



ANNOUNCEMENT

CANCHAM CEBU CHAPTER LAUNCHING



The Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines is proud to announce the launch of the Cebu Chapter of the Canadian Chamber on 12 November 2010. CanCham President, Mr. Julian Payne, Canadian Ambassador Hon. Christopher Thornley, Honorary Consul and CanCham Trustee, Robert Lee

and CanCham Executive Director Sean Georget, formally launched the Cebu Chapter with a press release and courtesy call visits to both the Governor of Cebu and Mayor of Cebu City. [Press Release](#). This highlights the growth and interest in Canada-Philippines relationships. The Chamber welcomes Ms. Jemela Anne Gomez who will support our member as our administrative officer based in Cebu. This will be of benefit for our members in Manila and our new members in Cebu as we continue to promote Canada-Philippine business interests as well as our respective members in Manila and Cebu. The Board of Trustees have selected an advisory committee of six key new members in Cebu to help guide the direction of the Chambers initiatives and program for 2011.

Thursday, December 2, 2010 - CanCham Cebu Chapter co-hosted the Annual Friends of Canada Christmas Gathering where close to 600 people attended.



President Report on Cebu Chapter: [Click here](#)

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CEBU FOUNDING MEMBERS

Major Corporate Member: VICAL Corporation

Corporate Members

33Point3 Corp • 3-in-1 Marketing • Alfa All Food Asia, Inc. • Allied Growers Enterprises • Anilon Ventures Inc. • ATCO • Athenium • Banco de Oro Unibank, Inc. • Belcris • Bombardier • Cabinet Members Inc. • Carlos A. Gothong Lines • Cebu Holdings Inc. • Cebu Jansales Corp./Auto Central • Enhance Immigration • Gaisano Tabunok • Gothong Southern • Hi-Speed Construction Corp. • Janice Minor Exports Inc. • Jedco (Jesus F. Ecaño Development Corp) • Jobu Trading Inc. • Kings Quality Foods (Cebu), Inc. • MATIMCO • Mrs. Betty's Bakeshop • Ngosiok Marketing • Nutrivalue Technologies, Inc. • Ocean Transport • Oikonomos Int'l Resources Corp. • Perfect Star PC Shoppe • Philbest Canning Corp. • PhilPacific Insurance Brokers and Managers • PLDT • Primary Structures • Simon Enterprises • Spa at Cebu • Sui Rinen and Associates • Tricold Inc./ Supergro • Triple E food Products • Tropical Sun Travel & Tour • Virginia Foods

Non Corporate Members

John Gregory "Jigger" Escario • Charlie Taguam • Wilson/ Melanie Ng • Hans Hauri • Mark Godfrey • Dr. Nonito Narvasa • Livian Garcia • Alfonso Tan, Jr.

MANILA CHAMBER OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Chamber office in Manila will be closed for the Holiday break from December 20th and will resume normal office hours on January 3, 2011.

CANCHAM EVENTS

Wednesday, November 10 - Morning Briefing, 'Managing Currency fluctuations in the BPO sector: Outsourcing and Captive' with guest speaker, Odie Baustista - SVP & Deputy Head of HSBC.

Wednesday, November 10 - Monthly Networking Event at Titania Wine Cellar.

Wednesday, November 17 - Executive Management Series Part 3, 'Work Life Alignment: Providing a Framework for Freedom, Fulfillment and Productivity' with guest speaker member, Jerry Perez de Tagle IL International President.



Friday, November 19 - CanCham-AMJ Campbell International 23rd Annual Philippines-Canada Cup Golf Tournament at the Riviera Golf Club.

Tuesday, November 23 - JFC Energy Workshop with DOE Sec. Jose Rene Almendras

Wednesday, November 24 - JFC Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Briefing on "Infrastructure Plans to Make Manila more Liveable" with Atty. Francis Tolentino - Chairman, MMDA

JOINT FOREIGN CHAMBERS

Advocacy:

The JFC's have finalized and printed copies of "Arangkada Philippines 2010: A Business Perspective". This presents the results of nine Focus Group Discussions where each was chaired by an industry expert who led research and consultations with the government, local business, including domestic and foreign investors, and economic reform advocates.

The overall theme is for the Philippine economy to accelerate the growth of Seven Big Winner Sectors to increase investment and create jobs: Agri-business; Information Technology-Business Process Outsourcing; Creative Industries; Infrastructure; Manufacturing and Logistics; Mining; and Tourism, Medical Travel, and Retirement. There are 471 recommendations in *Arangkada Philippines 2010* and if implemented would support the Philippine economy to catch up with faster-growing regional economies, multiplying investment and jobs, and significantly reducing poverty. These recommendations support the advocacy that the Philippines should move twice as fast to compete more successfully. There is limited supply of printed copies available for purchase at P2500/copy. Interested organizations please contact the secretariat for more information. For more information & soft copy, [Click here to download](#)

November 15 - JFC representatives met with Secretary of Agriculture, Proceso J. Alcala

December 3 - JFC representatives met with Secretary of DOTC, Jose 'Ping' de Jesus

December 9 - Representative from JFC, ECOP, SEIPI and BPAP met to discuss the implications of the proposed Security of Tenure bill currently being reviewed and how this could affect employer ability to remain competitive.

Asia Pacific Foundation

For members that like to keep informed of Canada Asia news there is a free service that you might be interested in from the Asia Pacific Foundation.

About APF Canada

The Asia Pacific Foundation is an independent resource for Canadians on contemporary Asia and Canada-Asia relations. As a national not-for-profit organization established by an Act of the Federal Parliament in 1984, the Foundation brings together people and knowledge to provide the most current and comprehensive research, analysis and information on Asia and on Canada's transpacific relations. It promotes dialogue on economic, security, political and social issues, helping to inform public policy, the Canadian public and Canada's Asia practitioners. The Foundation is funded principally through an endowment from the Government of Canada and by corporate and individual donors.

For your reference, here are the links to their homepage and subscribing page.

[Asia Pacific Foundation Homepage](#)
[Subscription page](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 27, 2011 - Monthly Networking Night. Time: 6pm
Venue: Conways Bar, Makati Shangri-La, Manila

Thursday, March 31, 2011 - 5th Annual International ICT Awards Gala Night.
Venue: TBA

CANADA LINKS

The Chamber is happy to inform our members that the soft copies of our Canada Links publication can now be downloaded from our website at:

[Canada Links](#)

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.

Wednesday, December 8 - CanCham Christmas Social Networking Night

attended by over 75 members and guests and co-sponsored by Ascott Limited. Fun filled evening with Christmas Carols from Kaibigan Children's Choir and great raffle prizes. Proceeds from the evening go to the Kaibigan Ermita Outreach Foundation.

