



JOINT FOREIGN CHAMBERS

The JFC continues to be very active in promoting the recently published, 'Arangkada Philippines 2010: A Business Perspective'. Representatives of the JFC's are meeting and presenting the publication to key representatives of the government for further discussion. During these meetings we are also discussing key issues relevant to each department. Meetings held recently:

- April 26 - BOC Commissioner Alvarez
- April 27 - DAR Sec. Virgilio delos Reyes
- April 29 - World Bank Country Director Bert Hoffman
- April 29 - Philippine Ports Authority General Manager Atty. Juan Sta. Ana
- May 4 - BSP Governor Amando Tetangco
- May 23 - Presidential Legislative Liaison Head, Sec. Antonino P. Roman
- May 25 - IMF Resident Representative Dennis Botman
- May 31 - Vice President, Jejomar Binay
- June 3 - DFA Secretary Albert del Rosario

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Advocacy

May 16 - Letter to Chairman Mandanas, Committee on Ways and Means, providing comments on four bills related to rationalization of Fiscal Incentives. [Click here to download](#)

June 1 - Letter to NEDA Director General Paderanga submitting proposed amendments to the IRR of the BOT Law. [Click here to download](#)

March 30 - The Joint Foreign Chambers hosted the Seven Big Winner Sectors Workshop at the Asian Institute Management Conference Center in Makati to revalidate 283 Seven Big Winner Sectors recommendations in the Arangkada Philippines 2010 report. Sponsored by the Joint Foreign Chambers, Arangkada Philippines 2010 presents a path for the Philippines to become a middle-income economy with robust investment levels, high levels of job creation, modern infrastructure, and rising government revenues to pay for enhanced social services.

At the Workshop expert moderators from the private and public sectors led Breakout Sessions with industry and government participants that prioritized near and medium term recommendations for Investment Climate reforms. We shared the status of these recommendations to the following:

- May 5 - CICT Chairman Ivan Uy on Business Process Outsourcing
- 9 - DTI Secretary Gregory Domingo on Manufacturing and Logistics
- 11 - DTI Secretary Gregory Domingo on Creative Industries
- 12 - DA Secretary Proceso Alcala on Agribusiness
- 17 - DENR Secretary Ramon Paje on Mining
- 17 - DOT Secretary Alberto Lim on Tourism, Medical Travel and Retirement

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CANADA LINKS

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We welcome members' inputs and suggestions to continue to improve on this publication. Currently the Chamber has a section dedicated to the following topics: IT, Legal Issues, Immigration, Health, Business, Corporate Social Responsibility and Travel. We would also welcome interesting stories and experiences of our members. As a member organization this provides an outstanding opportunity to be involved and promote your business interests. Please contact the secretariat for more information and deadline dates for submission.

Did you Know?

Filipinos in Canada
There are currently 554,000 Filipinos living permanently in Canada. This number jumps to 640,000 when you add those working temporarily and those who are part of the irregular migration movement.

For the period 1981-2010, the top countries of destination for Filipinos migrating permanently were the USA (1,165,352), Canada (284,663), Japan (116,748) and Australia (109,668).

In 1981, a total of 40,307 Filipinos migrated to the USA while 5,226 went to Canada. By 2011 this number had remained fairly static for those going to the USA with 42,007 migrants selecting that country as their new home while the number going to Canada had increased significantly to 27,302. An increase of 522%!!

In 2010, for the first time, the Philippines became the number one source country for immigrants going permanently to Canada.

*Source: Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO)

ANNOUNCEMENT

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2011-2012



(Left-Right) Sean Georget, Executive Director; Ernest Loignon, Director; Christopher Bell-Knight, Treasurer; Hon. Christopher Thornley, Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines; Mercedes Laurel-Marquez, 2nd Vice President; Julian Payne, President; Roger Dimmell, 1st Vice President; and Nick Oosterveen, Director.
(Not in Photo: James Dantow, Director and Tammy Lipana, Director)

CANCHAM EVENTS

Wednesday, May 4 - Morning Briefing 'Assessing and Building your Bench Strength', presented by Bob Flecknell, Consultant Assessment Analytics.

Wednesday, May 18 - Briefing, 'Reforestation: Towards Enhancing Human Security in the Philippines.'

Wednesday, May 25 - Monthly Networking Event at La Cuisine Francaise.

CEBU CHAPTER

Tuesday, April 26 - CanCham Cebu 1st Annual Plenary Meeting at the Marco Polo. For more information on Cebu Chamber contact: cebu@cancham.com.ph

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 8 - Morning Briefing on 'Social Networking and its Implications on Data Security' Presented by Warren Butuin, Partner SGV. Venue: CanCham Boardroom. Time: 8:30-10:00am. Tariff: P200- Members • P400- Guests.

Wednesday, June 22 - Briefing, 'Enterprise Risk Management: Linking Risk to Business Strategy' Presented by Joselito Lopez, Partner, SGV. Venue: CanCham Boardroom. Time: 8:30-10:00am. Tariff: P200-Members • P400- Guests.

Wednesday, June 22 - Foreign Chambers' Networking Event at the Bellevue Hotel in Alabang. Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Tariff: Free- 1 Regular member • P500-additional Member • P800 - non members.

Thursday, June 30 - CanCham with title sponsor Sun Life Financial, 'Celebrates Canada Day Cocktail'
Come out and celebrate Canada's 144th Birthday. Welcome for all Canadians and friends of Canada. Will be held at the newly open Sun Life Centre, 9th floor 5th Avenue The Fort
Tariff: P400-Members • P800- Guests

CanCham Executive Management Briefings Series: Following the success of last years' series CanCham will continue to partner with IL International to offer interesting and helpful management briefings: Venue and Tariff: TBA

- **Tuesday, July 12 - Authentic Communication:** Discussing the principles of effective communication in business environment
- **Tuesday, August 16- Manager Leader EmPOERment:** Discusses the distinction between the Manager and the Leader roles in terms of Planning, Organizing projects or activities, Executing plans and producing Results
- **Tuesday, September 13- 3 Business Roles: The Leader-Intrapreneur, The Manager, The Technician:** Leveraging and shifting technical expertise into inspiring and organizing people to a higher level of productivity and fulfillment

Friday, November 18 - 24th Annual CanCham-AMJ Campbell International Philippines-Canada Cup Golf Tournament.
Venue: Calubang Golf Club, Canlubang Laguna.

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Thursday, June 16- 'Cloud ERP and Compliance'
Venue: Waterfront Cebu. Hotel. Time: 3:30pm- 6:30pm
Tariff: Free (registration required) sponsored by Netsuite

Wednesday, June 22- Labor updates with DOLE OIC Regional Director Exequiel Sarcauga. Time: 3pm-4:30 Venue: TBA