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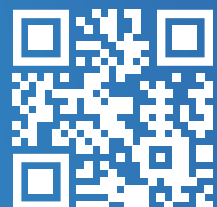
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Editorial

Dear Member,

A happy and prosperous New Year from the ECCP!

What a year it has been! The year 2025 went by so swiftly, but with it came a wealth of events and activities. In the last quarter, we held a luncheon meeting with Congressman Jose Manuel Alba focused on climate change and decarbonization. We also successfully organized the 23rd European Golf Tournament, where members and partners spent a day celebrating sportsmanship. On another note, we supported the 20th JFC Networking Night together with fellow JFC members, marking the last networking social for 2025. We also held the 2026 Philippine Economic Outlook together with SEC and other partners to share insights on what to expect from the country's business environment, particularly in trade. We ended the year on a strong note, and we could not have accomplished this without the support of our members and partners.

We are excited to welcome this new year filled with renewed energy and optimism. As we begin the year, there is much to look forward to for the European-Philippine business community, with growing opportunities for partnerships, collaboration, and meaningful engagement across sectors. I am pleased to share the first issue of EuroPH Connect for 2026, which highlights infrastructure and real estate. Large-scale transport, energy, and digital infrastructure projects are unlocking new growth opportunities, while real estate development is evolving beyond traditional central business districts into mixed-use, transit-oriented, and regional hubs.

In this issue, we put the spotlight on the Embassy of the Republic of Austria and His Excellency Ambassador Johann Brieger, who discusses the steadily growing business relationship between Austria and the Philippines. Ambassador Brieger also shares insights on key infrastructure projects in Austria. More on this on page 8.

We also warmly welcome the new Executive Director and Undersecretary of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Center of the Philippines, Ms. Rizza Blanco-Latorre, as she shares the goals and projects of the organization in the areas of infrastructure and real estate in the country.

In this issue, we feature the stories and initiatives of our members and partners on the infrastructure and real estate front. Corporate Partner KPMG shares



Florian Gottein
ECCP Executive Director

the Philippines' notable activity in the infrastructure sector, as well as the continued growth and resilience of the real estate market, driven by demand for logistics-oriented properties. Premium Member ICTSI discusses how upgrades at the Manila International Container Terminal will help bolster Philippine foreign trade, including the modernization of its facilities to support growing trade volumes. Meanwhile, PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority, another Premium Member, emphasizes why it serves as a strategic gateway for Europe to the Southern Philippines.

A warm welcome to our new members of the ECCP! We look forward to your active partnership and collaboration this 2026. We continue to provide updates on the Chamber's events and activities from our branches in Manila, Clark, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Davao, and Iloilo. Read this on page 44. We are also pleased to share our 2026 Events Calendar for your easy reference to the activities we have lined up. Expect more announcements and updates this January and in the coming months as we continue to build momentum across the Chamber.

As we begin this new year, we are grateful for your support and partnership throughout the year 2025. We look forward to seeing you this 2026 as we prepare more events for you.

Happy New Year from the ECCP Team!

Best regards,
Florian

European Country in Focus

Austria



AUSTRIA



Geographical Location: Austria is a land-locked country situated in Central Europe, positioned at a crossroads between Western, Eastern, and Southern Europe. It shares borders with eight countries: Germany and the Czech Republic to the north, Slovakia and Hungary to the east, Slovenia and Italy to the south, and Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the west. This strategic location makes Austria a natural gateway between major European regions. Since it's surrounded entirely by land, Austria relies on its extensive river systems, such as the Danube, for transport and commerce.

Climate: Austria has a temperate, continental climate characterized by pronounced seasonal changes and regional variations shaped by altitude. Winters are typically cold and cloudy, with frequent rainfall in lowland areas and heavy snowfall in mountainous regions, especially in the Alps where winter sports are popular. Summers are generally moderate and warm, though certain areas may experience sudden showers and thunderstorms. The eastern parts of Austria, including Vienna, tend to be drier, while western and alpine regions receive more precipitation year-round.

Official Language: German

Government Type: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Organizations:

- General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (1951)
- United Nations (1955)
- Council of Europe (1956)
- International Atomic Energy Agency (1957)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (1960)
- World Trade Organization (1995)
- European Union (1995)

Financial District

Vienna functions as Austria's primary business and financial hub. The city not only hosts numerous regional headquarters of international firms but also concentrates a substantial share of the country's employment and economic output: roughly one in five jobs in Austria is located in Vienna, and the city produces nearly one-third of the national GDP. Its favourable geographic location further enables it to serve as a commercial bridge to Eastern European markets.

INTERESTING FACTS

- Austria has one of the oldest national flags in the world, with its earliest known use dating back to 1230. The red-white-red pattern is said to have originated from the Babenberg dynasty, and it remains one of the most historically significant flags still in use today.
- The world's oldest zoo, Schönbrunn Zoo, is located in Vienna. Founded in 1752 as part of the imperial Schönbrunn Palace grounds, it began as a royal menagerie and has since grown into a modern conservation-focused institution while retaining its historic charm.
- Founded in 803, the St. Peter Stiftskeller restaurant is still in operation today, making it more than 1,200 years old. It is said that Amadeus Mozart and Christopher Columbus were customers of the restaurant.
- The Waltz, one of the most iconic ballroom dances, originated in Austria. The Viennese Waltz developed during the 18th century and became internationally famous, contributing to Vienna's long-standing reputation as a global center for classical music and dance.

TOP 3 TOURISM DESTINATIONS



VIENNA

Vienna, the capital of Austria, is internationally known for its rich imperial heritage, classical music tradition, and vibrant cultural scene. Visitors can explore grand palaces such as Schönbrunn and the Hofburg, stroll through historic districts filled with museums, or attend world-class performances by the Vienna State Opera and Vienna Philharmonic. Vienna also offers elegant cafés, expansive parks, and modern art hubs, making it a diverse and welcoming destination.



SALZBURG

Located near the German border, Salzburg is renowned for its beautifully preserved Baroque architecture, making it one of Europe's most picturesque cities. It is the birthplace of famous composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the filming location of The Sound of Music. The city's skyline is dominated by the Hohensalzburg Fortress, and the surrounding region offers access to Alpine scenery, lakes, and hiking trails.



HALLSTATT & THE SALZKAMMERGUT

Hallstatt is a small lakeside village often described as one of the most beautiful in the world. Nestled between steep mountains and a crystal-clear lake, it is known for its prehistoric salt mines, charming wooden houses, and dramatic natural landscapes. The broader Salzkammergut region includes lakes, mountains, and spa towns, offering an ideal combination of culture, history, and outdoor recreation.

AUSTRIA'S TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Austria has a highly developed and diversified economy, with strong industrial, service, and manufacturing sectors. The Vienna region alone contributes around one-third of the country's total gross national product, reflecting its central role in finance, technology, business services, and government administration.

Tourism is a major contributor to Austria's economy, especially in Alpine regions such as Tyrol, Salzburg, and Vorarlberg. Visitors are drawn by skiing resorts, lakeside towns, cultural festivals, and historic cities. Tourism supports thousands of jobs and plays a crucial role in Austria's international image as a clean, scenic, and culturally rich country.

Austria also has strong industries in machinery, automotive components, steel production, chemicals, electronics, and environmental technology. It is well known for producing high-quality industrial goods, supported by skilled labor, strong R&D investment, and close trade integration with the European Union.

Interview with the Ambassador of the
Republic of Austria to the Philippines

H.E. Johann Brieger



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

Over the last three years the relations between Austria and the Philippines have deepened significantly. We've achieved some important milestones together. In 2023, we signed an agreement on the recruitment of skilled workers — something very close to my heart because Austria is fully committed to ethical recruitment and a strict no-placement-fee policy. Since then, the number of Filipino workers coming to Austria has increased quickly: from under 100 in 2022 to about 400 in 2024, and we expect around 800 to 1,000 this year.

And just recently we signed the MoU on a G2G framework for financial cooperation. This will allow Austria to provide concessional financing of public infrastructure projects in the Philippines through Austrian soft-loans. We expect several projects over the next years to materialize, from bridges over hospitals to agri-tech and disaster relief equipment.

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

ASEAN is the fastest-growing economic region in the world, and the Philippines remains one of its strongest performers. Yes, there was a slowdown in the last quarter, with GDP growth dropping to 4%, but overall the Philippine economy is still very dynamic. Much of this growth is driven by private consumption and that depends heavily on consumer confidence. The recent governance challenges have understandably influenced public confidence, making it all the more important to continue rebuilding trust in institutions and in the country's strong economic potential.

We've also seen strong investments in the BPO sector, which is good news. But at the same time, investments in manufacturing have been declining. This is something the Philippines should watch closely. BPOs can move quickly, especially as technology evolves, while manufacturing investments are more stable and provide longer-term benefits for the local economy.

From an international perspective, the Philippines is increasingly attractive for investors looking to de-risk and diversify. And of course, one of the country's biggest strengths is its highly skilled and well-trained workforce. That continues to be a major reason why companies choose the Philippines as an investment destination.

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

The Philippines is a growing and very dynamic market, and I see tremendous business potential across many sectors. Public investments in transport infrastructure, environmental technology, energy, healthcare, and agriculture create a strong pipeline of opportunities. Austrian companies have a lot to offer in these areas,

especially with their focus on innovative, high-quality solutions. Competing on quality rather than price can sometimes be a challenge, but in the long run, durability and lower life-cycle costs speak for themselves.

We also see growing interest in Austrian consumer products. With the Philippines' large population and expanding middle class, items like Austrian wine or Austrian beef and pork are gaining real traction. In fact, we recently secured systemic accreditation for Austrian beef and pork, which means all Austrian producers can now export to the Philippines.

On the investment side, Austrian companies are very active here. Just this year, Head Sports opened the world's largest tennis ball factory in Davao. Once fully operational, around 60% of the world's tennis balls will come from there, which is a remarkable achievement. In Luzon, our biggest investor is ams OSRAM, which produces and tests semiconductors, and interestingly, semiconductors are also the Philippines' largest export to Austria.

Traditionally, Austrian exports to the Philippines have mainly been machinery and manufacturing equipment. Recently, however, we've seen a significant increase in timber exports. This timber is being used in modern timber construction such as the airports in Cebu and Clark as well as in formwork engineering and the local furniture industry.

Overall, the partnership between Austria and the Philippines continues to grow stronger, and the opportunities on both sides are expanding rapidly.

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

Our Commercial Section is very active here in the Philippines, and we've seen a lot of momentum in recent months. We recently organized an economic mission alongside the signing of our new government-to-government framework for financial cooperation. Austrian companies in traffic infrastructure, healthcare, education, and agri-tech came

to explore concrete project opportunities and the interest on both sides was very encouraging.

Looking ahead, we will continue to strengthen our commercial presence. In February 2026, Austria will participate in WOFEX Drinks and Bakes with six Austrian wineries seeking representation in the Philippine market. And at WOFEX in August, we'll showcase Austrian beef and pork, following the recent systemic accreditation that opened the Philippine market to all Austrian producers.

We also see significant potential in railway and traffic infrastructure. Austria is the world's fifth-largest exporter of railway equipment, and the Philippines' ambitious plans to expand its rail network present a wide range of opportunities for Austrian expertise and technology.

Overall, we are committed to deepening our economic engagement and supporting partnerships that bring long-term value to both our countries.

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

With our new MoU on the government-to-government framework for financial cooperation now in place, I expect to see many public infrastructure projects move forward. Major investments in railway systems financed by the ADB will also open very attractive opportunities. These improvements in transport infrastructure will have a broader impact as well like lowering logistics costs and making it easier to integrate Philippine production sites into global supply chains. The Philippines has strong potential as an investment destination, and we hope more Austrian companies will take a closer look at the opportunities here.

On the trade side, we are very optimistic. The EU-Philippine Free Trade Agreement is on the horizon, and we hope negotiations can be concluded within the coming year. Such an agreement would send a strong message in favor of open and rules-based trade.

The Philippines is an increasingly important partner in a dynamic region, and I am looking forward to the exciting months ahead!

Austria's eMove programme is expanding e-mobility across public, commercial, and transport sectors. How is this initiative reshaping investment opportunities in the country's clean transport landscape?

Austria's eMove funding programmes have significantly accelerated our shift toward zero-emission mobility. As a result, we have reached key milestones: around 250,000 electric passenger cars which is about 5% of our car fleet along with 500 electric heavy-duty vehicles, and an expected 500 electric buses by April 2026.

These investments have also driven rapid expansion of our charging network, which now includes more than 33,000 publicly accessible charging points. Our motorway operator, ASFINAG, has also begun tendering new charging stations for trucks along major routes.

To address gaps in coverage, Austria introduced the LADIN programme (<https://www.ffg.at/LADIN>), which supports the development of fast-charging stations in underserved areas using 100% renewable electricity. The

scheme provides non-repayable grants to ensure wider, more equitable access to high-power charging.

Because zero-emission technologies are becoming increasingly important for our economy, we have also commissioned a study to assess their value-creation potential in the years ahead.

Beyond charging stations and fleet electrification, what broader economic or policy impacts does eMove Austria aim to deliver by 2026?

As the number of electric vehicles grows, our electricity grid faces higher loads and greater complexity. To address this, Austria launched the STELE platform (STromnetze für ELEktromobilität), operated by an international consortium, to support the intelligent integration of electromobility into the grid. Its main goal is to prevent bottlenecks by aligning charging demand with grid capacity.

STELE serves as a nationwide platform for structured exchange among key stakeholders including grid operators, fleet and logistics companies, public transport providers, and charging-station operators. By identifying challenges, particularly for heavy-duty vehicles, STELE enables more efficient and coordinated planning of charging infrastructure. The platform also develops actionable policy and regulatory recommendations, helping to ensure that Austria's grid can support the continued growth of electric mobility. www.stele.at

With more than €74 million in EU support under CEF-Transport, Austria is accelerating rail digitalisation. How will technologies like ETCS Level 2 and digital automatic coupling improve efficiency and cross-border connectivity?

Austria is strongly investing in modern rail technology, and ETCS Level 2 is a key step forward. By replacing our older systems with a unified European standard, we can ensure safer, more efficient, and seamless cross-border rail operations. ÖBB, the national railway company of Austria, plans to equip around 3,300 km of the network by 2038, which is essential given Austria's role at the heart of major European transport corridors.

We are also preparing for the next big innovation in freight transport: Digital Automatic Coupling. DAC will make shunting safer, increase capacity, and enable full digitalisation of freight operations. Some important questions remain, particularly on financing and long-term technical standards, but Europe is moving in the right direction.

From 2027 to 2028, Austria will help test the first "Pioneer DAC Trains" in real commercial operations through Rail Cargo Austria's participation in the EU-funded consortium. It's an exciting development that shows how committed we are to shaping the future of sustainable and modern rail transport.

The KlimaTicket has been hailed as a milestone in encouraging public transport use. What has its uptake revealed about shifting mobility habits and Austria's journey toward net-zero transport?

Austria's KlimaTicket has been a real game changer for our mobility transition. Since its launch in 2021, it has made public transport simple, affordable, and widely accessible.

We now have over 300,000 nationwide KlimaTickets, which is three times more than originally expected, and more than 1.6 million people use regional versions. This means roughly 20% of our population now holds a year-round public transport pass.

What is especially encouraging is the behavioral shift. Findings show that about half of nationwide ticket holders rarely used public transport before, and roughly one in five of their trips would otherwise have been made by car. Seventeen percent of users who own a car say they have already given it up because of the KlimaTicket.

For us, this shows that well-designed policies can genuinely change daily habits and support more sustainable, climate-friendly mobility.

Major rail investments under the Target Network 2025+ are transforming national and regional connectivity. Which upcoming projects will have the greatest long-term impact on mobility and logistics?

Austria is making some of its most significant rail investments in decades, and these projects will shape our mobility landscape for generations. Under the Target Network 2025+, major projects like the Koralm Line, opening at the end of 2025, and the Semmering Base Tunnel, followed by the Brenner Base Tunnel in 2032, will greatly shorten travel times, strengthen regional links, and make rail far more competitive for both passengers and freight. The Brenner project, in particular, will enable a major shift of transalpine freight from road to rail.

Just as important are the digital upgrades across the network, including the rollout of ETCS, increased capacity on key corridors, and continued electrification of regional lines. These investments make operations more efficient, allow more frequent services, and support long-term sustainable mobility.

Together, these projects form a coherent strategy that improves regional connectivity, strengthens international logistics corridors, and ensures that rail remains a central pillar of Austria's climate-friendly transport future.

As Austria develops key tunnels like Koralm and Brenner Base, how is the country balancing construction challenges, sustainability goals, and cross-border coordination?

A stable, long-term financing framework is absolutely essential for major rail projects, and Austria's multi-year Rahmenplan provides exactly that. It gives everyone involved from engineers and construction companies to regional partners and international stakeholders the certainty they need to plan and execute complex investments. This is one of the reasons why the Target Network 2025+ is moving forward in such a coordinated and strategic way.

The Brenner Base Tunnel is a good example. A cross-border megaproject of this scale naturally requires strong governance and close cooperation. Austria and Italy jointly own the project company, supported by several bilateral bodies, and the Brenner Corridor Platform helps harmonize operations along the entire Munich–Verona axis. Together, these structures make it possible to manage complexity, keep the project on track, and ensure that it delivers long-

term benefits for mobility and European freight logistics.

Since automation is rapidly changing mobility systems, what role does the Strategic Alliance for Automated Mobility play in preparing Austria's transport sector for this transition?

SAAM (Strategic Alliance for Automated Mobility) Austria is our central platform for preparing the country's transport system for automated mobility. What I value most about this initiative is that it brings all key players together. (industry, researchers, cities, regions, infrastructure operators, and the public sector) so we avoid isolated efforts and benefit from real network effects.

Instead of running separate pilot projects, SAAM creates a long-term cooperation framework where members share lessons, align on legal and technical conditions, and build on each other's work. A core part of the platform is its joint roadmapping process, which helps Austria develop a common vision and clear priorities for automated mobility whether in passenger transport, freight, industrial applications, or digital infrastructure.

At the same time, SAAM plays a very practical matchmaking role. It connects technology providers with cities and operators who want to test or deploy new solutions, ensuring that promising ideas find real-world use cases. In this way, SAAM helps Austria move toward automated mobility in a coordinated and efficient manner.

In the research space, Austria continues to strengthen its innovation ecosystem through the R&D Infrastructure Funding Programme. How has this initiative supported collaboration between academia and industry so far?

Research and technology infrastructures play a vital role in driving scientific progress, technological development, and social innovation. Strengthening these infrastructures is therefore a central priority of Austria's Research, Technology, and Innovation Strategy (RTI Strategy).

Austria supports this goal through dedicated R&D Infrastructure Funding Calls, which are financed by federal ministries or public funds and implemented by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG). These Calls enable the acquisition and development of high-quality infrastructure for both basic and applied research. Since 2016, 65 projects have received support--53 serving scientific and non-commercial purposes, and 12 for commercial use.

In line with Austria's commitment to openness in research, the Call Guidelines require that all funded infrastructures provide open and non-discriminatory access: "R&D infrastructure must be open to several users and access must be granted under non-discriminatory and transparent conditions."

To further encourage cooperation between science, research, business, and industry, Austria also maintains a public research infrastructure database. This platform allows users to find or offer infrastructures for new collaborations or research services and provides an overview of selected facilities across the country. At present, the database lists 2,671 infrastructures, including those supported by FFG funding.

Interview with the Undersecretary and Executive Director of the
Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines

Rizza Blanco-Latorre



In infrastructure and real estate, what are the biggest obstacles you receive from investors, and how is the PPP Center addressing them?

The Philippines has revamped its Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework after three decades under the original Build–Operate– Transfer law, ushering in substantive reforms to streamline and strengthen the process. Under Republic Act No. 11966 or the PPP Code of the Philippines, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), these updates are designed to directly address past bottlenecks and inefficiencies, integrating key lessons learned from earlier PPP experiences to ensure greater transparency and predictability of processes. The new PPP Code consolidates previously fragmented regulations into one unified legal framework, giving investors the confidence that they need to navigate one consistent framework. It embeds institutional safeguards and stronger risk-sharing mechanisms that protect both public interest and private sector investments. These include clear and transparent approval processes, defined timelines, robust project preparation and monitoring requirements, and optimal risk allocation. Together the revised framework reflects a deep commitment to investors signaling that the government is now fully equipped to tender complex and high-value infrastructure projects successfully.

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Infrastructure development has historically been concentrated in Metro Manila. How can PPPs help spread investments into regional and local infrastructure across the country?

Historically, infrastructure development has been heavily concentrated in the National Capital Region, primarily because national IAs are more likely to have the required technical capacity and resources to pursue larger-scale infrastructure projects. In contrast, according to the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (2017), local government units (LGUs) often

lack the skills, expertise, and financial tools needed to develop and implement similar initiatives. These often discourage private investors from venturing into infrastructure projects outside Metro Manila as they might perceive it risky.

PPPs serve as an important mechanism for overcoming the financial and institutional barriers that limit regional and local investment. By enabling private capital and resources to finance, design, construct, and operate and maintain infrastructure projects, PPPs reduce LGU's dependence on national government funds. Access to private sector expertise and technology enables them to develop more innovative and sustainable projects. The risk-sharing component of PPP is a critical feature that makes these arrangements attractive for both public and private partners. Under the PPP framework, risks such as construction delays, cost overruns, and operational inefficiencies are allocated to the party best equipped to manage them, while the government retains regulatory oversight and safeguards public interest. This balanced allocation reduces fiscal exposure for LGUs and provides private partners with clear, predictable responsibilities, fostering confidence in project delivery.

While PPPs provide the framework and incentives to attract investments to regional and local areas, their success ultimately depends on the readiness of implementing agencies to seize these opportunities. To address this, the PPP Code promotes inclusive growth by granting LGUs full authority to approve PPP projects, save for certain circumstances.* This mandate is reinforced by major reforms such as a streamlined approval process for local PPPs, improved evaluation of unsolicited proposals through completeness checks done by the PPP Center, and the requirement that all projects be anchored on investment plans and programs as reflected in their submitted Consolidated List of Investment Plans and Lists of PPP Projects.

Complementing these reforms, the PPP Center strengthens institutional capacity through their dedicated PPP Units, technical assistance, and targeted training programs to ensure projects are well-structured and bankable.

Additionally, the PPP Governing Board, which serves as the overall policy-making body for PPPs, has approved the procedural guidelines for local PPP Projects. The guidelines provide direction to all local stakeholders in their review, processing, and approval of local PPP projects.

**Local projects with requests for support using national government funds and/or local projects that have interface with existing national/sectoral plans/projects shall require additional endorsements and approvals.*

With the PPP Code of the Philippines (RA 11966) now in place, how has the investment climate changed for infrastructure and real estate projects?

Following the enactment of the PPP Code, the investment climate for infrastructure and real estate projects in the Philippines has significantly improved, as shown through increase in number of PPP projects being facilitated and monitored by the PPP Center.

The PPP Code consolidated previously fragmented PPP laws into a unified framework, reducing regulatory uncertainty and making the environment more predictable for investors. It introduced clear approval procedures, timelines, and risk allocation mechanisms, which minimized legal and regulatory hurdles during procurement and implementation stages.

Particularly, it streamlined the unsolicited proposal submission process, encouraging the submission on PPP projects initiated by the private sector. As of December 21, 2025, we've received a total of 213 since the passage of the Code. 80 of these projects were determined complete following the PPP Center's completeness check and were endorsed to implementing agencies for detailed evaluation.

The Philippines faces a longstanding housing backlog. What role can PPPs play in addressing the demand for affordable and quality housing?

PPPs can play a transformative role in addressing the country's housing backlog by mobilizing private sector capital and expertise to supplement the government's limited housing budget. These PPP projects help accelerate delivery through streamlined processes and innovative construction technologies, which may reduce costs and timelines. PPPs also expand affordable housing options by integrating socialized and economic housing with commercial components, making projects financially viable and sustainable.

Beyond the traditional approach of constructing housing projects, such as through the 4PH program or using regular local government funds, urban redevelopment, townships, and housing projects were also one of the projects eligible under PPP modality, as stated under Section 4(t) of the PPP Code IRR. When these types of projects are implemented through the PPP framework, the PPP Code and its IRR provide comprehensive guidance on the procedures, requirements, and standards that must be followed. This ensures consistency and clarity in execution. In fact, several projects are already being processed and implemented under the PPP modality, with some currently undergoing approval while others are in active development stages.

What steps is the PPP Center doing to support LGUs in structuring viable real estate and infrastructure projects outside of major metropolitan areas?

The PPP Center has dedicated teams that support LGUs throughout all stages of the PPP project life cycle. The recent expansion of the Center's mandate enables the creation of specialized units focused on addressing the specific needs and concerns of local implementing agencies.

The PPP Center adopts a progressive and structured approach to capacity building for local implementing agencies. Core courses cover the PPP program and the full PPP project cycle. This includes introductory PPP modules and specialized courses such as Institutional Readiness, Developing a Robust Pipeline of PPP Projects, Preparation of Project Concept Notes, Feasibility Study Appreciation, and Local PPP Project Review and Approval. Capacity building on emerging sectors and specialized PPP topics is also integrated into the Center's Capacity Building Framework, enabling LGUs to acquire the technical skills necessary to undertake PPPs effectively.

To date, a total of 1,076 provincial, city, and municipal governments have received training on various PPP topics. In 2025 alone, the Center strengthened regional partnerships to expand outreach and deepen impact. Notably, we collaborated with the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) through its Local Government Academy (LGA) under the Newly Elected Officials (NEO) Program, among others, to equip key stakeholders with PPP knowledge and practical tools. These partnerships ensure that capacity-building efforts are responsive to regional priorities and contribute to a more inclusive and decentralized PPP ecosystem.

Apart from capacity-building initiatives, the PPP Center also provides comprehensive project development support that LGUs can access even at the conceptualization stage. This includes assistance in identifying priority projects, and conducting initial scoping.

Additionally, IA may access the Project Development and Monitoring Facility (PDMF), a fund administered by the PPP Center that funds the engagement of experienced transaction advisors. Through PDMF support, feasibility studies, business cases, and financial models are developed to meet rigorous technical and financial standards. This not only improves project bankability but also strengthens local capacity through knowledge transfer.

Real estate remains one of the top destinations for foreign investments in the Philippines. How can the PPP Center unlock more opportunities in housing, mixed use, and urban development projects?

The PPP Code provides a stable and transparent framework for PPPs, and the PPP Center helps

unlock opportunities in housing, mixed-use, and urban development by facilitating projects within this framework. The Center supports implementing agencies through capacity building and project assistance for the entire project lifecycle to help generate well-prepared and investible projects. It also communicates key reforms, guidelines, and pipeline developments to the public and investors, helping build confidence and sustain interest in Philippine PPPs.

What opportunities do you see for PPPs in urban redevelopment and revitalization of older districts?

PPPs present significant opportunities for urban redevelopment and revitalization by enabling and channeling large-scale investments that local government units often cannot fund alone. These projects can transform blighted areas into vibrant and livable communities by increasing land value, attracting businesses, and creating new employment opportunities as existence of PPP projects can stimulate local economies and signify good public services.

Another important factor to consider is the quality of planning at the local government level. When an LGU develops a comprehensive and well-structured land-use (or master plans), it creates a strong foundation for attracting significant private investments, many of which can be implemented through various modalities, including PPPs. Investors typically assess not only the viability of individual projects but also the overall readiness and commitment of the LGU to carry out redevelopment initiatives. Careful and strategic planning signals that the LGU is prepared and serious about development, which increases investor confidence and makes partnerships more likely to succeed.

How do you see real estate PPPs contributing to the Philippines' urbanization in the next 10–15 years?

Based on trends of awarded projects, real estate PPPs will mainly drive urban growth through mixed-use developments on government land and around transport hubs, helping address housing demand and congestion while transferring development and financing risks to the private sector. Currently, there are 35 real estate PPPs under implementation while 45 are being developed.

Which infrastructure sector is likely to see the greatest PPP activity in the next decade: transport, utilities, digital, or social infrastructure?

Based on current awarded projects, local PPPs are moving toward water, property development, health, solid waste management, with IT or digitization projects beginning to emerge. For national PPPs, it continues to be dominated by transport, with water and IT projects also gaining momentum.



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Responsible Development: Philippine Infrastructure and Real Estate Today

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Recent months have seen notable activity in the Philippines' infrastructure sector, alongside ongoing growth in real estate. Government agencies conducted reviews of key infrastructure projects, including flood control, roads, and transport initiatives, to ensure alignment with approved plans and budgets and reinforce accountability. Strengthened oversight and validation processes aim to enhance public confidence while mitigating risks tied to large-scale public investments.

Public-private partnerships remain a key element in infrastructure development, with projects involving railway, urban transit, and airports advancing under careful planning and governance standards. These measures reflect a continued focus on transparency and effective management, supporting projects that serve public needs while maintaining oversight.

Meanwhile, the real estate sector continues to show resilience. Demand for industrial and

logistics-oriented properties has surged, with warehouse absorption rising sharply in key provinces such as Laguna, Cebu, and Bulacan, reflecting strong tenant confidence.

Real estate consultants note a broader shift as corporate relocations and decentralization drive interest in regional office hubs like Clark, Cebu, and Davao. This trend underscores a market that is not only weathering uncertainty; it is realigning toward long-term, resilient growth.

The focus on governance in infrastructure, alongside ongoing real estate activity, highlights a balanced development narrative: the Philippines is reinforcing accountability while building high-growth, investment-ready property markets.

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Manila International Container Terminal upgrades bolster PH foreign trade

Infrastructure remains central to the Philippines' long-term competitiveness, especially in sectors where efficient logistics shape economic outcomes. As the country's main gateway, the Manila International Container Terminal (MICT) continues to modernize its facilities to support growing trade volumes. International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) is advancing these upgrades to expand capacity and strengthen the terminal's reliability for global shipping lines.

The European Union is the Philippines' fourth-largest trading partner, and steady cargo movement between the two economies depends on predictable maritime connections. Improvements at the MICT support these trade flows by helping maintain regular shipping schedules and more resilient logistics networks.

The terminal is constructing its eighth berth, a 300-meter quay paired with 12 hectares of additional yard space. Berth 8 will have a

15-meter depth to accommodate ultra-large container vessels of up to 18,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). Three quay cranes, scheduled for delivery in 2027, will serve the new berth. Once the project is completed, ICTSI's flagship terminal will have an annual capacity of 3.5 million TEUs.

The expansion reinforces the Port of Manila's role in regional and global trade corridors. For exporters and shipping lines, the project offers increased berth availability, improved vessel turnaround times, and a more dependable environment for long-distance cargo planning.

ICTSI's decision to invest ahead of demand aligns with broader national infrastructure goals. As the Philippines works to strengthen its trade links and attract more international business, the MICT's Berth 8 project demonstrates how focused port development can help support economic activity and sustain the country's foreign trade growth.

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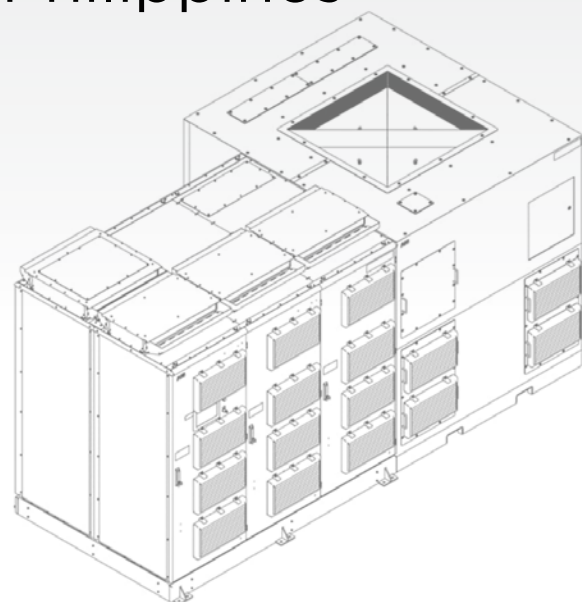
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Poweredge Solutions Launches ABB HiPerGuard MV UPS in the Philippines



Josh Egbers, APAC Lead at ABB, introduces the HiPerGuard MV UPS, an advanced solution designed to protect critical infrastructure from electrical disturbances. With its ZISC architecture, it delivers continuous, regulated medium-voltage AC power ideal for data centers, industrial facilities, and mission-critical environments.

On 5 September 2025, Poweredge Solutions (Phils.) Inc. convened a high-calibre launch event at its Mandaluyong office, in partnership with ABB Philippines, Inc., to introduce the cutting-edge medium-voltage uninterruptible power supply system, the HiPerGuard MV UPS. Attended by senior representatives from both companies alongside a distinguished set of valued customers and clients, the event showcased how this next-generation power protection solution positions Philippine enterprises at the forefront of mission-critical infrastructure resilience.

The HiPerGuard MV UPS responds to growing demands in data-centres, industrial campuses and large-scale commercial facilities for power-systems capable of handling multi-megawatt loads at medium-voltage levels. According to ABB, the product provides continuous, conditioned power at medium-voltage up to 24 kV, with class-leading efficiency of 98 % for load levels from 50 %-100 %. This design shift from low-voltage to medium-



Joshua Luzon, Market Development Manager, walks attendees through ABB's MV switchgear applications—highlighting how these systems integrate with HiPerGuard UPS to ensure seamless power continuity and protection. A dynamic exchange of insights and innovations.

voltage UPS architecture brings tangible benefits, including reduced switchgear counts, smaller cable diameters, lower losses and a more compact footprint for large-block installations.

During the event, Poweredge Solutions emphasised its role as the local channel partner and service-provider empowering end-users to adopt this high-end solution. The company, which has over 20 years of experience in live-site power-protection for sectors such as telecoms, BPO, finance, industrial and medical, lists ABB among its strategic global partners. The launch underscored how Poweredge's service capability – from design, through installation to full service-maintenance – complements ABB's high-performance technology for customers needing 24/7 reliability.

Key technical highlights of the HiPerGuard include: its "ZISC" (impedance-isolated static converter) architecture combining an isolating line reactor with ABB's three-level bi-directional Power Electronic Building Blocks (PEBBs), delivering both robust disturbance immunity and simplified maintenance. The system supports autonomies ranging from a few seconds to many minutes via lithium-ion battery energy-storage; and is engineered to require intrusive maintenance only at ten-year intervals, helping contain total-cost-of-ownership.



From a sustainability perspective, the high-efficiency operation translates into meaningful carbon-emission savings: ABB cites potential savings of over 1,200 tonnes of CO₂ over a 15-year lifespan for typical installations. For Philippine operators facing energy-cost pressures and stringent runtime-expectations, the value proposition is compelling: reliability, scalability and energy-optimisation all in one.

As clients and technical stakeholders toured Poweredge's demonstration area and heard from ABB's channel leadership, the message was clear: next-generation enterprises in the Philippines can now access truly large-scale, medium-voltage UPS capability. The collaboration sets a benchmark for mission critical applications ranging from hyperscale data centres to manufacturing, healthcare and enterprise campuses.



Guests toured the Poweredge Headquarters Showroom, where live demo units showcased ABB's cutting-edge power solutions, including UPS, ATS, VFD, and Batteries.

In closing, the event reaffirmed Poweredge Solutions' commitment to delivering "Safe & Managed Power" and ABB's ambition to drive electrical-infrastructure evolution. Attendees left with a deeper appreciation of how the HiPerGuard MV UPS equips organisations to sustain business-continuity, boost energy-efficiency and address future-proofing challenges—all backed by local service-delivery and global-technology pedigree.

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Mindanao Rising: Why PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority is Europe's Strategic Gateway to the Southern Philippines

European investment has long contributed to Northern Mindanao's economic progress—beginning with PHIVIDEC IA's first major European (German) locator, **STEAG State Power Inc., now SPI Power Incorporated**. Established to develop, operate, and maintain Mindanao's first coal-fired power plant, SPI runs a 232-MW facility on a 55-hectare site within the PHIVIDEC Industrial Estate in Villanueva. Built under a 25-year Build-Operate-Transfer agreement with NPC and PSALM, the plant set a benchmark for world-class energy infrastructure. Following Aboitiz Power Corporation's acquisition of an 85% stake in 2023, SPI continues to operate with a 200-member technical team, maintaining its reputation as a reliable and responsible power producer.



Building on these foundations of trust, performance, and sustainability, **PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority (PHIVIDEC IA)** is emerging as **Europe's strategic gateway to the Southern Philippines**. The 3,000-hectare estate sits at a logistical convergence point—near the Mindanao Container Terminal (MCT), Laguindingan International Airport, and major transport corridors—enabling seamless access to domestic supply chains and international markets.



Another strong European presence in the estate is **Jacobi Carbons Philippines Inc.**, a Swedish company and the **world's largest manufacturer of coconut shell-based activated carbon**—with more than double the capacity of any other global producer. Coconut shell, their primary raw material, is the most sustainable commercial source for activated carbon production. Across its network of 20 manufacturing and processing facilities and two reactivation plants in Europe, Jacobi Carbons drives global standards for high-quality, sustainable filtration solutions.

Aligned with the Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028, PHIVIDEC IA offers stable utilities, streamlined processes, and a highly trainable workforce. Key developments include the 300-meter MCT berth expansion, a scalable bulk water system, and new housing under the Pambansang Pabahay Program. Future-ready projects—such as a 20-hectare solar facility and a ₱200-million TESDA Regional AI Training Center—reinforce the estate's commitment to sustainability and economic development.

With Northern Mindanao surpassing ₱1 trillion in regional GDP in 2024, PHIVIDEC IA proudly stands as **“Europe's Southern Gateway to the Philippines' Next Economic Breakthrough.”**

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In Ilocos Norte, TIEZA's projects demonstrate its critical role in grassroots tourism development. The ongoing priming for the projects in Paoay Lake, Paoay Sand Dune and Paoay Golf Course elevates the area's

recreational offerings and draws new market segments, while the Tourist Rest Area in Pagudpud contributes to the government-wide effort to a seamless travel experience. These initiatives improve local tourism capacity and set the stage for long-term investments that benefit both communities and stakeholders.

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Investment Opportunities Under the Real Property Valuation and Assessment Reform Act

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The passage of **Republic Act No. 12001**, or the *Real Property Valuation and Assessment Reform Act (RPVARA)*, marks a major turning point for the Philippine real estate sector. Beyond the long-awaited reforms on property valuation and assessment, the law provides a timely **real property tax amnesty** — a measure that can unlock dormant capital, clear tax backlogs, and streamline ownership transfers.

Real Property Tax Amnesty: A Fresh Start for Property Owners

Under the RPVARA, taxpayers with unpaid **real property taxes (RPTs)** — including the **Special Education Fund tax, idle land tax, and other special levies** — may now avail themselves of **amnesty on penalties, surcharges, and interest** that accrued *before* July 5, 2024.

The amnesty is available for **two years, or until July 5, 2026**. According to **BLGF Memorandum Circular No. 003-2025**, property owners need **no local ordinance** to avail of this benefit. Local Government Units (LGUs) are automatically authorized to implement the amnesty; an ordinance is only optional if the LGU wishes to specify payment modes or schedules.

For investors, this means **immediate relief** and **faster asset regularization** — especially for those holding idle lands, foreclosed properties, or inherited assets with unresolved tax issues. Clearing these arrears allows property owners to **unlock liquidity, sell, lease, or develop** their properties without encumbrances from unpaid RPTs.

Remaining Hurdle: The Local Transfer Tax

One remaining obstacle is the **local transfer tax** under the **Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC)**. Provinces and cities may impose a transfer tax of up to **0.5% of the property's selling price or fair market value**, whichever is higher. This tax remains **outside** the scope of the RPVARA.

While the **BLGF** has encouraged LGUs to **grant relief on surcharges and interest** for this tax, such relief still requires a **local ordinance** enacted by the **sanggunian** pursuant to the **LGC**.

For investors transacting in multiple LGUs, this creates an **uneven playing field** — some jurisdictions may act promptly on relief, while others may not. Thus, monitoring local ordinances and timing transfers strategically can help minimize tax costs and expedite property registration.

Modernizing Real Property Valuation and Data Systems

The RPVARA also sets the foundation for a more transparent and standardized property valuation system — a development that investors have long awaited. Among its institutional reforms is the establishment of the **Philippine Valuation Standards (PVS)**, which will serve as the uniform benchmark for property appraisal across all Local Government Units (LGUs). The law

also mandates the preparation and regular updating of the **Schedule of Market Values (SMVs)**, ensuring that property assessments reflect current market conditions and are subject to review and approval by the Secretary of Finance.

To promote transparency and ease of transactions, a **Real Property Information System (RPIS)** will be developed as a centralized electronic database of property-related information such as sales, transfers, and mortgages. This will make due diligence more efficient and accessible to both investors and regulators. In addition, the RPVARA requires all LGUs to **automate their real property tax administration systems** within two years of the law's effectivity, modernizing data collection, assessment, and recordkeeping processes.

Investment Implications and Strategic Takeaways

For real estate investors, the implementation of the RPVARA opens a wide range of opportunities. It allows for **portfolio regularization**, enabling investors to settle long-standing tax delinquencies, clear encumbrances, and prepare idle or foreclosed assets for sale, lease, or redevelopment.

Another strategic consideration lies in the **timing of property transfers**. Investors should monitor how different LGUs respond to the Bureau of Local Government Finance's call to grant relief on transfer taxes, since local ordinances may vary. Understanding the timing and implementation of these local measures can help optimize transaction costs and processing times. Investors must also maintain **revaluation awareness**, as the new Schedule of Market Values (SMVs) under the RPVARA will likely result in higher assessed values. While this could mean increased real property tax liabilities, it also enhances the appraised worth of assets reflected in financial statements, improving portfolio value and borrowing capacity.

Finally, the rollout of the **Real Property Information System (RPIS)** is expected to make property data more accessible and reliable. Once fully implemented, this database will help investors make informed, data-driven decisions across multiple jurisdictions. In essence, the RPVARA ushers in a new era of transparency, predictability, and opportunity for real estate investors who proactively adapt to the changing tax and valuation landscape.

A Path Toward Market Transparency

The RPVARA signifies a **policy shift from fragmented local assessments toward a unified, data-driven valuation system**. When fully implemented, it will not only modernize property taxation but also **enhance investor confidence** in the real estate market.

By leveraging the real property tax amnesty window and preparing for valuation reforms, investors can position themselves ahead of the curve — turning compliance into an opportunity for strategic growth.



ECCP Unveils 2026 Philippine Economic Outlook and Business Sentiment Survey, Signals Sustained Growth Amid Global Uncertainty

Makati City, Philippines – 04 December 2025 — The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) successfully held the **2026 Philippine Economic Outlook** at the Dusit Thani, Makati City, bringing together key policymakers, economists, and business leaders to assess the country's economic performance and outlook for the year ahead.

The forum convened leaders from the European and Philippine business communities to discuss macroeconomic trends, growth projections, and investment opportunities amid persistent global uncertainties and domestic challenges. Against a backdrop of global trade tensions, tariff developments, and climate-related risks, the discussions underscored the Philippines' continued resilience and strong growth fundamentals heading into 2026.

In his Welcome Remarks, **ECCP President Mr. Paulo Duarte** emphasized the importance of taking an honest look at the numbers and the narratives shaping the Philippine economy in 2026. He stated that "[While] the Philippines is projected to remain one of Southeast Asia's faster-growing economies, supported by a young and dynamic workforce, resilient remittances, and continued investments in infrastructure and social services, we cannot overlook the challenges and uncertainties looming as we transition into the coming year." Highlighting that by only addressing the challenges, is the Philippines going to unlock its true potential economically.

The program featured Business and Investment Perspectives from the **Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)**, delivered by **SEC Chairman Hon. Francis Edralin Lim**, followed by a fireside chat that explored recent regulatory developments and their implications for capital market growth and investor confidence in the Philippines. In his presentation, Chairman Lim mentioned that the economy has growing momentum, and followed it by saying that "*Momentum alone is not enough. Investors—especially foreign investors—need a regulatory environment that is clear, efficient, and trustworthy. And at this moment, as the nation confronts the flood control scandal, the SEC chooses not to retreat.*" Stating further that "Our goal is to make the SEC a beacon of certainty and trust—one of the brightest forces powering our economy and new investments. A reliable regulatory environment remains essential for foreign investors expanding into the Philippines."

Providing the monetary policy outlook, **Mr. Dennis D. Lapid**, Managing Director of the **Department of Economic Research of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)**, presented the BSP's assessment of inflation, growth, and financial stability for 2026. He shared his main key takeaways, saying "The benign inflation outlook provides room for calibrated monetary policy easing, even as business and consumer sentiment have softened, weighing on domestic demand and signaling a possible moderation in near-term growth momentum. Nevertheless, adequate external buffers and a resilient banking system continue to provide strong support for domestic economic activity. In this context, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas remains committed to safeguarding

the economy's resilience against both global and domestic headwinds."

On regional and development perspectives, **Mr. Andrew Jeffries**, Country Director of the **Asian Development Bank (ADB) Philippines**, discussed the country's growth prospects and development priorities. He emphasized the crucial role of infrastructure investment, climate resilience, and human capital development in sustaining long-term, inclusive growth and strengthening the Philippines' position in the regional economy.

From the banking and investor standpoint, **Mr. Jun Palanca**, Managing Director and Country Manager of **ING Bank N.V.**, shared insights on **investment opportunities for 2026**, highlighting the bottomline, saying "Despite slower-than-expected economic growth in the third quarter of 2025, the Philippines remains well-positioned for medium-term expansion, supported by strong demographics, ongoing structural reforms, and accelerating digitalization that continue to unlock demand across key sectors such as energy, infrastructure, food and beverage, agriculture, and technology. The country's economic fundamentals remain sound, as evidenced by S&P's affirmation of the Philippines' BBB+ sovereign credit rating with a positive outlook. While execution risks and supply-side constraints persist, sustained investment momentum and improving policy frameworks across priority sectors—including Energy, TMT, Infrastructure, and FB&A—present a compelling case for long-term capital participation in the country's growth cycle. That said, political risks remain, and continued growth will largely depend on the government's ability to address concerns over corruption and ensure the effective execution of economic reforms."

The event also featured the **launch of the 2025 ECCP Business Sentiment Survey**. The survey captured the collective outlook of ECCP members across 24 sector committees, reflecting business confidence, investment plans, and key policy concerns for the year ahead. These results will help inform ECCP's policy advocacy and engagement with government stakeholders.

A high-level **panel discussion** followed, featuring **Mr. Stephen Sieh** of Deloitte Philippines, **Mr. Dennis D. Lapid** of the BSP, **Mr. Andrew Jeffries** of ADB, and **Mr. Jun Palanca** of ING, and was **moderated by Atty. Richie Avigale Ramos-Pilares**, Senior Partner of DivinaLaw. Panelists shared cross-sector perspectives on economic risks, growth drivers, trade and investment dynamics, and the strategic outlook for businesses operating in the Philippines in 2026.

The forum underscored the shared optimism of the public and private sectors for the Philippine economy, while also emphasizing the need for prudent policymaking, sustained reforms, and adaptive business strategies in an evolving global environment. Through the **2026 Philippine Economic Outlook**, the ECCP reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a more competitive, resilient, and investment-ready Philippine business environment.

Advocacy Corner

DICT Online Consultation on the Policy Guidelines on Data Residency for Government Agencies 27 October 2025

On 27 October, the Department of Communications and Information Technology (DICT), through the National ICT Planning, Policy, and Standards Bureau, organized an online consultation regarding the Draft Department Circular on the Policy Guidelines on Data Residency for Government Agencies via Zoom.

The proposed policy will provide guidelines on the residency of all government data, prioritizing national security, data residency, and the protection of citizens' information. A comprehensive overview was presented by Engr. Alberto Salvador Jr., OIC-Chief of the Policy Research and Analysis Division. The ensuing discussion with attending stakeholders was also joined by Ms. Sarah Sison, DICT Undersecretary for Policy, Legal, and Communications.



JFC Meeting Hosted by AmCham 28 October 2025

On 28 October, the Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines convened at the Manila Elks Club in Makati City. During the meeting, the group discussed several key advocacy updates particularly on the Konektadong Pinoy Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Draft Circular on Data Localization, and Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) No. 5-2024.

The group also tackled the JFC position paper drafted by the ECCP on the Proposed Excise Tax Increase on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages.



FDA Center for Food Regulation and Research Public Consultation 29 October 2025

Last 29 October 2025, the ECCP Food and Beverage Committee participated in the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) consultation on the Guidelines on the Creation of the Center for Food Regulation and Research – Joint Scientific Expert Group (CFRR-JSEG) and the Revised Guidelines for the Standard of Vinegar.

The consultation provided an avenue for ECCP F&B members to raise their concerns and questions directly with the FDA Center for Food Regulation and Research (CFRR). During the session, the Chamber also officially presented a copy of the ECCP Advocacy Papers 2025 to CFRR Director Marilyn Pagayunan.

Representing the ECCP were Ms. Helen Grace Baisa, Chairperson of the Food & Beverages Committee, and Ms. Kyla Uy, Senior Advocacy Officer.



The Underwater Dimension as a New Frontier of Security and Cooperation: Common Challenges and Regional Specificities in the Dialogue between Italy and the Indo-Pacific 12 November 2025

The Stratbase Institute, in partnership with the Embassy of Italy in the Philippines and Fincantieri, hosted a forum titled “*The Underwater Dimension as a New Frontier of Security and Cooperation*” at the Makati Diamond Residences. Speakers emphasized the urgency of strengthening the Philippines’ capability to protect underwater infrastructure, highlighted Italy’s readiness to support capacity-building and joint initiatives, and underscored the growing vulnerabilities of critical connectivity routes from the Mediterranean to the Indo-Pacific—framing the underwater domain as both a strategic priority and a key area for deeper regional cooperation.

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines was represented by Bernard Advincula, Advocacy Research Associate and lead coordinator for the ECCP Defense and Disaster Response Committee.

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



Revitalizing the Philippine Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Industry (SBSR) Seminar 12-13 November 2025

On 12-13 November, the Department of Transportation, Maritime Industry Authority, Anti-Red Tape Authority, and the Office of the Special Assistant to the President for Investment and Economic Affairs, with the support of the Danish Embassy, organized the “Revitalizing the Philippine Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Industry (SBSR)” seminar at The Manila Hotel.

The event convened international and local leaders from the public, private, and financial sectors to formulate actionable strategies for Philippine SBSR growth and global maritime resilience.

Discussions at the event featured focused thematic breakout sessions addressing critical areas for growth, namely: Human Capital & Skills Development, Policy & Investments for Ancillary Industries, Implementing Decarbonization and Digitalization, and Exploring the Potential of the Philippine SB Sector for Naval / Military Ships. Present at the event was ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein.



ECCP Food & Beverage Committee Meeting 19 November 2025

Last 19 November 2025, the Food & Beverage Committee held its final meeting for the year, where members discussed the Committee’s 2026 plans and priorities, the upcoming calendar of activities, and ongoing preparations for the 5th Nutrition Forum. The Committee also reviewed its achievements for 2025 and outlined the next steps for the key policy issues currently being addressed.

Following the meeting, members gathered for a year-end thanksgiving apéro where they had the opportunity to network, connect, and celebrate the Committee’s collaborative efforts throughout the year.

To join or for more information about the Food & Beverage Committee, you may reach out to advocacy@eccp.com.



ECCP ICT Committee Meeting 19 November 2025

The ECCP ICT Committee convened on 19 November 2025 at the ECCP Office, marking its final committee meeting for the year. During the meeting, discussions centered on pertinent industry updates particularly on the Konektadong Pinoy Act and the recent signing of its Implementing Rules and Regulations, the DICT’s Draft Policy Guidelines on Data Residency for Government Agencies, and the E-Governance Act.

The body also reviewed the ICT Advocacy Recommendations outlined in the 2025 ECCP Advocacy Papers, serving as a springboard to identify key topics for discussion and targeted engagements with public and private stakeholders for the committee’s 2026 pipeline of initiatives.

To join or inquire about the ICT Committee, you may reach out to advocacy@eccp.com.



ECCP Healthcare Committee Meeting 19 November 2025

The Healthcare Committee convened its final meeting of the year on 19 November 2025 at the ECCP office in Makati City. Chaired by Ms. Wei Sun of Novo Nordisk and Ms. Ela Reaviles of Roche, representing Dr. Teresa Dioko, the session was productive and focused on strategic planning for the ECCP Healthcare Forum and shaping the Committee’s 2026 agenda. Members reviewed 2025 milestones and discussed key priorities, including stakeholder mapping to identify champions at both the LGU and national government levels, exploring high-impact and time-efficient projects for 2026, and designing structured engagement with both high-level policymakers and technical directors. The meeting concluded with clear action points to ensure continued proactive advocacy and collaboration in the Philippine healthcare sector.

For more information or to join the Healthcare Committee, please contact advocacy@eccp.com.



ECCP Agriculture Committee Meeting

20 November 2025

The Agriculture Committee convened its final meeting of the year last 20 November 2025. Members reviewed the Committee's 2025 milestones, discussed ongoing policy priorities, and outlined the next steps for key regulatory and industry issues currently under consultation. Mr. Julius Barcelona, Sub-Committee Chair for High Value Crops, also provided a comprehensive report on the state and outlook of high value crops, rice, and corn in the Philippines.

The session, chaired by Ms. Ruth Novales, Dr. Mary Ann Sayoc, and Tom van der Meulen, likewise tackled the proposed agenda and planned activities for 2026, setting a strong foundation for another year of proactive engagement in the agriculture sector.

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



EU Stakeholder Consultation on the Philippine EPR Act

20 November 2025

On 20 November 2025, GIZ, in collaboration with the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), organized the EU Stakeholder Consultation on the Implementation of the Philippine Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act. The consultation conducted with Landbell Group, a Germany-based consultancy supporting EPR implementation, highlighted the EU-Philippines Green Economy Partnership's policy support for the Philippines with a focus on the EPR Act. Participants exchanged insights, shared experiences, and provided feedback on EPR compliance, challenges, and opportunities.

The event was co-moderated by Meg Santos, ECCP Environment & Water Chair and Nestlé Head of Sustainability, who also shared ECCP members' insights and experiences on the Philippine EPR act. Sophie Panergo, Advocacy Officer, and Joaquin Reloj, Industry and Government Affairs Manager, also attended and supported the event.



DEPDev Briefing on the Philippine Government Budget Process

20 November 2025

On 20 November, the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development conducted a virtual Briefing on the Philippine Government Budget Process via Zoom. The online briefing aims to empower the Stakeholders' Chamber, as a key partner in advancing the SDGs in the country, to take a more proactive role in the government's budget process.

Ms. Jaellie Anne San Miguel, Supervising Budget and Management Specialist from the Department of Budget and Management, delivered a presentation on better understanding the national budget cycle, including its timelines, procedures, and entry points for stakeholder engagement to enable more meaningful collaboration with government agencies in developing and implementing programs, activities, and projects (PAPs). During the open forum, she was joined by Ms. Maria Cecilia Abogado, DBM Assistant Director for Budget and Management Bureau - A.

Representing ECCP at the virtual briefing were Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto, Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs, together with Industry and Government Affairs Managers Austin Sy and Joaquin Reloj.



ECCP Tax and Financial Services Committee Courtesy Meeting with SEC Chairperson Francis Lim

24 November 2025

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) and its Tax and Financial Services (TFS) Committee, paid a courtesy visit to Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chairperson Atty. Francis Edralin Lim on November 24 at the SEC Headquarters in Makati City.

The meeting served as a crucial platform for collaborative discussion on enhancing the ease of doing business in the country. Key topics centered on opportunities for the ECCP to support the SEC in driving policy and regulatory predictability.

Present from SEC, along with the SEC Chairman, were Commissioner Atty. McJill Bryant T. Fernandez and Chief of Staff Atty. Ma-yr-zar Martin Teruel.



At the conclusion of the meeting, ECCP President Paulo Duarte, ECCP Executive Director Florian Gottein, ECCP TFS Co-Chair Atty. Maria Conception Simundac-Delos Santos, and ECCP TFS Vice Chair Atty. Alden Labagu presented SEC Chairman Lim with the 2025 Edition of the ECCP Advocacy Papers. ECCP Director for Advocacy & Government Affairs Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto and ECCP Industry and Government Affairs Manager Austin Sy also took part in the engagement.

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

Inauguration of the Polish Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines
25 November 2025

On 25 November, the Polish Investment & Trade Agency (PAIH Manila) hosted a networking reception at Ascott BGC to mark the inauguration of the Polish Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines (PCCP). The reception brought together business leaders and partners interested in strengthening Polish-Philippine cooperation.

Representatives from various sectors attended, highlighting broad interest in fostering trade, investment and bilateral cooperation. The creation of PCCP opens new opportunities for Polish and Philippine companies to collaborate, exchange expertise, and explore new markets.

Representing ECCP at the event were Ms. Gen Anaquita-Gatan, Director of Operations and Mr. Joaquin Reloj, Industry and Government Affairs Manager.



JFC Meeting with DENR Secretary Lotilla
2 December 2025

On 2 December, the Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines (JFC) met with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla at the DENR Office in Quezon City. During the meeting, the group discussed pertinent updates regarding the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act Implementation. More particularly, the JFC raised its position paper on the Draft Joint Administrative Order (JAO) on the Implementing Guidelines on Certification and Availment of Fiscal Incentives.

Additional topics on water and water quality were also covered. Accompanying Secretary Lotilla at the meeting were other DENR officials including Undersecretary Atty. Jonas Leones, Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh, and Assistant Secretary Jacqueline Caancan. Representing the ECCP were Industry and Government Affairs Managers Austin Sy and Joaquin Reloj.



ECCP Environment & Water Committee Meeting
2 December 2025

The Environment & Water Committee convened its final meeting for the year on 2 December 2025 via Zoom, chaired by Ms. Meg Anne Santos, Head of Sustainability at Nestlé. The session focused on the committee’s 2025 advocacy priorities as outlined in the ECCP Advocacy Papers, and its plans for 2026.

Members reviewed 2025 milestones and discussed upcoming engagements with key stakeholders on priority issues in the environment and water sectors. The meeting concluded with clear action points to support continued proactive advocacy and collaboration.

For more information or to join the Environment & Water Committee, please contact advocacy@eccp.com.

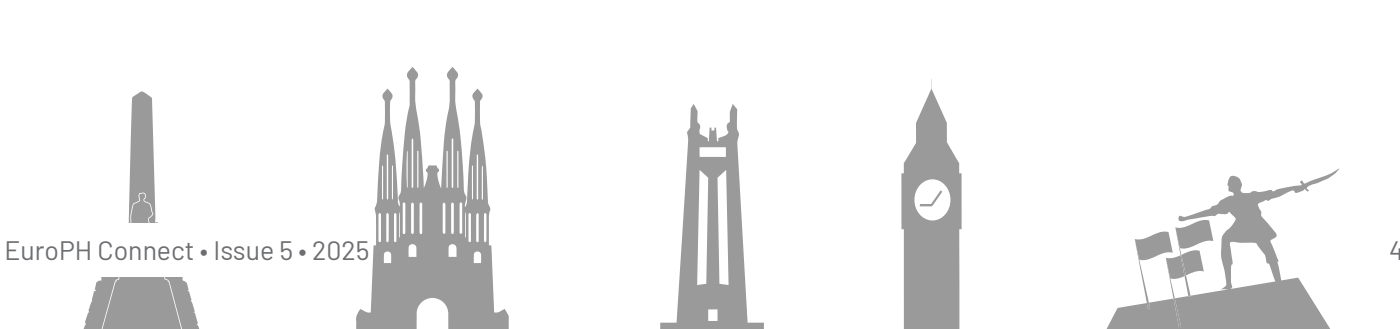


Development Partners’ Meeting in Support of the Philippine ASEAN 2026 Chairship Deliverables
2 December 2025

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) hosted the Development Partners’ Meeting to support the Philippines’ 2026 ASEAN Chairship deliverables. The session brought together government agencies, international partners, and key stakeholders to discuss collaborative initiatives, share updates, and align on priority actions to ensure the successful implementation of ASEAN-related environmental and sustainability commitments.

Representing the ECCP at the meeting was Atty. Kathyryn Pioquinto, Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs.

For more information about the ECCP’s initiatives in preparation for the 2026 Philippine ASEAN Chairmanship, please contact advocacy@eccp.com.



ECCP Customs & Logistics Committee Meeting

3 December 2025

The Customs and Logistics Committee held its last meeting for the year last 3 December 2025 at the ECCP Boardroom. The meeting was led by committee co-chairs Atty. Mark Anthony Tamayo, who is a Partner at Mata-Pérez, Tamayo & Francisco, as well as Mr. Michael Kurt Raeuber, the chairman and group CEO of Royal Cargo.

The session provided an overview of recent customs and logistics developments, including updates on new customs issuances, ongoing digitalisation efforts, changes in compliance and audit procedures, and emerging mechanisms for confidentially raising concerns with authorities. Members also exchanged views on the evolving framework for temporary imports and its impact on trade facilitation. Finally, the committee was able to identify action points and discuss its priorities for 2026.

For more information or to join the Customs & Logistics Committee, please contact advocacy@eccp.com.



One News “Money Talks” Interview with ECCP

9 December 2025

On 9 December 2025 in Mandaluyong City, Mr. Lars Wittig, ECCP Vice President & IWG Plc Senior Vice President, APAC, was interviewed by Cathy Yang on One News’ “Money Talks”. He discussed the state of European investments in the Philippines, highlighting strong business performance, growing confidence in the market, and the potential for expanded trade under frameworks like the EU-Philippines Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and GSP+), while noting that targeted reforms in taxation, customs, and governance could further boost investment. These insights reflect findings from the recently launched Business Sentiment Survey Report 2025 at the Philippine Economic Outlook 2026.

Representing the ECCP alongside Mr. Wittig were Austin Sy, Industry-Government Affairs Manager, and Bernard Advincula, Advocacy Research Associate.

For more information about the BSS 2025 and other ECCP publications, please contact advocacy@eccp.com



BIR-PMSG Year-End Meeting

9 December 2025

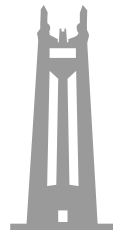
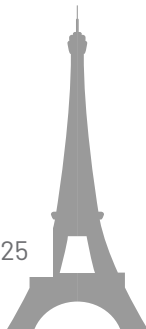
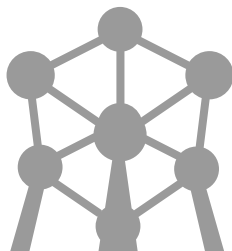
The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Partnership with Multi-Sectoral Group (PMSG) conducted its year-end meeting today (9 December 2025) at the PCCI office in Fort Bonifacio where the continued collaboration between the BIR and its private sector partners, including the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) and the Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines (JFC), were highlighted and commended.

BIR Commissioner Charlie Mendoza recognized the BIR-PMSG as staunch allies of the BIR and stressed the importance of building trust with taxpayers, ensuring service excellence, and promoting clarity and predictability. He also noted that revised rules of procedure have reduced discretionary practices. Atty. Dick Baladad, also the co-chair of the ECCP Tax and Financial Services Committee, shared updates on the BIR-PMSG’s achievements and priorities for 2026.



The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines was represented by SGV Tax/Customs Partner/Principal Atty. Alden Labaguis, Vice Chairperson of the ECCP Tax and Financial Services Committee and the ECCP Customs and Logistics Committee.

For more information about ECCP and the Joint Foreign Chambers, please contact advocacy@eccp.com.



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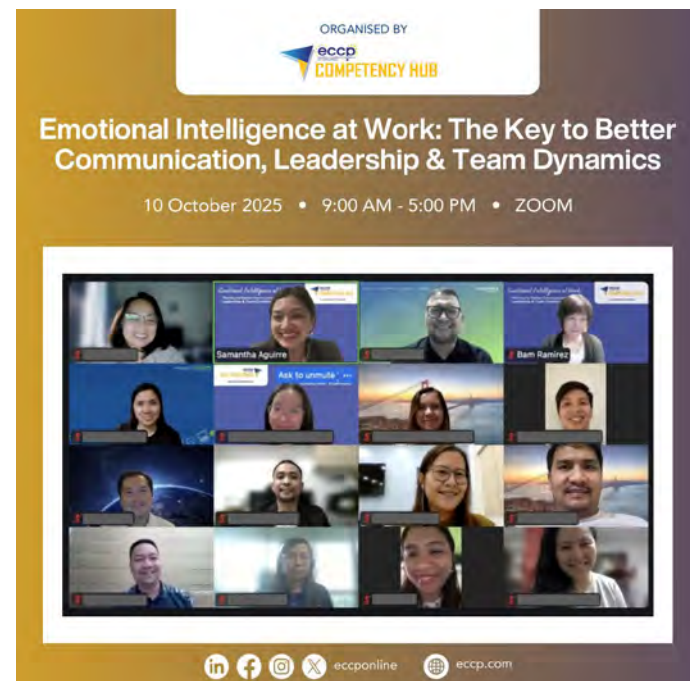
Emotional Intelligence at Work: The Key to Better Communication, Leadership & Team Dynamics 10 October 2025

On October 10, the ECCP Competency Hub held the e-Learning session “Emotional Intelligence at Work: The Key to Better Communication, Leadership & Team Dynamics,” a one-day program designed to help professionals enhance their emotional intelligence and improve team relationships.

Facilitated by Ms. Bam Ramirez, participants explored the five competencies of emotional intelligence and how these drive effective communication, leadership, and collaboration. Through engaging discussions, and self-assessments, they learned to manage stress, resolve conflict with empathy, and foster a more positive and emotionally intelligent work environment.

Looking to enhance your skills and drive impact at work? Explore our upcoming training programs: <https://www.eccp.com/upcoming-trainings>.

This course is also available for in-house or exclusive company runs. To request for a formal proposal, please email trainings@eccp.com



Leadership and Management Skills for Supervisors 17 October 2025

Step Up Your Leadership Game!

On October 17, the ECCP Competency Hub conducted the online training “Leadership and Management Skills for Supervisors,” a comprehensive one-day program designed to strengthen participants’ supervisory capabilities and leadership effectiveness.

Facilitated by Mr. Jeff Cua, the session highlighted crucial supervisory and leadership skills, equipping participants to manage, motivate, and guide their teams toward success. They also explored their key roles and responsibilities as supervisors in achieving organizational goals, while learning strategies to lead with confidence, communicate effectively, and build a supportive and productive team culture.



8th Speed Networking Night 30 October 2025

On October 30, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), together with the Nordic Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines and the British Chamber of Commerce Philippines, proudly organized the 8th Speed Networking Night at Dusit Thani Manila.

It was a dynamic evening where industry professionals and business leaders came together for meaningful exchanges, valuable connections, and potential partnerships. The event reflected a strong commitment to collaboration and innovation as key drivers of cross-industry growth.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our valued partners who were instrumental in the success of this event – PMFTC Inc. (Event Partner), Asian Tigers Philippines (Gold Sponsor), Whitehall



Consulting (Raffle Partner), MindNation (Raffle Partner), and Nurture Wellness Village (Raffle Partner).

For more photos, visit: flic.kr/s/aHBqjCzKVg

Luncheon Meeting on Climate Change and Decarbonization with keynote speaker Congressman Jose Manuel F. Alba 6 November 2025

On November 6, ECCP through its Sustainability Committee, and with the support of NEO Office PH and Holcim Philippines, successfully hosted a Luncheon Meeting on Climate Change and Decarbonization with keynote speaker Congressman Jose Manuel F. Alba, principal author of the Low Carbon Investment Economy Bill.

The event gathered leaders from the European and Philippine business communities to discuss how the proposed legislation can drive a low-carbon, sustainable economic future for the Philippines.

In her opening message, Ms. Gie Garcia, ECCP Sustainability Committee Co-Chair and NEO Co-Managing Director & Chief Sustainability Officer, emphasized the vital role of the private sector in advancing net-zero strategies and sustainable investments.

In his keynote speech, Congressman Alba presented the bill’s key provisions, highlighting its alignment with the Philippines’ 2030 GHG reduction target under the Paris Agreement, and its proposed frameworks for carbon pricing, emissions caps, and market-based mechanisms that will incentivize long-term decarbonization.

An engaging panel discussion followed, underscoring the shared commitment of the European and



Philippine business communities to build a resilient, low-carbon economy and position the Philippines as a regional leader in sustainable growth.

The event also featured insights from Mr. Igor da Motta Magalhães Carneiro (Second Secretary) and Mr. Juan Oliveira Bomfim (First Secretary) of the Embassy of Brazil in Manila - Embaixada do Brasil em Manila. Their messages reinforced the call for global cooperation and private-sector engagement in achieving a low-carbon future.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our event supporters: NEO Office PH and Holcim Philippines, distinguished speakers, panelists, and participants for their valuable contributions in the success of this luncheon meeting.

For more photos, visit: flic.kr/s/aHBqjCzPma

23rd European Golf Tournament 7 November 2025

On November 7, the ECCP together with Colliers Philippines and Sta. Lucia Land, Inc., successfully held the 23rd European Golf Tournament at The Orchard Golf & Country Club in Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

The event brought together golfers, members of the diplomatic corps, and business leaders for a day of friendly competition, networking, and camaraderie. A full day on the greens was capped with a networking lunch and awards ceremony, celebrating both sportsmanship and stronger business ties.

The ECCP extends its gratitude to our Co-presenters: Colliers International Philippines and Sta. Lucia Land Inc., event partners, and participants for making this year’s tournament truly memorable.

We also extend our sincere thanks to our wonderful hosts, Daniella Gelacio (Business Development Manager, Genesis Transunited Inc) and Franco Gaite (Senior Marketing & Strategy Associate, One



Luna Global Connections, Inc.) for leading the event with energy and enthusiasm.

Here’s to another year of great swings, stronger partnerships, and continued collaboration!

We look forward to seeing everyone at next year’s 24th European Golf Tournament!

For more photos, visit: flic.kr/s/aHBqjCzSD1

ECCP and Nague Malic Magnawa and Associates Customs Brokers (NMM) MOU Signing 13 November 2025

On November 13, the ECCP, represented by Competency Hub Officer Ms. Samantha Aguirre, and Marketing and Communications Officer-In-Charge, Ms. Samantha Ferrer officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Contract of Agency with Nague Malic Magnawa and Associates Customs Brokers (NMM), represented by Atty. Ferdinand Nague, Managing Partner, and Ms. Teresita Malic, Senior Partner.

This exciting partnership marks the beginning of a dynamic collaboration to roll out impactful training programs & info sessions for ECCP Members and clients.

Through the ECCP Competency Hub, the Chamber’s dedicated training arm, participants will gain access to



professional training programs designed to enhance both their knowledge and technical skills.

With NMM’s expertise, expect future sessions on relevant topics such as Customs and Trade Compliance, Logistics, Supply Chain, and Port Operations, Customs Audit and other specialized industry programs.

Managing Filipino Teams: A Guide for Expats and Local Leaders to Build an Effective Workforce Without Micromanagement 13 November 2025

On November 13, the ECCP Competency Hub, in partnership with Kaizen Leadership Asia , held the second run of “Managing Filipino Teams: A Guide for Expats and Local Leaders to Build an Effective Workforce Without Micromanagement” in Taguig, BGC at our venue partner, InCorp Philippines .

Facilitated by Mr. Mike Grogan and Mr. Chris Mercado, the workshop equipped both expat and Filipino leaders with practical tools to build a healthy, high-performing team culture in the Philippine workplace. Through case-based discussions and simple, ready-to-use frameworks, participants explored strategies for leading without micromanagement, motivating multigenerational teams, and strengthening cross-cultural alignment.



ECCP courtesy visit with Häfele Philippines 14 November 2025

On November 14, ECCP Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein and ECCP Membership Officer Canela Reillo met with Hafele Philippines Managing Director Mr. Stanislas Hug at their showroom in Taguig.

Discussions focused on maximizing their membership with the Chamber through upcoming activities, active participation in sector committees, and sharing of best practices on the ease of doing business in the Philippines.

Operating in the Philippines since 1992, Hafele Philippines is the local subsidiary of the German company Häfele GmbH & Co KG, specialising in architectural hardware, furniture fittings, electronic locking systems, home appliances, lighting solutions, and storage/wardrobe systems. The company serves both B2B and B2C markets in the Philippines.



Rhenus Logistics paid a visit to ECCP Manila office

20 November 2025

The ECCP team welcomed to their office new member Rhenus Logistics represented by Mr. Stefan de Bree, Head of Global Service Centers and Application Governance, and Mr. Marco Heer, Managing Director. The discussion focused on highlighting their priority advocacies, exploring areas for collaboration and initiatives, maximizing their membership with the Chamber through future events and activities, as well as engaging on relevant updates on the business regulatory environment in the Philippines.

Representing the ECCP team were Mr. Bernard Advincula, Advocacy Research Associate; Mr. Joaquin Reloj, Industry and Government Affairs Manager; Ms. Kyla Uy, Senior Advocacy Officer; and Ms. Canela Reillo, Membership Officer.



Building Trust, Fighting Fraud: Safeguarding the Digital Marketplace

20 November 2025

The ECCP, together with its Intellectual Property Rights Committee and in partnership with the South-East Asia IP SME Helpdesk, hosted the forum “Building Trust, Fighting Fraud: Safeguarding the Digital Marketplace” on 20 November 2025 at Spaces World Plaza, BGC. The event gathered government officials, SMEs, e-commerce and digital payment platforms, legal practitioners, and policy experts to address the challenges of counterfeiting, online fraud, and brand misuse in the Philippines’ growing digital economy.

Speakers included Atty. Kathryn Pioquinto, ECCP Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs, who delivered the welcome remarks; Atty. Reena Mitra-Ventanilla, ECCP IPR Committee Chair, who introduced the committee and moderated the panel; Assistant Director Perpetua Werlina C. Reyes-Lim of the DTI E-Commerce Bureau; Atty. Edmund Jason Baranda of the South-East Asia IP SME Helpdesk; and Atty. Christine V. Pangilinan-Canlapan of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines. Through keynote presentations, case discussions, and an open forum, participants explored strategies for IP protection, fraud detection, and public-private collaboration to ensure consumer trust, safeguard sellers, and foster innovation in the digital marketplace.

For more information about the ECCP Intellectual Property Rights Committee, please contact advocacy@eccp.com.

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



Doing Business in the Philippines: Investment-Ready Locations & PEZA

21 November 2025

On November 21, the ECCP conducted the second webinar on the doing business webinar series “Doing Business in the Philippines: Investment-Ready Locations & PEZA.” Our sincere gratitude to all our attendees for their active participation.

This insightful session was in partnership with our exceptional presenting partner, TMF Group with discussions led by Senior Corporate Compliance Officers Maria Rocelle Gultia and Don Jacob Whittaker.

Together, we provided a clear pathway for businesses to explore the vibrant investment opportunities in the Philippines.



ECCP Community Connect

25 November 2025

ECCP wrapped up 2025 with our final Community Connect of the year!

Last November 25, nearly 100 participants gathered at the BPI office for an afternoon of meaningful conversations, collaborations, and new connections. We were thrilled to welcome 20 new member companies, alongside long-standing members, to explore ECCP’s benefits, services, and opportunities for their year with us.

Guests enjoyed insights from our Session Partners, vibrant networking sessions, and light refreshments in a warm and engaging atmosphere.

A huge thank you to our venue partner, BPI; our session partner, Retail Associates; and our food & beverage partner, Century Pacific Food, Inc., for making this event possible.

And of course, thank you to all partners, speakers, and attendees. Your support continues to strengthen our dynamic community. We can’t wait to see more of you at our ECCP events next year!

For more photos, visit: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCBZ36>



Asticom visits ECCP Manila office 26 November 2025

On November 26, Asticom Technology Incorporated paid a courtesy visit to ECCP in their head office. Their team was represented by Mr. Nobell Isabelo, Business Development Manager; Ms. Justine Ramos, Business Development Associate; and Mr. Nate Villa, Head of Business Development, Marketing and Alliance. The meeting provided key membership updates, discussed potential partnerships for flagship events, and reaffirmed their commitment to engaging in additional advocacy initiatives. It also opened new areas for future collaboration and pursuing more impactful engagements moving forward.

Representing the ECCP team were Ms. Arci Catalan, Events Manager; Ms. Canela Reillo, Membership Officer; Ms. Shaireen Dayao, Member Relations Associate; Ms. Beatrice Uy, Events Associate; and Ms. Nhel Banta-Gozarin, Events Officer.



ECCP Courtesy Visit to Nestlé Philippines 10 December 2025

On 10 December, the ECCP paid a courtesy visit to Nestlé Philippines President and CEO Mr. Mauricio Alarcón, together with Senior Vice President and Head of Corporate Affairs Mr. Joey Uy, to formally welcome Mr. Alarcón in his capacity as President and CEO. The meeting covered updates on policy and industry advocacy initiatives and discussed potential areas of collaboration for 2026, as part of the Chamber’s ongoing engagements with its member companies.

The ECCP was represented by Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein, Director for Advocacy and Government Affairs Atty. Kathyryn Pioquinto, and Director of Operations Ms. Gen Anaquita-Gatan.



20th JFC Networking Night 27 November 2025

The Joint Foreign Chambers held the 20th JFC Networking Night last November 27, 2025 at The Bellevue Manila. The evening highlighted meaningful exchanges, strengthened ties, and genuine camaraderie among members of foreign chambers, partners, and leaders from various industries.

To view the official event photos, please visit the album here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCC4r3>

Thank you to all our attendees who joined us—we hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did!

The JFC would like to thank its partners: 3M, Aboitiz Economic Estates, AGS Four Winds Worldwide Movers, Alpha Suites Hotel, Apprecier Consumer Goods Trading, Arthaland, Astoria Hotel and Resorts, BICM Genesis Freight International Inc, BPI Tokyo Century Rental Corporation, Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc., Centre Medicale Internationale, Coca-Cola Philippines, Crown Worldwide Group, Dusit Thani Manila, Filinvest (Filigree), HMR, Makati Medical Center, Marubeni Philippines Corporation, Newport World Resorts. Nord Anglia International School Manila, Ocampo Manalo Valdez Lim Law Firm, Philippine Retirement Authority, Phividec Industrial Authority, Retail Software Associates Corp., San Miguel Brewery Inc, SM Prime, The Bellevue Manila, US-ASEAN Business Council, and Veratech Inc.



Inside ECCP: Cebu

Year-End Run Coffee Mornings with MSMEs

5 December 2025

On December 5, ECCP Cebu hosted its Year-End Coffee Mornings at Radisson Blu Hotel, bringing together passionate MSME owners and leaders. The session, facilitated by Mr. David Thomas of APAC Financial Services, fostered meaningful dialogue on cross-border trade, investment opportunities, and venture growth with European partners. ECCP deeply values the insights shared by participants and looks forward to continuing these dynamic roundtable exchanges in the coming year.



ECCP Regional Team Explores LIMA Estate

11 December 2025

The ECCP Regional Team held a productive meeting with Aboitiz InfraCapital (AIC) and its Economic Estates to explore new avenues of collaboration across Visayas and Mindanao. As part of the engagement, ECCP joined a tour of LIMA Estate in Batangas to better understand AIC's estate development model and identify opportunities for partnership. By initiating these dialogues and immersing in site visits, ECCP reinforces its commitment to connecting business leaders and stakeholders, advancing growth and innovation throughout the Philippines.



Inside ECCP: CDO

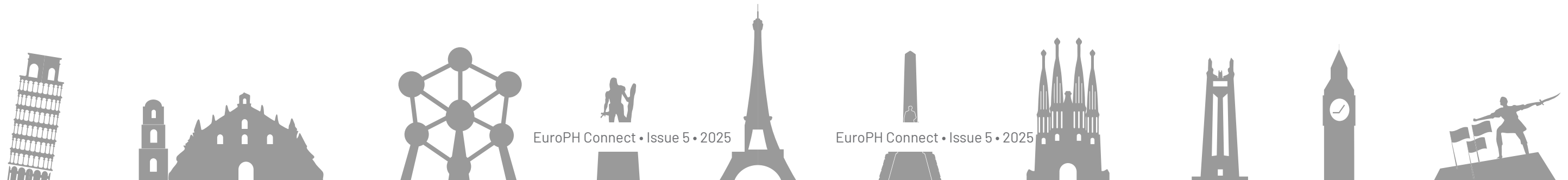
ECCP Northern Mindanao Welcomes ECCP Executive Director in Cagayan de Oro

2-3 December 2025

ECCP Northern Mindanao welcomed ECCP Executive Director Mr. Florian Gottein during his visit to Cagayan de Oro City on 2 December, where a series of membership and advocacy engagements were conducted. Meetings were held with prospective members Stronghold Insurance and Minergy Retail Energy Solutions, Inc., providing an opportunity to present ECCP's mission, advocacy initiatives, and membership offerings, while learning more about the companies' business profiles and services.

In the afternoon, ECCP Northern Mindanao convened the Northern Mindanao Business Council Meeting attended by 24 representatives from member companies, including premium members PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority and Eastern Communications, as well as newly admitted member Mediatrix Print and Services, Inc. The meeting focused on advocacy updates and industry developments shared by members. The day concluded with a Christmas Yuletide Fellowship Dinner that fostered camaraderie through a simple celebration featuring games, raffles, and an exchange of locally made gifts.

The following day, Mr. Gottein, together with the ECCP Northern Mindanao team, continued membership engagement efforts through meetings with prospective members British Learning Center and Ad On PH, further strengthening ECCP's presence and outreach in the region.



ECCP Northern Mindanao Supports PIEMO Association Forum

5 December 2025

ECCP Northern Mindanao supported the forum titled “Forging the Future: PHIVIDEC Industrial Estate–Misamis Oriental (PIEMO) as the Bridge to Global Demand and Competitiveness,” held on 5 December at the PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority Auditorium. The forum was organized by PIEMO, the association of PHIVIDEC locators and a Premium Member of ECCP Northern Mindanao, and served as a platform to present strategic directions in driving industrial transformation, innovation, and global connectivity through collaborative partnerships.

Discussions highlighted industrial development initiatives aligned with Northern Mindanao’s regional development agenda and national industrialization priorities. The forum emphasized sustainable and eco-industrial growth, investment promotion, and collaboration with local government units as host communities. Through ECCP Northern Mindanao’s participation, opportunities to strengthen European trade and investment linkages were underscored, supporting technology transfer, sustainable industry practices, and expanded global market access for PHIVIDEC locators.



ECCP Northern Mindanao Conducts Customer Service and Professional Ethics Workshop

6 December 2025

ECCP Northern Mindanao conducted a Customer Service and Professional Ethics Workshop on 6 December 2025 through a face-to-face, in-house training program for one of its member companies in the banking industry, with up to 65 participants. The six-hour workshop aimed to strengthen customer service excellence while reinforcing ethical standards critical to building trust and professionalism in the banking sector.

The program featured interactive lectures, real-life banking scenarios, role-play simulations, and group discussions focusing on service excellence, ethical decision-making, and customer engagement challenges. Participants explored the core pillars of excellent customer service, courtesy, reliability, responsiveness, assurance, and empathy, alongside common ethical dilemmas encountered in banking operations. The workshop concluded with action planning and commitment-setting exercises, reinforcing ECCP Northern Mindanao’s commitment to capacity-building and professional development.



Inside ECCP: Davao

Mindanao–European Economic Roundtable Discussion

17 November 2025

The Mindanao–European Economic Roundtable Discussion (MIN–EU ECORD) held on 17 November 2025 at Seda Abreeza, Davao City brought together over 70 delegates from Europe and Mindanao—including investors, business leaders, government officials, and academe—to explore investment opportunities and strengthen economic collaboration in the region.

The event was supported by 8 sponsors, with 5 showcasing their services through interactive marketing booths. Mr. Florian Gottein, ECCP Executive Director, delivered the opening remarks, followed by a keynote address from Secretary Leo Tereso A. Magno, Chairperson of the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), highlighting Mindanao’s economic potential and the importance of strong public-private partnerships. Additional insights were shared by Honorary Consul Mary Ann Montemayor, who delivered a message on behalf of the diplomatic corps emphasizing the value of international partnerships, and Mr. Antonio Peralta, ECCP–SMBC Chairman and Honorary Consul of Finland for Mindanao, who delivered an ambassador’s address on behalf of the Finnish Embassy, highlighting Finland’s innovation-driven economy and opportunities for collaboration with Mindanao.

The program featured two plenary sessions. The first explored public-private sector perspectives and the role of government and business in fostering inclusive growth, while the second focused on sustainability and innovation, covering topics such as climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy, and circular economy practices. The event also featured a presentation on Strengthening Mindanao Development through BAEP–CRESCENT by Mr. Gerry Constantino, Project Manager of EU BAEP Crescent.



A panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Adrian Tamayo of Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), brought together speakers including Mr. Christian Cambaya of the Davao City Investment Promotion Center, Mr. Vasyl Goshovsky of HEAD Sport Philippines, Mr. Ronnie Lim of Apo Agua Infraestructura, Inc., Mr. Cesar Cuyugan Jr. of the EU BAEP Crescent, and panelists Mr. Antonio Peralta of ECCP, Consul Leonilo Claudio of the Kingdom of Belgium in Mindanao, Mr. Rommel Momo of Holy Cross of Davao College, and Mr. Isidoro Malaque III of the University of the Philippines Mindanao. Discussions highlighted Mindanao’s innovation, sustainable growth, and potential for strengthened European collaboration.

The roundtable successfully reaffirmed Mindanao as a dynamic hub for European investment and collaboration, paving the way for future partnerships.

We like to acknowledge our partners who made this event a great success: Event Partner Davao City Investment Promotion Center and Kenram Palmoil Industries, Inc. - KPIL; Event Patrons HSBC, Converge ICT Solutions Inc., TIS Control Philippines, GC TECH Solar Power; and Event Supporters Alveo Land Corp and Vista Land.

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The model has proved efficient and replicable. Its impact has been recognized internationally, for example as laureate of the Zayed Water Sustainability Prize during the COP21. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has also promoted BWW model in various reports, case studies and events. Among other activities, the ADB has requested BWW to present its model to its partners in Asia during their Water Urban Forum in May 2025.



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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
- 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
- CDO** 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

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 Dasmarias 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)

