Events Officer; Ms. Canela Reillo, Membership Officer; and Ms. Shaireen Dayao, Member Relations Associate.



2026 European Ambassadors' Meeting

22 January 2026

On 22 January, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) convened the 2026 European Ambassadors' Meeting, bringing together Their Excellencies, members of the diplomatic corps, distinguished speakers, and valued partners.

The afternoon session featured in-depth discussions on the economic outlook for 2026 from both Philippine and ASEAN perspectives, the implications of the ASEAN Chairmanship on the Philippine business and investment climate, and the EU-ASEAN business outlook for the year.

The session included presentations and insights from ECCP President Mr. Paulo Duarte; ING Regional Head of Research for Asia-Pacific Ms. Deepali Bhargava; DTI Undersecretary Mr. Allan Gepty; and Executive Director of the EU-ASEAN Business Council Mr. Chris Humphrey.

Valuable insights on deepening economic cooperation between Europe and the Philippines through existing and prospective trade agreements were also shared



by European Union Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Massimo Santoro, Swiss Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Dr. Nicholas Brühl, and Director of Trade and Investment at the British Embassy Iain Frenkiel.

Welcoming remarks were delivered by ECCP President Mr. Paulo Duarte, while ECCP Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein hosted the discussion. Dr. Diana Edralin, the ECCP's Vice President, also served as the meeting's moderator.

The session concluded with an engaging dialogue on joint actionable steps and expected outcomes, highlighting ECCP's commitment to serve as the voice of the EU-PH business community.

For official photos, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2026EAM>.

2026 New Year's Reception

22 January 2026

To our European-Philippine business community, thank you for celebrating with us at the 2026 New Year's Reception!

The Chamber was delighted to welcome over 300 guests and partners to this memorable event including ARTA Secretary Ernesto Perez; SEC Secretary Francis Lim; DOT Assistant Secretary for Tourism Digitalization and Resource Generation Sharlene Zabala-Batin; DFA Acting Undersecretary Maria Andrelita Austria; PEZA OIC Division Chief of the Investment Promotions Division Mr. B Philip Teomar A. Radin; DENR Director Dr. Al Oga Orolfo; National Security Council Director Brigadier General Romeo Racadio (Retired); FDA Spokesperson Atty. Khay Ann Borlado; GPPB-TSO Deputy Director General Santiago C. Quial; PEZA Supervising Investment Specialist Jalyssa Abad; and DTI Trade Industry Development Specialist Rain Anne Mojica.

The reception was also graced with the presence of H.E. Anna Ferry, Ambassador of Sweden to the Philippines, and H.E. Yuliia Fediv, Ambassador of Ukraine to the Philippines.

We truly appreciate the overwhelming support and excellent turnout at this year's celebration, and would like to extend our gratitude to our guests, partners, members, and friends from the media who joined us last Thursday night.



A heartfelt thank you also goes out to our incredible partners who made this celebration possible – Gold Partner Discover It Corp.; Networking Partners PPI Pazifik Power, Inc. and Royal Cargo; Table Top Partners MR Travel, Novo Nordisk, PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority, Retail Associates, Sotern Land by Arthaland and Viajero Rent-A-Car; Raffle Partner Dusit Thani Manila, The Alpha Suites Makati, The Ascott Limited, Atlantis Dive Resorts and Liveboards, Casalay Boutique Villas & Dive Resort, ELSAL Ventures OPC, Gardenia Philippines, TRYP by Wyndham and Microtel by Wyndham Philippines; Beverage Partners The Coca-Cola Company and Le Cellier French Wine Selection (Le Cellier Quality Store Corp.); and Media Partner Great Travel Philippines.

For official photos, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2026NewYearsReception>.

It was truly a privilege to celebrate the New Year with you, and we can't wait to welcome you to more exciting events this year!

The Nezda Ball: A Night of Shifting Horizons

23 January 2026

On 23 January 2026, the ECCP team attended The Nezda Ball: A Night of Shifting Horizons, hosted by one of our members, Nezda Global, at The Fifth at Rockwell.

More than just a celebration, the event brought together leaders, collaborators, and advocates who continuously shape industries and shift horizons for talent and organizations across borders.

The Chamber is delighted to have been part of this special evening and remains committed to fostering meaningful connections with our partners that strengthen communities and expand opportunities for progress.



In photo (from L-R): ECCP Membership Officer Ms. Canela Reillo; ECCP Director of Operations Ms. Gen Anaquita-Gatan; Nezda Global's Senior Manager for Business Development & Partnerships Ms. Jea Paguntalan; and ECCP Associate Director for Events Ms. Arci Catalan.

JT International Philippines visited the ECCP Manila Office

28 January 2026

On 28 January 2026, JT International Philippines, represented by Atty. Karen Barot, Fiscal & Regulatory Affairs Manager, and Mr. Rafael Ledesma, Government Relations Manager, visited the ECCP Manila Office for a strategic discussion on membership and advocacy efforts.

The discussion focused on enhancing JT International's engagement within ECCP membership and advocacy committees, including Tax and Financial Services, Agriculture, Free Trade Agreement, and Intellectual Property Rights, as well as fostered shared understanding on key industry challenges, such as illicit trade.

Representing the ECCP were (from L-R) Ms. Canela Reillo, Membership Officer; Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto, Director for Advocacy & Government Affairs; and Ms. Martina Torres, Member Relations Associate.

The meeting highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts with fellow ECCP member companies in the tobacco sector and reaffirmed the joint commitment of JTI and ECCP to proactive participation and innovative solutions.



AI in Youth Education as Development Drivers

29 January 2026

For the first time in history, the Philippines hosted a pavilion at the World Economic Forum, connecting Filipino innovation, enterprise, and partnerships to the global stage. The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) served as an institutional partner, represented by Dawn F. Cabigon, CEO of Fairs and More Inc. and Campaign Lead for Race to Zero Philippines, underscoring the private sector's leadership in advancing climate-aligned growth.

The Pavilion became a focal point for high-level dialogue, partnerships, and strategic storytelling that amplified the Philippines' value proposition to the global community. In the panel discussion "AI in Youth Education as Development Drivers," Ms. Cabigon spoke alongside Rep. Brian Poe, emphasizing the critical role of youth engagement and AI in accelerating the PH net-zero transition. The discussions reinforced the Philippines' position as a country investing in talent, leadership, and future-ready solutions for 2030 and beyond. The message was clear: Right Time, Right Place, Right People.



JT International Philippines visited the ECCP Manila Office

28 January 2026

For the first time in history, the Philippines hosted a pavilion at the World Economic Forum, connecting Filipino innovation, enterprise, and partnerships to the global stage. The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) served as an institutional partner, represented by Dawn F. Cabigon, CEO of Fairs and More Inc. and Campaign Lead for Race to Zero Philippines, underscoring the private sector's leadership in advancing climate-aligned growth.

The Pavilion became a focal point for high-level dialogue, partnerships, and strategic storytelling that amplified the Philippines' value proposition to the global community. In the panel discussion "AI in Youth Education as Development Drivers," Ms. Cabigon spoke alongside Rep. Brian Poe, emphasizing the critical role of youth engagement and AI in accelerating the PH net-zero transition. The discussions reinforced the Philippines' position as a country investing in talent, leadership, and future-ready solutions for 2030 and beyond. The message was clear: Right Time, Right Place, Right People.



Opening of Philippine Pavilion at the Singapore Airshow 2026

3 February 2026

On 3 February, ECCP, through its international trade fairs arm, FMI - Fairs & More, Inc., marked the opening of the Philippine Pavilion at the Singapore Airshow 2026 with a Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting held at Hall C-F91 of the Changi Exhibition Centre.

Under the theme "Love the Philippines – Together We Fly," the Pavilion highlights aviation as a strategic driver of tourism, trade, and infrastructure growth. Anchored by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and co-organized with the Asian Business Aviation Association (AsBAA), the Philippines presents a unified vision for enhanced connectivity, investment, and aerospace development.

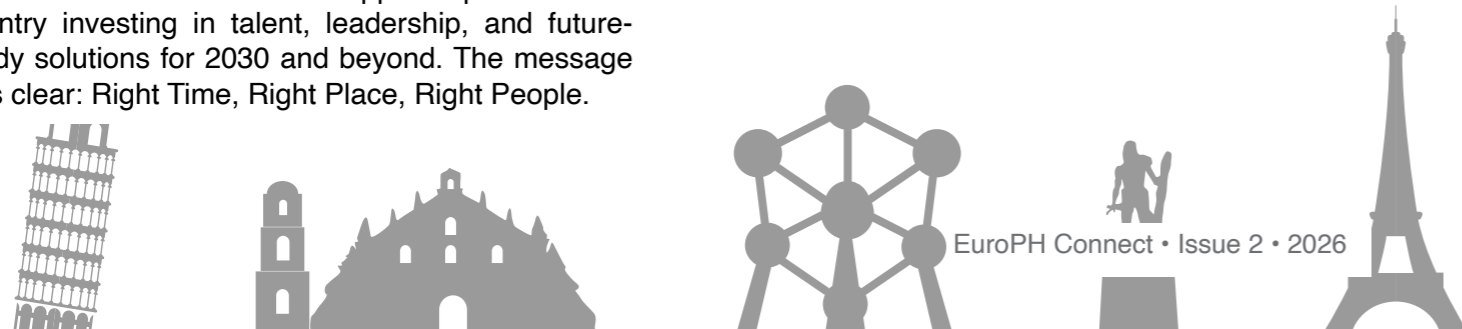
The opening ceremony positioned the Philippines as an emerging hub for regional connectivity and aerospace development, supported by ongoing airport modernization, expanding MRO capabilities, competitive economic zones, and a skilled workforce.

The pavilion, in strategic partnership with the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) and Berthaphil, Inc., features Philippine Airlines as the Official Airline Partner, along with a strong delegation of co-exhibitors representing both



the government and private sectors: Aerospace Industries Association of the Philippines (AIAP), Aviation Concepts Technical Services, Inc. (ACTSI), Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC), Luzon International Premiere Airport Development (LIPAD) Corp., Skytrack Aviation Services, Skyway Airlines, Inc., and Wingbox Aviation, Inc.

FMI is the official representative in the Philippines of Experia Events Pte Ltd, organizer of Singapore Airshow 2026.



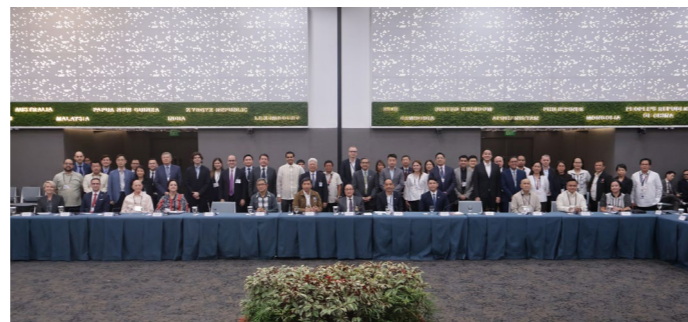
Sector Roundtable: Powering the Philippines' Competitiveness in Hyperscale and Digital Infrastructure

9 February 2026

On 09 February 2026, the ECCP co-organized the Sector Roundtable: Powering the Philippines' Competitiveness in Hyperscale and Digital Infrastructure, in partnership with Meralco, The American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines and the Asian Development Bank.

The high-level dialogue brought together leaders from government, industry, and development institutions to assess the Philippines' readiness and potential to become a premier hyperscale data center hub in the Asia-Pacific region.

The event was joined by Department of Information and Communications Technology - DICT Secretary Henry Rhoel Aguda; Anti-Red Tape Authority Director General Ernesto V. Perez; Meralco Chairman and CEO Manuel V. Pangilinan; ADB Vice-President for East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Scott Morris; and ADB Director General of the Private Sector Operations Department Isabel Chatterton. Updates on the country's economic outlook and the Hyperscaler & Data Center Market in SEA and



PH were also presented by Department of Finance Usec. Michael Peter A. Alejandro and Roland Berger Partner Mohit Gidwani, respectively.

DICT Secretary Aguda shared that the AI Infrastructure Master Plan (10-year vision) is currently being developed in partnership with ADB. He was joined in the panel and roundtable discussions by Atty. Paolo Fondevilla, Director of IT and Management Services at the Department of Energy Philippines; Yaniv Ghitis, Chief Commercial & Investment Officer of Digital Edge; Victor Genuino, President and CEO of ePLDT and Vitro, and President of the Data Center Operators of the Philippines; and Lawrence Fernandez, Meralco's Vice President and Head of Utility Economics.

For more photos, please visit <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCJT9L>.

Sustainability Solutions Exchange (SSX) Meeting

10 February 2026

On 10 February 2026, ECCP-FMI - Fairs & More, Inc. held a strategic meeting with the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM), represented by Ms. Rowena Mendoza, Project Director, and Ms. Katrina Pineda, Project Manager, to discuss the second edition of the Sustainability Solutions Exchange (SSX) and the Philippines' participation in Electronica 2026.

The meeting focused on strengthening SSX as a platform for MSMEs, institutionalizing private sector engagement, showcasing Filipino innovation in Electronica 2026, and expanding ECCP and CITEM collaboration opportunities.

Representing the ECCP-FMI were Mr. Florian Gottein, Executive Director of ECCP, and Ms. Dawn F. Cabigon, CEO of FMI.

The discussion highlighted the importance of moving beyond dialogue and becoming a results-driven marketplace for innovation and inclusive economic growth.



10th Joint Economic Briefing

12 February 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines co-organized the 10th Joint Economic Briefing last 12 February at Makati Shangri-La, aiming to cover recent trade developments, growth prospects, and business and regulatory issues.

This event was jointly hosted with the Belgian-Filipino Business Chamber (BFBC), British Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Dutch Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines Inc. - DCCP, French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the Philippines, Spanish Chamber of Commerce in The Philippines - La Cámara, Swiss Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc., and Nordic Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines.

The briefing served as a significant platform for companies, providing assistance to navigate the current economic landscape and explore opportunities in sectors such as logistics, manufacturing, technology,



and renewable energy. This event featured key insights from DTI Philippines Undersecretary Allan Gepty; Asian Development Bank (ADB) Regional Lead Economist Mr. James Villafuerte; ASEAN BAC Philippines Chairman Mr. Joey Concepcion; and ASEAN BAC Executive Director Mr. Patrick Chua. The ensuing panel discussion was joined by Atty. Lea Roque, Principal, Tax Advisory & Compliance at P&A Grant Thornton and Mr. Senen Quizon, Business Tax Leader at Deloitte Philippines.

For official photos, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/10thJointEconomicBriefing>.

ECCP Healthy Workplace Certification

18 February 2026

The ECCP is excited to share that our office has been awarded the Healthy Workplace Certification last 18 February 2026!

As an organization championing responsible and sustainable business practices, this milestone represents our continuous commitment to creating a workplace where our team feels supported, valued, and cared for.

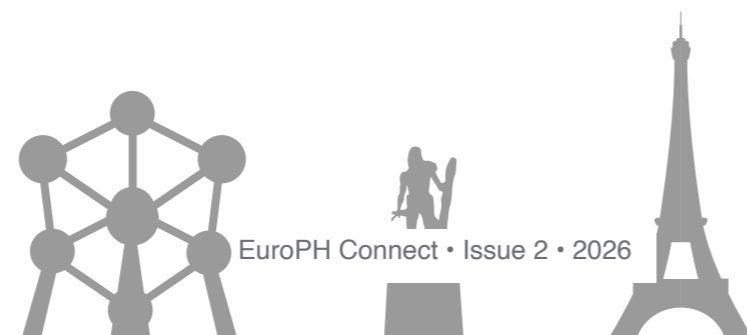
The Certification was presented by Healthy Workplace Certified (HWC) Founder Jeroen Van Straten and Program Director Reine Savile, and received by (from L-R) ECCP Business Consultancy and Research Officer Elijah Lim; Industry and Government Affairs Manager Joaquin Reloj; Director of Operations Gen Anaquita-Gatan; and Member Relations Associate Shaireen Dayao.



We thank the Healthy Workplace Program (HWP) for guiding us through this process and meaningful milestone.

The HWC is a valued ECCP member and we look forward to continuing our shared mission of promoting safer, healthier, and more productive workplaces.

Learn more about the HWP's assessment and certification process at <https://tinyurl.com/HealthyWorkplaceCertification>.



ECCP Conducts Courtesy Visit to Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) 19 February 2022

The ECCP paid a courtesy visit to the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) today, 19 February 2026, at their office in Makati City.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the ECCP team to meet PRA's General Manager, Hon. Roberto "Bob" Zozobrado. Discussions focused on exploring potential collaboration and partnership opportunities between the ECCP and PRA.

Representing the ECCP team were (from L-R) Director for Advocacy & Government Affairs Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto; Executive Director Florian Gottein; and Director of Operations Gen Anaquita-Gatan.

The Philippine Retirement Agency is mandated to develop and promote the Philippines as a premier retirement destination. It aims to accelerate the country's socioeconomic development and provides retirement programs to global retirees.



ASEAN Climate Action Dialogue 24 February 2022

The ECCP is proud to have hosted the successful ASEAN Climate Action Dialogue at the Asian Institute of Management, convening industry leaders to advance a more aligned and investment-ready ASEAN carbon market.

Through Race to Zero Philippines—its climate initiative as the official national accelerator of the UN-backed Race to Zero—the dialogue reinforces the call for coordinated governance, credible d-MRV systems, and high-integrity carbon solutions that drive a Just Transition across Southeast Asia.

As host, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines remains committed to bridging policy, business, and finance to accelerate the region's net-zero transformation.

In first photo (From left to right): Tsvetomir Svilenov, EU Programme Manager, Delegation of the EU to the Philippines; Dawn F. Cabigon, Campaign Lead, Race



to Zero Philippines; Florian Gottein, Executive Director, ECCP; Former DA Secretary William Dar; Hon. Jose Manuel Alba (Joeman Alba), District Representative of Bukidnon and author of the Low Carbon Economy Bill in the House of Representatives; Uynghiem N., CIO, OMTSE and Founder, Earth Sama; Paulo Burro, International Consultant and UNFCCC Roster of Experts; Ludwig Oscuro Federigan, Founder and Chief Strategic Advisor, Young Environmental Forum; Maria Luz Javier, Vice-Chairperson, GCNP; Glen de Castro, Executive Director, GCNP.

2nd Investment Facilitation Network (INFA-Net) Recognition Ceremony 27 February 2022

On 27 February 2026, the ECCP participated in the 2nd Investment Facilitation Network (INFA-Net) Recognition Ceremony at the Ayala Museum, Makati City.

Organized by the Philippine Board of Investments, the event recognized the steadfast commitment of its 38 member agencies and highlighted their collective efforts in streamlining transactions for strategic projects, in support of the ongoing implementation of the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act. The ceremony also recognized select national government agency focal persons for their outstanding dedication in addressing the concerns of registered business enterprises.



Representing the ECCP was President Paulo Duarte, who also delivered the closing remarks at the ceremony.

The ECCP celebrates these initiatives and remains committed to advancing a more efficient and responsive business landscape in the Philippines.

Photos from the Philippine Board of Investments.

ECCP Luncheon Meeting with FDA 3 March 2026

Caption: On 3 March 2026, the ECCP hosted an exclusive Luncheon Meeting with the Food and Drug Administration Philippines (FDA) Director General Paolo Teston at Dusit Thani Manila.

The meeting served as a platform for the European-Philippine business community to engage with FDA leadership and explore ways to build a resilient and efficient regulatory environment through the modernization of frameworks governing healthcare, food, and beverage sectors.

During the event, Director General Teston highlighted FDA's progress in the past 264 days, including reduced backlogs and improved turnaround times for product registration and Licence to Operate Applications. He also emphasized the agency's key initiatives, such as the streamlining of regulatory pathways, reduction of backlogs, improved turnaround times through digitalization and AI-assisted pre-assessment, and the expansion of online applications for medicines, beginning with over-the-counter products.

A fireside chat and open forum followed, wherein Director General Teston was joined by Dr. Diana Edralin, ECCP Vice President, and Ms. Helen Grace Baisa, Chairperson of ECCP's Food & Beverage Committee Chairperson. The dialogue centered on

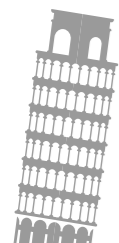


FDA updates, industry concerns, and opportunities for closer public-private cooperation.

The Luncheon Meeting was attended by ECCP leaders including Director Tarang Gupta and Executive Director Florian Gottein. It was hosted by Atty. Alden Labaguis, ECCP Vice Chairperson of the Tax and Financial Services Committee and the Customs and Logistics Committee.

For more photos, visit: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCM93s>

The success of the ECCP Luncheon Meeting with FDA was made possible through the support extended by Event Supporter Jollibee Group and Table Top Partner Villa Medica Philippines (VMP) Regenerative Clinic.



2026 ECCP Townhall Meeting - Q1 3 March 2026

The ECCP Team kicked off March with its first Townhall Meeting for 2026!

On 4 March 2026, the ECCP Team gathered for its first Townhall of the year, taking time to reflect on the progress made and realign for the road ahead.

The March Townhall created a meaningful space to exchange insights, strengthen collaboration, and reaffirm the goals that guide the Chamber's work. It also concluded with a small gathering to unwind and celebrate the team spirit that continues to move ECCP forward.



ECCP Conducted Courtesy Visits in Western Visayas 5-6 March 2026

On 5-6 March 2026, ECCP Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein visited Iloilo to strengthen partnerships and explore emerging economic opportunities in Western Visayas.

During his visit, he met with Dr. Carmelo Ambut, Vice President for Research and Extension Services of Iloilo Science and Technology University, to discuss developments in the region's natural fiber and textile industry.

He also held courtesy meetings with Mr. Antonio J. Cabalhug, Jr., First Vice President for Panay Site Operations of Panay Energy Development Corporation, and Ms. Mutya Eusores, OIC Regional Director of DTI Region VI. The discussion centered on strengthening cooperation between ECCP and DTI in supporting regional enterprises, promoting export readiness among local businesses, and advancing programs that improve the competitiveness of Western Visayas industries. Opportunities to collaborate on business forums, capacity-building activities, and investment promotion initiatives were also explored.

In addition, discussions were initiated with the Panay Organization for Progressive Agriculture (POPA) to explore potential areas for collaboration and partnership in advancing the region's agricultural sector.

Through engagements like these, the ECCP continues to reinforce its role in connecting industries, promoting sustainable growth, and advancing meaningful partnerships across the Philippines.



Women Who Shape Tomorrow: Giving to Gain Progress 11 March 2026

Celebrating all the women taking up space and driving progress!

It was a full house yesterday, 11 March 2026, at the ECCP's Women Who Shape Tomorrow: Giving to Gain Progress, at the Makati Diamond Residences.

We are grateful to all the incredible women who graced this meaningful forum with their presence and insights: H.E. Emma Hickey, Irish Ambassador to the Philippines; H.E. Smiljana Knez, Slovenian Ambassador to the Philippines; Head of Research and Development Paula Ferrer Cheng, Mind You; and Dr. Emmie Liza Perez-Chiong, Undersecretary of the Department of Health (Philippines).

The forum also featured inspiring stories and perspectives from Ms. Gina Romero, Founder of Connected Women; Ms. Iris Palacio, Chief Risk and Compliance Officer of HSBC Philippines; Ms. Mariana Zobel de Ayala, U-GO Board Advisor and Ayala Corporation Managing Director; Dr. Maria Caironiza Salcedo, Medical Operations Manager, mWell-KonsultaMD; Ms. Geeta Royyuru, Head of HR at Unilever Philippines; and Ms. Toni B. Tompar, Executive Vice President - Operations at Teleperformance Philippines.

The first panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Diana Edralin, ECCP Vice President, and featured Ms. Samantha Betia-Pangangan, ACCIONA's Head of Marketing for Southeast Asia. The second



panel discussion was led by Ms. Ruth Yu-Owen, President & CEO of Upgrade Energy Philippines, with panelists Ms. Nina Abad, TP in the Philippines' Vice President of Operations, and Ms. Sierra Basmayor-Ng, Unilever's Head of Customer Service & Logistics.

The event was attended by ECCP President Paulo Duarte and Vice President Roman Menz, along with ECCP Women in Business Committee (WIB) Chair Sheila Lobien and Co-Chair Jen Francisco. It was hosted by Ms. Abi Paco, Executive Headhunter at Global Executive Solutions Group (GESG).

At ECCP, we champion women and recognize their role in shaping industries and redefining progress. We champion HER leadership and continue exploring ways to build a more inclusive, forward-thinking business community.

For more photos, visit <https://tinyurl.com/WomenWhoShapeTomorrow2026>

A massive thanks to everyone who joined us, and see you at our next event!

Graphika Manila 2026 7-8 March 2026

On 7-8 March 2026, the ECCP Communications Team attended Graphika Manila 2026 at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City.

Graphika Manila is Asia's premier conference for creatives, design professionals, and students, which features talks from world-leading creative minds in illustration, graphic design, and animation.

Through opportunities like this, the ECCP continues to support its team's growth by encouraging learning, creativity, and fresh perspectives that strengthen how we communicate with our community.

The event was joined by (from left to right): Chinky Duller, Senior Graphic Designer; Jayvee Juanson, Senior Web Designer/IT Officer; Mark Lenard Lara, IT Associate; and Allane Arganda, Communications Officer.



Tax Compliance in 2026: Understanding the Reformed Audit Framework

12 March 2026

On 12 March 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) and Du-Baladad and Associates (BDB Law), hosted a tax information session entitled, “Tax Compliance in 2026: Understanding the Reformed Audit Framework”, held at Dusit Thani Manila, Makati City.

Atty. Jomel N. Manaig, Partner at BDB Law, served as the keynote speaker, presenting on the newly implemented tax audit system. The session explored the BIR’s latest reforms to its examination procedures, focusing on updated policies for the issuance and execution of Letters of Authority (LOAs). Following the presentation, BDB Law Managing Partner Atty. Fulvio Dawilan moderated an insightful open forum.

Participants gained an insight into how tax audits will be conducted, what to expect during examinations,



and how to effectively prepare and manage audit risks. The session also discussed compliance strategies, taxpayer rights and obligations, and practical steps businesses can do to ensure they are compliant and ready.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to BDB Law for their collaboration in co-hosting this face-to-face session, as well as to all participants for their participation.

ECCP Conducts Courtesy Visits in Davao

9-10 March 2026

On 9–10 March 2026, ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein visited Davao to meet key stakeholders and strengthen ECCP’s partnerships in the region.

During the visit, the ECCP reinforced its engagement with the academic community through a training partnership contract signing with the University of the Philippines Mindanao, marking a step toward closer collaboration between academe and industry.

Additionally, ECCP Davao hosted its Community Connect on the same day, where Mr. Gottein delivered the welcome message to over 50 members of the Southern Mindanao business community.

In line with ECCP’s efforts to strengthen international and development cooperation, Mr. Gottein also attended an information-sharing dinner with Belgian Ambassador H.E. Vladislava Iordanova, alongside EU BAEP CRESCENT stakeholders, the Office of the Belgium Honorary Consulate for Mindanao, and HEAD Sport Philippines. The meeting highlighted a shared commitment to supporting the continued



growth of the business sector in Southern Mindanao.

Finally and to further reinforce ECCP’s engagement with key industry players, Mr. Gottein paid a courtesy visit to Damosa Land, where Mr. Ricardo Lagdameo, President and Honorary Consul of Austria for Mindanao, shared updates on the company’s key developments and ongoing initiatives, including the TRYP by Wyndham Samal condotel project.

Through these engagements, the ECCP reaffirms its commitment to strengthening partnerships, promoting knowledge exchange, and advancing initiatives in Southern Mindanao and across the Philippines.

ECCP Conducts Courtesy Visits in Cebu

12-13 March 2026

On 12–13 March 2026, ECCP Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein visited Cebu to reinforce partnerships, engage with industry leaders, and advance the Chamber’s advocacy initiatives in the region.

During his visit, Mr. Gottein held courtesy meetings with executives from Tambuli Seaside Resort & Spa, Conchology, Inc., and Jpark Island Resort & Waterpark. These discussions provided valuable insights into Cebu’s tourism and hospitality sector, highlighted the role of specialized industries and family-run enterprises, and addressed challenges such as seasonal disruptions, evolving market dynamics, and tariff increases. The meetings emphasized resilience, innovation, and collaboration as drivers of sustainable growth.

On 13 March 2026, Mr. Gottein presented chamber updates and advocacy priorities during the 1st Quarterly CEO Breakfast Meeting of the ECCP Cebu



Business Council. The event gathered business leaders to discuss industry developments, introduce new leadership roles, and align on key priorities for 2026. Following the meeting, he also met with the Cebu Creative Entertainment Council, further strengthening ECCP’s engagement with Cebu’s dynamic creative sector.

Through these engagements, ECCP reaffirms its role as the Chamber of Choice, fostering partnerships and advancing regional growth across the Philippines.

2026 ECCP Community Connect

12-13 March 2026

On 18 March 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines held its first Community Connect for the year at the Nezda Global Office in Makati City.

The event served as a platform for both new and long-standing members to connect, collaborate, and expand their professional networks within the European-Philippine business community. It also featured a briefing session highlighting ECCP’s membership benefits and services, providing participants with valuable insights on how to maximize their engagement with the Chamber.

During the program, members had the opportunity to hear from Ms. Jea Paguntalan, Nezda Global’s Sr. Manager for Partnerships & Business Development; Mr. Percy Flores, Retail Associates’ Business Solutions Head; and Mr. Jess Alicaya, P&A Grant Thornton’s Manager - Technology Solutions Group, who shared insights about their respective companies and areas of expertise.

The event was joined by ECCP leaders, including Agriculture Committee Chair Ms. Ruth Novales and ICT Committee Co-Chair Mr. Erik Nielsen, who shared



their experience as a member and what it means to be involved in ECCP’s advocacy committees.

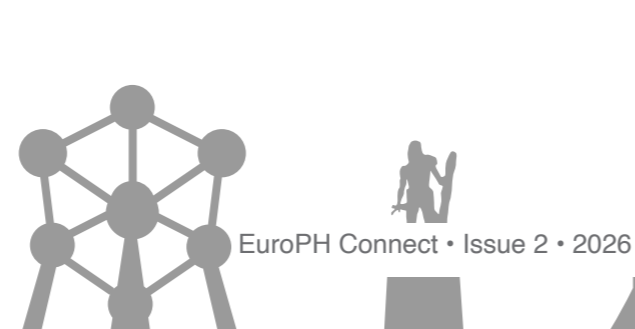
The ECCP extends its heartfelt thanks to all our members who joined us for this initiative. We’d also like to acknowledge our incredible partners:

Session Partners: P&A Grant Thornton and Retail Associates

Marketing Partners: SAVÈA Bay City Manila, Assessment Analytics, Forvis Mazars in the Philippines, and Mail Boxes Etc. - Philippines

Venue Partner: Nezda Global

See you at our next ECCP Community Connect!



Northern Mindanao Link & Lounge: An ECCP Mixer

17-18 March 2026

On 17–18 March 2025, ECCP Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein visited Cagayan de Oro to further strengthen the Chamber’s partnerships and regional engagement.

On 17 March, Mr. Gottein attended the Northern Mindanao Link & Lounge: An ECCP Mixer, where he connected with members and key stakeholders from the local business community, fostering meaningful exchanges and collaboration.

The following day, he continued his engagements with a courtesy visit to ECCP Northern Mindanao’s Premium Member, PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority, where discussions were held with the Administrator and the Business Development Division to explore opportunities for collaboration in industrial development and investment promotion. Joining the visit were Mr. Florian Redl, Country Director of Logwin Logistics, and Ms. Joanne Natindim, ECCP Regional Manager for Northern Mindanao. A brief port tour at the Mindanao Container Terminal followed, providing insights into the region’s logistics and trade infrastructure.

ECCP also paid a courtesy visit to the City Government of Cagayan de Oro, where discussions with the City Mayor and the Trade and Investment Promotions Center Team highlighted mutual support for key initiatives, particularly the upcoming Mindanao Business Conference.

The visit concluded with a luncheon meeting between the ECCP delegation and the ECCP Northern Mindanao Business Council, reinforcing shared priorities and continued collaboration in advancing business and investment opportunities in the region.



ECCP & RepsMate Software SRL Partnership Signing Ceremony

18 March 2026

On 18 March 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines formalized its partnership with RepsMate Software SRL through a signing ceremony hosted by the Ambasada României în Filipine / Embassy of Romania in the Philippines at the residence of the Ambassador of Romania in Makati, City.

The signing ceremony marked a milestone in strengthening the collaboration between ECCP and RepsMate, a leading European AI solutions provider. The vision of RepsMate is to empower customer care agents with AI instead of replacing them.

With over 2,000,000 people employed in the BPO sector, the Philippines stands at a critical inflection point in which AI stands not as a threat but a catalyst that can elevate people’s performance to new levels of efficiency and global competitiveness.

During the ceremony, Romanian Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Răduța Dana Matache expressed her support to RepsMate, emphasizing the importance of its platform to the Philippines at the current time.

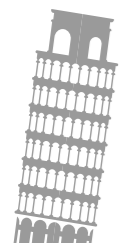
The signing ceremony was graced with the presence of the Ambassador of the European Union to the Philippines H.E. Massimo Santoro, and featured messages from ECCP Treasurer and Director Mr. Albert Perez, and RepsMate Founder and CEO Mr. Alin Rosca. In a short speech Mr. Rosca committed to help BPO companies to stay competitive and to



improve their Key Performance Indicators without reducing its workforce.

It was also joined by ECCP leaders including Ms. Gen Anaquita-Gatan, Director of Operations, and Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto, Director for Advocacy & Government Affairs. Also in attendance were the Embassy of Romania to the Philippines’ Admin Manager Gabriel Oanta and Trade and Development Officer Gerald Nuñez, alongside RepsMate’s International Partner Manager Andrei Viorică and Mr. Alfred Reiterer, who served as advisor to the CEO of RepsMate on entering the Asian market.

Through this partnership, the ECCP and RepsMate affirms its shared commitments to innovation, digital transformation, and business development while following the principles of good corporate governance. Together with the market entry in the Philippines RepsMate also committed to implement its Corporate Social Responsibility program in the Philippines in the second quarter of 2026.



Inside ECCP: Cebu

European Honorary Consuls' Meeting 23 January 2026

ECCP Cebu successfully convened the 2026 European Honorary Consuls' Meeting last January 23 at Citadines, Cebu City. The gathering brought together European honorary consuls, ECCP business leaders, and distinguished experts to discuss the Philippine and ASEAN economic outlook, regulatory perspectives, and regional investment opportunities. With insights from the EU Delegation, EU-ASEAN Business Council, ING Bank, SGV & Co., and government agencies, the meeting underscored the importance of aligning local development priorities with global business trends. This dialogue reflects ECCP's commitment to fostering stronger European-Philippine cooperation and advancing sustainable growth in the Visayas.



2026 Kick-Off Reception 23 January 2026

ECCP Cebu hosted its 2026 Kick-Off Reception at Citadines, gathering members, partners, and the diplomatic community for an evening of networking and collaboration. The reception highlighted the induction of new ECCP Cebu Business Council leaders and the recognition of new members, marking a significant milestone in the region's business leadership. With meaningful exchanges and renewed partnerships, the event set the tone for a year of resilience, innovation, and international cooperation. This kick-off reflects ECCP's role in building bridges across sectors and nations, positioning Cebu as a hub for global partnership and sustainable growth.



Coffee Morning with MSMEs Session 1: Digital Creative Industries 23 January 2026

On 23 February 2026, ECCP Cebu hosted Session 1 of its Coffee Morning with MSMEs, gathering digital creative industry leaders for a morning of insightful discussions. Facilitated by Mr. David Thomas, the session covered export readiness, intellectual property, innovation, and partnership opportunities with European companies. The initiative reflects ECCP's continued support for MSME growth and collaboration.



Unlocking Hidden Potential: Cost optimization strategies 26 January 2026

The ECCP Cebu held a pocket learning session, Unlocking Hidden Value: Cost Optimization Strategies for Sustainable Growth, in partnership with ERA Group last January 26, held in Marco Polo Plaza Cebu. With insights from Charles Chua (ERA Group Philippines) and case-study analysis with Bret Butler (ERA Group North America), and with the presence of Farhad Afshon (ERA Group Visayas & Mindanao), participants explored practical frameworks and case studies on uncovering savings, strengthening supplier relationships, and driving sustainable growth.



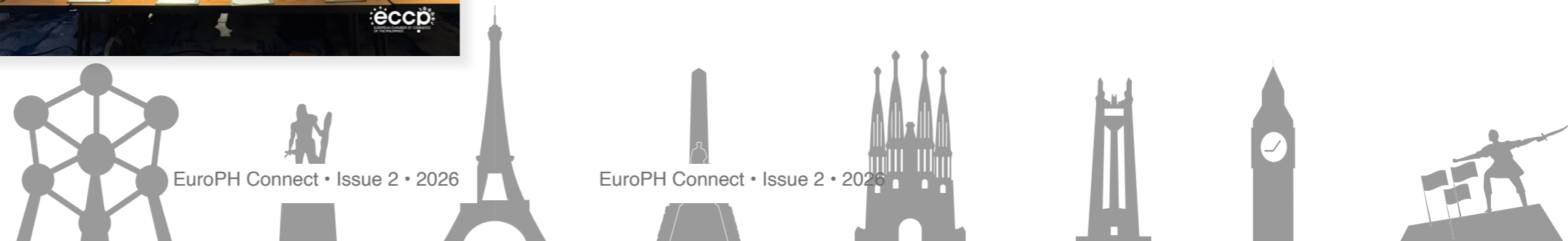
Turning Satellite Data Into Business Intelligence 5 March 2026

On 5 March 2026, the EU-funded CopPhil Programme, with ECCP support, hosted an information session in Cebu City on transforming satellite data into business intelligence. The session highlighted how EU Copernicus data can support decision-making across sectors such as real estate, agriculture, logistics, and tourism, while strengthening local capacity through the CopPhil initiative. It also underscored ECCP's commitment to fostering partnerships and driving sustainable economic growth.



1st Quarterly Cebu Breakfast Meeting 13 March 2026

On 13 March 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Cebu Branch held its 1st Quarterly CEO Breakfast Meeting at Fairfield by Marriott Cebu Mactan, bringing together key decision-makers for high-level discussions. The session featured chamber updates, regional initiatives, and industry insights across sectors such as ICT, tourism, and supply chains. The event also welcomed new member companies and fostered dialogue to strengthen partnerships and support Cebu's inclusive and sustainable growth.



Inside ECCP: CDO

ECCP Northern Mindanao Regional Manager Supports the BARMM Investment and Trade Forum in Cotabato City 13-14 January 2026

The ECCP Northern Mindanao Regional Manager attended the BARMM Investment and Trade Forum at the KCC Convention Centre in Cotabato City, gathering key stakeholders to discuss investment opportunities and trade developments in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. The forum featured presentations, networking sessions, and discussions aimed at strengthening regional economic collaboration. Support from the ECCP NM was provided in facilitating program flow, including handling voice-over requirements and assisting with transitions between segments, contributing to the event's smooth execution. The activity forms part of ongoing efforts to promote inclusive growth and strengthen partnerships across Mindanao's evolving investment landscape.



EU Ambassadors' Welcome Dinner 14 January 2026

The ECCP Northern Mindanao, represented by Northern Mindanao Business Council Chairperson Mr. Jaime Rafael Paguio, joined the EU Ambassadors' Welcome Dinner hosted by the City Government of Cagayan de Oro in Cagayan de Oro, held in celebration of the European Union delegation's visit to Northern Mindanao. The gathering marked a significant milestone for the region, bringing together EU Ambassadors and Chargé d'Affaires with key stakeholders from local institutions, LGUs, and community cooperatives. The event provided a platform for meaningful dialogue, fostering stronger connections and exploring opportunities for collaboration across various sectors. It also highlighted Northern Mindanao's increasing relevance as a hub for investment, innovation, and sustainable, inclusive development, reinforcing its strategic role in deepening partnerships between the European Union and local communities.



ADB SHINE/ASCEND Workshop Panel Invite

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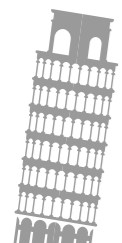
ECCP Northern Mindanao received an invitation from the Asian Development Bank for its Business Council Chairperson, Mr. Jaime Rafael Paguio, to serve as a panelist in a workshop under the SHINE initiative. The session centered on strengthening collaboration between industry and academe, with particular emphasis on advancing technology transfer within Science and Technology Parks (STPs). Discussions highlighted the importance of aligning university-led STP designs with the evolving needs of industries to foster innovation, improve research commercialization, and drive value addition. Through this engagement, ECCP Northern Mindanao reaffirmed its commitment to supporting initiatives that bridge the gap between education and enterprise, ultimately contributing to a more dynamic innovation ecosystem and sustainable regional economic growth.



ECCP Northern Mindanao Conducts the Mindanao Economic Forecast: 2026 Outlook

5 February 2026

The Mindanao Economic Forecast: 2026 Outlook, organized by the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP)-Northern Mindanao, convened stakeholders for a forward-looking discussion on Mindanao's economic trajectory through an in-person forum featuring expert presentations and dialogue last February 5, 2026 via Zoom. The session featured insights from Leo Tereso Magno and Romeo Montenegro of the Mindanao Development Authority, as well as Mylah Faye Aurora Cariño, who presented the Northern Mindanao Regional Development Plan 2023–2028 Midterm Update. The event strengthened collaborative dialogue toward informed decision-making and sustainable development in Mindanao.



ECCP Northern Mindanao Conducts the Link & Lounge: An ECCP Mixer in CDO

17 March 2026

The ECCP Northern Mindanao successfully organized the Northern Mindanao Link & Lounge: An ECCP Mixer on 17 March 2026 at Pioneer House in Cagayan de Oro, gathering over 40 participants composed of members and stakeholders from the local business community. The event was attended by ECCP Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein and Mr. Florian Redl of Logwin Logistics Philippines, underscoring ECCP's ongoing efforts to strengthen regional partnerships and broaden its network. The evening provided a dynamic venue for meaningful exchanges, collaboration, and engagement across various sectors. ECCP expresses its gratitude to its partners and sponsors for their support, as it continues to build connections and promote business development in Northern Mindanao.



ECCP Executive Director Visits Premium Member PHIVIDEC-IA

18 March 2026

ECCP Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein paid a courtesy visit to ECCP Northern Mindanao's Premium Member, the PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority, last March 18, 2026 where discussions highlighted opportunities for collaboration in industrial development and investment promotion. He was accompanied by Mr. Florian Redl of Logwin Logistics and Ms. Joanne Natindim, ECCP Regional Manager for Northern Mindanao. The engagement provided a platform to explore shared priorities and strengthen partnerships within the region's growing industrial landscape. The visit concluded with a brief tour of the Mindanao Container Terminal, offering the delegation a closer look at the region's logistics capabilities and trade infrastructure, underscoring PHIVIDEC's vital role in supporting economic activity in Northern Mindanao.



ECCP Northern Mindanao Conducts a Courtesy Visit to the City Mayor of CDO

18 March 2026

Last March 18, 2026, ECCP conducted a courtesy visit to the City Government of Cagayan de Oro, where the delegation engaged with the City Mayor and the Trade and Investment Promotions Center (TIPC) team. The meeting served as an avenue to reinforce strong mutual support and alignment on key initiatives aimed at fostering economic growth and investment in the region. Discussions emphasized the importance of sustained collaboration between ECCP and the local government in advancing programs that promote business development and competitiveness.

A key highlight of the engagement was the upcoming Mindanao Business Conference which will be hosted



by the city and was identified as a shared priority. Both parties expressed commitment to working together to ensure the successful staging of the event, recognizing its significance in bringing together stakeholders and further positioning Northern Mindanao as a hub for investment and regional development.

ECCP Highlights Northern Mindanao's Investment Readiness at PHIVIDEC-IA Open House Year 3

26 March 2026

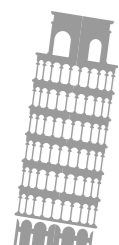
The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) reaffirmed its strong support for industrial development in Northern Mindanao through its participation in the Open House Year 3 of its Premium Member, the PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority. The event served as a platform to showcase the region's growing industrial capabilities while bringing together key stakeholders from government, industry, and the business community to explore opportunities for collaboration and investment.

Representing ECCP, Jaime Rafael Paguio, Chairperson of the ECCP Northern Mindanao Business Council, was invited as one of the industry talk speakers. In his presentation titled "Building Competitive Industrial Ecosystems: Why Northern Mindanao Is Ready for the Next Wave of Investments," he underscored the region's strategic advantages, including its expanding infrastructure,



improving logistics network, and investor-friendly environment. His talk emphasized how these factors position Northern Mindanao as a key driver of economic growth in the Philippines.

ECCP's participation in the event reflects its continued commitment to advancing regional development and strengthening its engagement with stakeholders in Northern Mindanao. By supporting initiatives such as the PHIVIDEC-IA Open House, the Chamber aims to contribute to building a more dynamic and competitive industrial ecosystem that attracts investments and generates inclusive growth for the region.



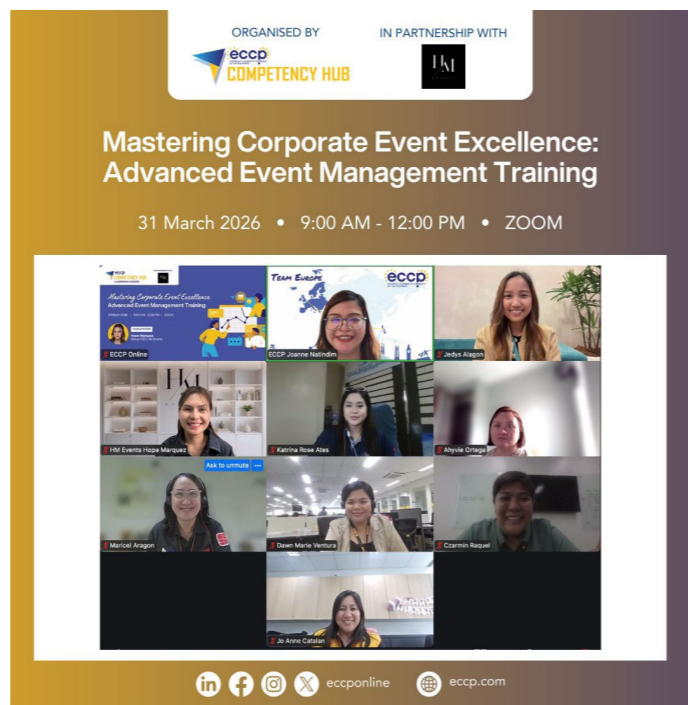
ECCP Conducts Advanced Event Management Training on Corporate Event Excellence

31 March 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) – Northern Mindanao successfully conducted its Competency Hub E-Learning Session titled “Mastering Corporate Event Excellence: Advanced Event Management Training” on 31 March 2026 via Zoom. The session gathered professionals and business representatives eager to enhance their skills in planning and executing impactful corporate events.

Throughout the session, participants were introduced to best practices in corporate event planning, including conceptualization, logistics management, supplier coordination, and program flow design. Ms. Marquez also shared real-life case studies and experiences, offering valuable lessons on handling challenges and delivering seamless event experiences. The training further highlighted the evolving role of events as strategic platforms for branding, communication, and stakeholder engagement. Participants actively engaged in discussions, gaining a deeper understanding of how to create meaningful and memorable corporate events.

This initiative formed part of ECCP’s ongoing commitment to capacity-building and professional development in the region. By equipping participants with advanced event management skills, ECCP continued to support the growth of a more competitive and innovative business community in Northern Mindanao.



Inside ECCP: Davao

Strengthening knowledge-sharing and partnerships with UP Mindanao

23 January 2026

On January 23, 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), represented by Davao Branch Officer Rie Realingo, officially turned over copies of “Biofuels From Philippine Plants” to University of the Philippines Mindanao. The books were formally received by UP Mindanao Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Maria Stella Salazar and University Librarian Dr. Estela Dequito, on behalf of the institution.

Beyond the book turnover, ECCP-Davao also held an initial partnership meeting with Vice Chancellor Salazar and UP Mindanao Business Manager Ms. Jo-An Garcia to explore potential training workshop collaborations between ECCP and UP Mindanao.

This initiative reflects the Chamber’s shared commitment to advancing education, sustainability, and industry-academe collaboration in Mindanao.



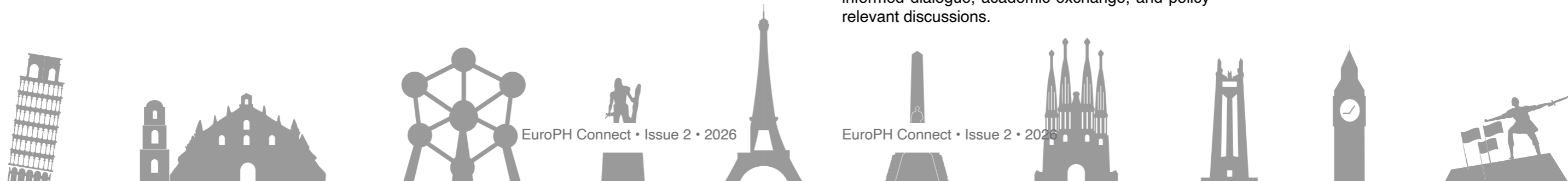
HCDC Ambassador’s Lecture Series

26 January 2026

On January 26, 2026, Holy Cross of Davao College–IAES hosted the 15th Ambassador’s Lecture Series, “Looking Through the Past, Looking to the Future: 80 Years of Diplomatic Relations Between the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of the America” featuring Mr. Julio S. Amador III, Executive Director of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (Fulbright Commission in the Philippines).

The lecture offered timely insights into the historical milestones and evolving dynamics of PH–US relations amid changing global and regional landscapes. Mr. Antonio Peralta, Chairman of the ECCP Southern Mindanao Business Council, actively participated in the discussion and expressed strong interest and support for the topic.

ECCP’s participation reflects its continued commitment to supporting its advocacies and its active role in the Education Committee, promoting informed dialogue, academic exchange, and policy-relevant discussions.



Crisis Communication in the Era of Viral Media: Protecting Your Brand Online

27 January 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) successfully conducted “Crisis Communication in the Era of Viral Media: Protecting Your Brand Online” on 27 January 2026, via Zoom.

In today’s hyperconnected digital landscape, reputational risks spread fast—and this training empowered participants to stay ahead. The session focused on equipping professionals with practical tools and strategies to anticipate, manage, and recover from communication crises, particularly those fueled by viral content, digital outrage, and cancel culture.

The ECCP remains committed to delivering relevant learning opportunities that help businesses protect their credibility, sustain stakeholder trust, and communicate with more confidence.



Strengthening ties between industry and academia

4 February 2026

On February 4, 2026, ECCP Davao and Holy Cross of Davao College (HCDC) held a coordination meeting to strengthen internship opportunities for students. Attendees included Ms. Lulu Cayon, HCDC IAES Coordinator; Ms. Jea T. Piencenaves, HCDC Mobility and Partnerships Coordinator; Ms. Rie Realingo, ECCP Davao Branch Officer; Ms. Zulieka Almonares, HCDC Internship Coordinator; Dr. Mary Richelle Boholano, Program Chairperson of BS in Business Administration; Dr. Josie Fuentes, Dean of School of Business and Management Education; Ms. Romelyn Luzon, Program Chairperson of Bachelor of Arts; Dr. Alona Galache, Dean of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Communication; and Ms. Maverick Nicole Abequibel, HCDC-LINK-IN Intern.

The meeting highlighted the shared commitment of ECCP and HCDC to provide meaningful industry exposure for students. ECCP also received Paglayag Issue No. 3, an anthology of lectures, speeches, and essays from HCDC’s Institute of ASEAN-European Studies (IAES), presented by Ms. Lulu Cayon and Ms. Jea T. Piencenaves.

This collaboration continues to strengthen education-industry ties and underscores ECCP’s commitment to supporting future-ready professionals.



ECCP at Internationalization (IZN) Week 2026

9 February 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao participated in Internationalization (IZN) Week: Mobility, Exchange, and Learning Beyond Campus, organized by Ateneo de Davao Internationalization for Mindanao, as a partner exhibitor.

On 19 February 2026, the Global Village and Exhibit at Rodriguez Hall officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by university leaders, partners, students, and guests. The exhibit featured booths showcasing exchange programs, scholarships, internships, and other global opportunities.

ECCP Davao was represented by Branch Officer Rie Realingo, who joined fellow exhibitors in presenting opportunities that connect students to international



networks and industry experience. ECCP Davao also took part in the Information Learning Session, highlighting its Education Committee initiatives and internship programs.

Through this engagement, ECCP Davao reaffirms its commitment to empowering students and preparing them for a globally connected future.

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ECCP at the Philippines Economic Update (PEU) Regional Dialogue

26 February 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao participated in the ‘Philippines Economic Update (PEU) Regional Dialogue,’ reaffirming its commitment to strengthening partnerships and advancing collaborative efforts toward poverty reduction in Mindanao as a key driver of national economic recovery.

The Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) and the World Bank spearheaded the dialogue at the Pryce Tower, BIMP-EAGA Hall, Davao City.

Secretary Leo Tereso A. Magno, MinDA Chairperson, emphasized that Mindanao remains a vital contributor to national growth and is increasingly positioned as a strategic engine of expansion, which ECCP commits to sustain toward improving the economic growth of the region.

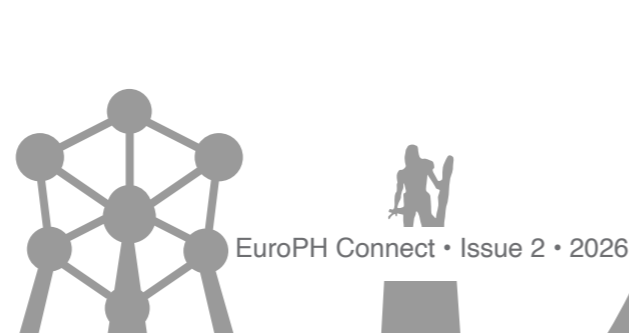
ECCP Davao Branch Officer, Ms. Rie Realingo, also participated in the PEU Roundtable Discussion in



Davao, where she presented some of the projects by the EU BAEP CRESCENT.

The BAEP-CRESCENT is a European Union-funded project under the Bangsamoro Agri-Enterprise Program (BAEP) implemented by ECCP.

Through the PEU Development Dialogue, ECCP continues to support projects and businesses in Mindanao and the greater Philippines, contributing to both regional and national economic growth.



ECCP Davao Joins HCDC-IAES 16th Ambassador's Lecture Series

26 February 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao proudly joined the 16th Ambassador's Lecture organized by Holy Cross of Davao College (HCDC) through its Institute of ASEAN Studies (IAES), reaffirming its support for meaningful dialogue on international cooperation and the vital role of youth in shaping a shared global future.

Held on February 26, 2026, in partnership with the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Davao, the lecture featured Hon. Zhao Xiuzhen, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Davao. In her presentation titled "How China's Youth Can Build Our Shared Future Together," she underscored the importance of youth engagement, cross-cultural understanding, innovation, and global partnerships in advancing a more interconnected and sustainable world.



Adding a cultural dimension to the program, students and guests participated in a traditional dumpling-making demonstration, symbolizing friendship, cultural exchange, and shared heritage between China and the Philippines.

The ECCP Davao continues to support initiatives that promote dialogue, collaboration, and opportunities that empower the next generation to contribute to stronger international partnerships and regional development.

Strengthening Internship and Training Partnership between HCDC and ECCP

27 February 2026

On 27 February 2026, the Holy Cross of Davao College (HCDC) and the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) formally executed a Memorandum of Agreement to establish a partnership for internship and training programs. The signing ceremony was attended by HCDC President, Br. Noelvic H. Deloria, S.C.; BOT Member and Former President, Dr. Ma. Iris A. Melliza; Head of the Center for Linkages, Internationalization, and Language Studies, Ms. Sheryl Urdaneta; Mobility and Partnerships Coordinator, Ms. Jea Piencenaves; Dean of HUSOCOM, Dr. Alona Galache; Dean of SBME, Dr. Josie Fuentes; and HCDC Internship Coordinator, Ms. Zulieka Almonares.

This partnership underscores both HCDC and ECCP's commitment to strengthening academic-industry linkages and providing meaningful professional development opportunities for students.



Courtesy visit to Mr. Leonilo Claudio, Honorary Consul of Belgium for Mindanao

27 February 2026

On 27 February 2026, the ECCP paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Leonilo Claudio, Honorary Consul of Belgium for Mindanao, at the Office of the Belgian Consulate. Discussions focused on the planning and coordination of activities for the upcoming visit of the Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines, H.E. Vladislava Iordanova.

The meeting was also attended by representatives from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Holy Cross of Davao College, and Ateneo de Davao University, reinforcing shared efforts toward meaningful collaboration and partnership in Mindanao.

The courtesy visit concluded with a shared commitment to strengthen ties and foster deeper collaboration between Belgian stakeholders and key institutions in Mindanao, paving the way for a productive and impactful ambassadorial visit.



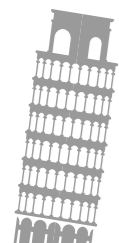
Courtesy visit by dusicD2 Davao

3 March 2026

On 03 March 2026, dusicD2 Davao paid a courtesy visit to the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), which also extended to the Office of the Center for Linkages, Internationalization, & Language Studies (LINK-IN & LS) of Holy Cross of Davao College.

As part of the visit, the Dusit Thani Davao representatives, Ms. Jennifer Romero, Director of Sales of Dusit Thani Davao, and Ms. Jenny Dagohoy, Sales Manager of Dusit Thani Davao, met with Ms. Rie Realingo, ECCP Davao Branch Officer and Ms. Sheryl J. Urdaneta, Head of the Center for Linkages, Internationalization, & Language Studies.

The courtesy visit served as an opportunity to strengthen professional ties, explore potential areas of collaboration, and reaffirm a shared commitment to advancing sustainable industry-academe partnerships.



Dinner meeting with Ayala Foundation 3 March 2026

On March 3, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) joined a dinner meeting with Ayala Foundation, Inc. to explore potential areas of collaboration and strengthen partnerships focused on education and community development initiatives.

The engagement provided an opportunity for both parties to exchange insights and discuss programs that promote inclusive and sustainable learning opportunities, including the foundation's CENTEX Program.

Representing ECCP were Davao Branch Officer Ms. Rie Realingo and Br. Noelvic Deloria, SC, ECCP-SMBC Vice Chairman for Education and President of Holy Cross of Davao College.

Their participation underscored ECCP's continued commitment to fostering meaningful partnerships that support education and community development initiatives.



Welcomed the Bulwark Project Foundation 4 March 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao welcomed the Bulwark Project Foundation on Thursday, March 4, at the BAEP-CRESCENT Project Office.

A Davao-based social action organization, Bulwark Foundation, represented by its CEO Mr. Dennis M. Villegas, expressed its interest in exploring potential membership with ECCP. The foundation aims to expand its community initiatives across Mindanao through ECCP's leadership, strategic guidance, and extensive business network.

The discussion was facilitated by ECCP Davao Branch Officer Ms. Rie Realingo, highlighting shared goals in strengthening community development efforts in the region.



JIBPRO X 2026 4 March 2026

On 4 March 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) participated in JIBPRO X 2026: "Sustaining the Flavors of the Earth" at Ayala Malls Abreeza. The event, organized by Joji Ilagan International Schools, highlighted the importance of sustainability, innovation, and collaboration in the culinary and hospitality sectors.

The program commenced with welcome remarks from Madam Joji Ilagan Bian, followed by an inspirational message from Mr. Sven Toune, General Manager of Park Inn by Radisson Davao. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Willenito P. Tormis Jr., Officer-in-Charge of the Davao City Tourism Operations Office, emphasizing the vital role of tourism and industry partnerships in sustaining local growth.

ECCP's participation reaffirms its commitment to strengthening industry linkages and supporting initiatives that promote sustainable development within the region.



ECCP Davao Community Connect 9 March 2026

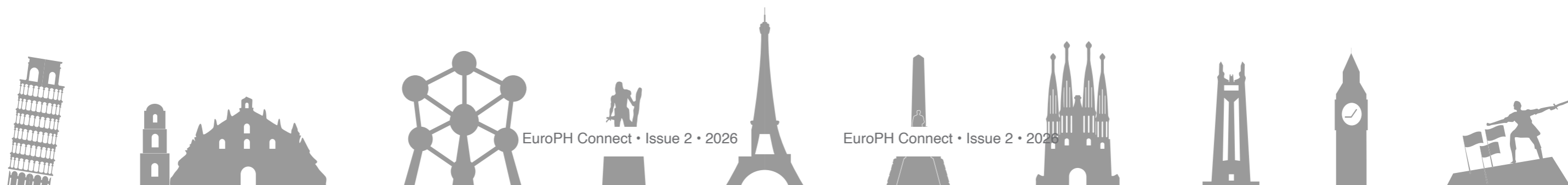
On 9 March 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao successfully held the ECCP Davao Community Connect at Park Inn by Radisson Davao, gathering over 50 members from the Southern Mindanao business community. The event served as a platform for both new and long-standing members to reconnect, gain insights on ECCP membership benefits, and explore opportunities for collaboration and engagement within the network.

The program included a welcome message from ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein, a session partner presentation from FAST Logistics Group, a venue highlight presentation from Park Inn by Radisson Davao, and closing remarks from Mr. Sven Toune, General Manager of Park Inn by Radisson Davao to conclude the event.



ECCP Davao also extends its appreciation to the event sponsors for their support: Venue Partner: Park Inn by Radisson Davao; Event Patron: FAST Logistics; and Event Supporter: Eastern Communications.

ECCP's continued initiatives in the region reaffirms its commitment to fostering meaningful engagement, collaboration, and shared growth among its members in Southern Mindanao.



Training partnership contract signing with the University of the Philippines Mindanao

9 March 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) strengthened its engagement with the academic community through a training partnership contract signing with the University of the Philippines Mindanao last 9 March 2026, marking a significant step toward fostering closer collaboration between the academe and the business community.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Florian Gottein, ECCP Executive Director; Ms. Rie Realingo, ECCP Davao Branch Officer; Dr. Lyre Anni E. Murao, Chancellor of UP Mindanao; and Dr. Ma. Stella R. Salazar, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of UP Mindanao, in the presence of several deans and heads of offices from the university.



Following the signing, the ECCP delegation participated in a campus tour led by Ms. Jo-An Garcia, UP Mindanao Business Manager, offering an opportunity to explore the university's facilities and gain deeper insights into its academic environment and initiatives.

ECCP, Belgian Embassy, and Partners Gather for Information-Sharing Dinner in Davao

9 March 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), in partnership with the Embassy of Belgium in Manila, the Office of the Belgian Honorary Consulate for Mindanao, and HEAD Sport Philippines, convened a meaningful information-sharing dinner on 9 March 2026 at Café Tavera in Davao City.

ECCP Executive Director and Bangsamoro Agri-Enterprise Program (BAEP)–CRESCENT Project Director Mr. Florian Gottein, alongside EU BAEP CRESCENT stakeholders, consultants, and associates, presented an overview of the project and its strategic directions to Belgian Ambassador H.E. Vladislava Iordanova, underscoring shared support for advancing the business landscape in Southern Mindanao.



HEAD Sport Philippines, represented by General Manager Mr. Vasyl Goshovsky, also attended as one of ECCP's newest members, recently welcomed during the ECCP Davao Community Connect.

Also present was Belgian Honorary Consul in Davao Mr. Leonilo G. Claudio, reaffirming strong local support for ECCP initiatives and continued collaboration with the Embassy.

Courtesy visit to Damosa Land

10 March 2026

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), through its Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein, paid a courtesy visit to Damosa Land on 10 March 2026, reaffirming the Chamber's commitment to supporting the company's projects and long-term vision.

During the visit, Mr. Ricardo Lagdameo, President of Damosa Land and Honorary Consul of Austria, welcomed the ECCP delegation and shared updates on the company's key developments and ongoing initiatives, including its flagship four-star condotel 'TRYP by Wyndham Samal' project.

Joined by ECCP Davao Branch Officer Ms. Rie Realingo, ECCP reiterated its thrust to fostering business growth in Southern Mindanao by deepening partnerships and advancing initiatives through its extensive network.



Pasidungog: Garbo sa Dabaw 2026 Celebration

13 March 2026

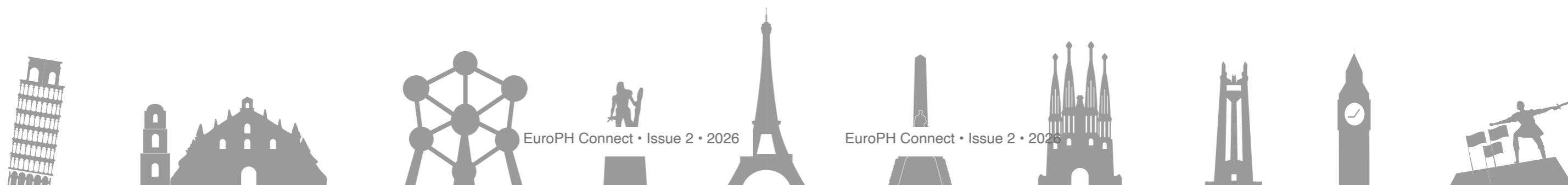
On 13 March 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao participated in Pasidungog: Garbo sa Dabaw 2026, in celebration of the 89th Araw ng Dabaw. The event recognized partners and stakeholders who have contributed to the growth and development of Davao City.

The ECCP extends its warm congratulations to Mr. Antonio Peralta, Honorary Consul of Finland for Mindanao and Chairman of ECCP's Southern Mindanao Business Council, for receiving the award in recognition of his outstanding contributions in promoting business development—where he helped



foster partnerships, and create opportunities that have contributed to the growth of Davao City and the surrounding region.

The ECCP's participation in the event demonstrates the organization's dedication to fostering collaboration and supporting sustainable growth.



2GO Business Forum Series 19 March 202

On 19 March 2026, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) Davao participated in the 2GO Business Forum Series at Park Inn by Radisson Davao.

Aligned with 2GO's theme, "Empowering Partnerships for Sustainable Economic Progress," ECCP Davao Branch Officer Ms. Rie Realingo engaged with key stakeholders interested in expanding their organizations' reach through ECCP's growing network.

ECCP Davao also met with Region 11, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Davao Regional Director Mr. Romeo Castañaga, who expressed continued support for ECCP's initiatives in expanding opportunities for local businesses beyond the region.



The event was held in partnership with the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) and the Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. (DCCCII).

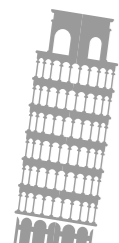
The ECCP remains committed to its mission of strengthening engagement within Southern Mindanao's business sector by fostering meaningful connections and enabling diverse business opportunities.

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Selecta had been producing multiple strong brands and delivering 150 million pcs of ice cream tubs, sticks, cones, and cups, to over 100 million Filipinos year after year. The factory had also gone through two (2) major expansions in 2010 and 2018, which enabled growth and further advancement thru FSSC certifications, Halal certifications, renewable source of electricity, and many more.



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Founded in 2015, Pacific Synergy Food & Beverage Corporation is a fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) company with a goal to manufacture and distribute (sourced from global suppliers) high quality products from food to non-food to the Filipinos.

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BSA Solutions Outsourcing Inc.

BSA Solutions is a talent outsourcing company that provides access to talented professionals in the Philippines and Malaysia.



Landco Pacific Corporation

Better with water France is an NGO created in 2008, it Landco Pacific Corporation, a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Investments Corporation, has spent over 30 years evolving the art of living by creating world-class leisure communities and luxury homes in the Philippines. Known for its pioneering spirit, Landco develops premium and sustainable properties that are not only valuable now but also worth passing down to future generations. Each property is a unique investment: precious, prestigious, and continually yielding.



Asia Select, Inc.

Asia Select Inc. is a human capital solutions firm bringing people and career opportunities together. We specialize in talent attraction and recruitment through our core solutions: Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO), Contingency & Executive Search, and ZMG Research & Talent Intelligence (RTI).



TA Dynasty Group Of Companies, Inc.

TA Dynasty Inc. is a Philippine based development and investment company focused on building sustainable, value driven real estate and lifestyle projects. Through its flagship development arm project coming Auresta Verde a CONDOTEL and mixed used project design to meet the evolving need of modern living, tourism and investment.



Symph Inc

We design and develop AI apps, business systems, and web and mobile apps to fix business problems, speed up work, and help organizations grow.



Omnibus Bio-Medical Systems Inc.

A leading provider of the world's most trusted brands for healthcare, industrial laboratory, agriculture, education of research, food and pharmaceutical, and life science industries.

Associate Members



Green Thumb Precision Farms Inc

Green Thumb Precision Farms Inc is an agritech company that revolutionizes how vegetables are grown, through precision farming technology delivering FRESH, CHEMICAL-FREE, and SUSTAINABLE greens year-round in a controlled, hyper-local environment.



Oikos Orchard & Farm

Oikos Orchard & Farm (OOF) is a regenerative and integrated farm based in Sibonga, Cebu, established from a personal vision of farming that heals land, sustains livelihoods, and nurtures the human spirit. What began as a retirement plan evolved into a working model for sustainable agriculture following Typhoon Odette, which became a catalyst for purposeful action and innovation.



JGC, Philippines Inc.

JGC Philippines, Inc. (JPHIL), was incorporated and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on September 5, 1989.

JPHIL was originally engaged in providing engineering services including feasibility studies, front-end engineering and detailed engineering designs for its parent company in Japan, JGC Corporation, and its domestic clients. The three original shareholders are AG & P, Marubeni and JGC Corporation.



MARIANO CAGUETE & CO.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Mariano Caguete & Co. Cpas

Mariano Caguete & Co. CPAs is an accounting firm in the Philippines that specializes in auditing, accounting, tax, and corporate services. At Mariano Caguete & Co. CPAs, we are dedicated to helping businesses attain financial clarity and success, making a positive impact on the businesses & communities we serve.



Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions

CITEM is the export promotion authority of the Philippine government attached to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Since its inception in 1983, CITEM has been relentlessly helping shape the country's image as a premier sourcing destination for quality export products and services. It continues to set the highest standards of creativity, excellence, and innovation to achieve competitiveness in the home decor, furniture and furnishings, holiday and gifts, fashion, food; the creative sector, such as animation, game development, communication design, music, and performing arts; sustainability, electronics, IT-based sectors, and health information management services.



Archadius Construction Corporation

A construction company with architectural and engineering design services catering to commercial, industrial, and residential structures offering hassle-free project management and peace of mind to all its clients using systematized communication approach and keen attention to detail.



Metro Pacific Water Solutions Inc.

Welcome to Metro Pacific Water Solutions, Inc., the culmination of decades of expertise in providing innovative water solutions. Formerly known as Ecosystem Technologies International Inc., our rebranding signifies a new chapter in our journey towards excellence. With nearly 30 years of industry experience, we have honed our skills and techniques to become leaders in the water solutions sector. Now, as part of the esteemed Metro Pacific Group, renowned for its contributions to water, energy, roads, infrastructure, and communications, we are poised to redefine standards and set new benchmarks in the field. At Metro Pacific Water Solutions, we are committed to delivering innovative, sustainable, and cutting-edge solutions that address the evolving needs of communities and industries. Join us as we embark on a mission to make a lasting impact on the world's water landscape.

Individual Members



Romeo Angelo Jabalon



Petr Šidlo
CPO & Board Advisor
KASIMO International, s.r.o.

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

EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

2026- Q1

JANUARY

- 13-15 SOURCE FASHION**
Fashion Sourcing
London, United Kingdom (Olympia London)
- 19-22 DOMOTEX**
Flooring & Interior Finishing
Hannover, Germany (Hannover Messe)
- 20-23 IMM COLOGNE**
Interior Design
Cologne, Germany (Koelnmesse)
- TBA NET ZERO ACTION GUIDE DRAFTING WORKSHOP**
Climate Action
Virtual | Details to be updated

FEBRUARY

- 1-4 ISM**
Sweets and Snacks
Cologne, Germany (Koelnmesse)
- 3-6 SINGAPORE AIRSHOW 2026**
Aviation
Changi Exhibition Centre, 9 Aviation Park Rd, Singapore
- 3-6 F.RE.E**
Travel & Leisure
Munich, Germany (Trade Fair Center Messe München)
- 20-23 INHORGENTA MUNICH**
Jewelry, Watches and Gemstones
Munich, Germany (Trade Fair Center Messe München)
- 24 RACE TO ZERO APAC SUMMIT**
Climate Action
Makati, Philippines (Asian Institute of Management)
- 25-26 LOPEC**
Logistics and Supply Chain
Mumbai, India (Jio World Convention Centre)
- 25-27 TRANSPORT LOGISTIC INDIA**
Electronics
Munich, Germany (International Congress Center Messe München)

MARCH

- 11-13 INTERNATIONAL HARDWARE FAIR**
Hardware and home improvement
Cologne, Germany (Koelnmesse)
- 11-13 THAIFEX – HOREC ASIA**
Hospitality & Food Service
Bangkok, Thailand (IMPACT Muang Thong Thani)
- 14 PUSONG HERO RUN FOR CLIMATE ACTION – CAVITE LEG**
Climate Action
NU Dasmariñas Cavite
- 24-26 CERAMITEC**
Ceramics
Munich, Germany (Trade Fair Center Messe München)
- 24-26 DIGITALBAU COLOGNE**
Digital solutions for construction
Cologne, Germany (Koelnmesse)
- 24-27 ANALYTICA**
Laboratory Technology, Analysis, & Biotechnology
Munich, Germany (Trade Fair Center Messe München)
- 24-27 PRODUCTRONICA CHINA**
Electronics Development and Production
Shanghai, China (Shanghai New International Expo Centre)
- TBA 2ND CLIMATE-PROOFING SMES BOOTCAMP**
Climate Action
Hybrid | Details to be updated

2026- Q2

APRIL

- 7-9 ANUGA SELECT BRAZIL**
Energy of Brazil and the Global Power
São Paulo, Brazil (Distrito Anhembi)
- 13-15 IE EXPO CHINA**
Environmental Technology Solutions
Shanghai, China (Shanghai New International Expo Centre)
- 15-17 ANUGA SELECT JAPAN**
Food & Beverage
Tokyo, Japan (Tokyo Big Sight)
- 15-17 ISM JAPAN**
Sweets and Snacks
Tokyo, Japan (Tokyo Big Sight)
- 20-24 HANNOVER MESSE**
Logistics, Automation, Energy
Hannover, Germany (Hannover Messe)
- 27-29 ANUGA SELECT CHINA**
Food & Beverage
Shenzhen, China (Shenzhen Exhibition & Convention Center)
- TBA ECCP SUSTAINABILITY NETWORKING EVENT #1**
Climate Action
Onsite | Details to be updated

MAY

- 4-7 IFAT MUNICH**
Water, Sewage, Waste and Raw Materials Management
Munich, Germany (Trade Fair Center Messe München)
- 5-7 VITAFOODS EUROPE**
Nutraceuticals, Dietary Supplement, and Functional Food
Barcelona, Spain (Fira Barcelona Gran Via)
- 11-14 TUTTOFOOD MILANO**
Food & Beverage
Milan, Italy (Rho's Fiera Milano)
- 26-30 THAIFEX - ANUGA ASIA**
Food & Beverage
Bangkok, Thailand (IMPACT Muang Thong Thani)

JUNE

- 1-6 INTERSCHUTZ**
Fire, Rescue, and Civil Protection
Hannover, Germany (Hanover Fairground)
- 2-4 ORGATEC TOKYO**
Modern Workspaces
Tokyo, Japan (Tokyo Big Sight)
- 4-5 INTERZUM FORUM ITALY**
Furniture and Design
Bergamo, Italy (Bergamo Exhibition Centre)
- 15-17 EXPO REAL ASIA PACIFIC**
Real Estate
Singapore, Singapore (Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre)
- 15-19 SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL WATER WEEK**
Water Solutions
Singapore, Singapore (Sands Expo and Convention Centre)
- 22-24 SPOGA + GAFA**
Garden and Lifestyle
Cologne, Germany (Koelnmesse)
- TBA 3RD CLIMATE-PROOFING SMES BOOTCAMP**
Climate Action
Hybrid | Details to be updated
- TBA VIP NETWORKING SESSION**
Climate Action
Hybrid | Details to be updated

2026- Q3

AUGUST

- 26-30 GAMESCOM COLOGNE**
Games & Entertainment
Cologne, Germany (Koelnmesse)

SEPTEMBER

- 20-23 INHORGENTA MUNICH**
Jewelry, Watches and Gemstones
Munich, Germany (Trade Fair Center Messe München)
- 25-26 LOPEC**
Logistics and Supply Chain
Mumbai, India (Jio World Convention Centre)
- 25-27 TRANSPORT LOGISTIC INDIA**
Electronics
Munich, Germany (International Congress Center Messe München)
- 29-01 ANUGA SELECT INDIA AND ANUGA FOODTEC INDIA**
Food & Beverage and Technology
Mumbai, India (Bombay Exhibition Centre)

OCTOBER

- 27-30 ORGATEC**
Office and Workplace
Cologne, Germany (Koelnmesse)

