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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, Partners, and Friends of CanCham,

When I first arrived in the Philippines two decades ago, I could never have imagined the life, career, and community I would build here.

Today, as President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, I am reminded that the strongest bridges between countries are not built by governments alone. They are built by people. By entrepreneurs taking risks. By companies creating jobs.



By professionals choosing to invest their talents across borders. And by communities that believe meaningful relationships can create lasting prosperity.

Canada and the Philippines share something special. Ours is a relationship rooted not only in trade and investment, but in trust, friendship, and a genuine belief in each other's potential.

As we look ahead, I see tremendous opportunity. Not simply to grow commerce between our two countries, but to create a vibrant ecosystem where ideas, talent, innovation, and ambition can thrive. One that welcomes established industry leaders while creating space for the next generation of builders, innovators, and changemakers.

My vision for CanCham is simple: to be a catalyst. A place where conversations become partnerships, where introductions become opportunities, and where our collective efforts contribute to a stronger future for both Canada and the Philippines.

The work ahead is collaborative, ambitious, and full of potential. I invite you to be part of it.

Nancy Castiglione
President
Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines

MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT



Dear Members and Friends,

Looking back, I am proud to share that CanCham has been revived and raised to new heights. Over the past year, we delivered sharper programming, stronger advocacy, and more consistent engagement—ensuring that our Chamber remains a practical bridge for businesses across the Canada–Philippines corridor.

We convened high-value dialogues on digital transformation, investment competitiveness, policy reform, and social impact.

We strengthened Canadian–Philippine bilateral relations by engaging high-level officials and continuing our advocacy for a free trade agreement.

These initiatives reflect our renewed energy and discipline, and they underscore our role as a bridge from policy direction to business confidence, from opportunity to partnership, and from national priorities to sustainable projects.

The timing could not be more important. Canada–Philippines relations are deepening, with billions in two-way trade, expanding cooperation in defense and security, and new development funding for resilience and climate action. This is our moment to translate momentum into tangible opportunities.

As we move forward, I invite you to:

- Stay active – attend, speak up, and share your needs.
- Lean in – join committees, contribute expertise, and open doors for fellow members.
- Think bigger – because our relationship with Canada is expanding, and together we can achieve more.

As I conclude my term, I wish to express my deepest gratitude for the support you have extended to me as President. With the new set of Trustees and a newly elected Board of Officers soon to be in place, I have no doubt that you will continue to give them the same trust, encouragement, and engagement you have generously given me. Your support will be vital in sustaining the Chamber's momentum and ensuring that CanCham continues to thrive.

CanCham is back—and CanCham is building. Thank you for being part of this journey.

Merci beaucoup. Maraming salamat!

Warm regards,

Christopher Ilagan
Past President



CANADA-PH ROUNDUP

March–April 2026 Highlights

◆ **Diplomatic & Strategic Engagement**

- **High-Level Visits:** Canadian officials reinforced ties through active engagement with Philippine counterparts.
- **Ambassador Hartman’s Remarks:** Emphasized complementarity of both economies—Canada offering food, energy, and technology; the Philippines contributing a skilled workforce and strategic location.
- **Defense Cooperation:** Expansion of security collaboration, including the Status of Visiting Forces Agreement signed in November 2025.

◆ **Trade & Investment**

- **Merchandise Trade:** Canada–Philippines trade reached \$3.2B in 2024, with strong growth prospects.
- **FTA Negotiations:** Official talks launched in October 2025; the second round concluded recently, advancing both ASEAN–Canada and bilateral agreements.
- **Diaspora Bridge:** Nearly 1 million Canadians of Filipino descent continue to serve as a living link between markets.

◆ **Development & Climate Action**

- **Funding Commitment:** Canada announced \$76.45M in international development projects for the Philippines.
- **Bilateral Mechanism:** Established cooperation on climate action, disaster resilience, energy security, and trade readiness.

◆ **CanCham & Business Community**

- **Annual General Membership Meeting (AGMM):** Held at the Ayala Museum, highlighting CanCham’s revival and achievements.
- **Board Transition:** New Trustees committed to fostering partnerships, supporting business growth, and advancing opportunities across the Indo-Pacific corridor.
- **Role as Bridge:** CanCham continues to serve as a practical connector for businesses navigating Canada–Philippines relations.



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WHAT'S UP CANADA EH?



Carney's Majority Government (April 13, 2026):

- Liberals won three special elections (Toronto ridings University–Rosedale, Scarborough Southwest, and Terrebonne, Quebec).
- This gave Carney 174 seats in the 343-seat House of Commons, shifting his government from minority to majority.
- The majority means Carney can now pass legislation without opposition support, securing stability until 2029.

First Act as Majority PM (April 14, 2026):

- Carney suspended Canada's federal fuel excise tax until September 7, 2026 (Labor Day).
- Aimed at easing affordability pressures from rising fuel costs linked to the Iran war.
- Benefits truckers, businesses, and households facing inflationary strain.

https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2026-04-13/canadas-carney-set-to-win-majority-government-in-special-elections?utm_source=copilot.com



Trade & Economic Context

• U.S.–Canada Tariff Escalation (April 6, 2026):

- The U.S. imposed 10–50% tariffs on steel, aluminum, copper, and derivatives, calculated on full product value rather than metal content.
- Canada had earlier retaliated with 25% tariffs on U.S. autos and aluminum (2025).
- Next milestone: CUSMA review scheduled for July 1, 2026, which could reshape North American trade rules.

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/u-s-canada-tariffs-timeline-of-key-3989973>

• Carney's Indo-Pacific Strategy:

- Continues to reduce reliance on the U.S. by pursuing new alliances and trade pacts.
- His leadership has been praised internationally, especially after his World Economic Forum speech condemning economic coercion.



Domestic Priorities:

- Affordability & Housing: Carney has pledged to focus on lowering costs, tackling housing shortages, and accelerating major economic projects.
- Political Stability: This is the first time in Canadian history a government has shifted from minority to majority between elections, giving Carney unprecedented leverage.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/ap/ap-international/ap-canadian-pm-carney-is-on-the-verge-of-a-majority-government-in-a-special-election/>





SUN LIFE SHIFTS HEAD OFFICE TO GEOTHERMAL POWER, STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

MANILA, PH – May 2026 Sun Life Philippines has taken a significant step towards more sustainable operations with the transition of Sun Life Centre, its head office in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, to geothermal power. The building is now powered by 100% renewable energy, through a collaboration with First Gen, one of the country's leading clean energy providers.

The transition reinforces the company's commitment to reducing its environmental impact and operating responsibly in the face of growing climate challenges. By shifting to cleaner energy sources with significantly lower emissions, Sun Life strengthens its approach to long-term sustainability while supporting a more climate-resilient future.

"This milestone demonstrates that sustainability isn't just part of our corporate values, but embedded in how we operate," said Michelle Cordero-Garcia, Chief Human Resources Officer of Sun Life Philippines. "Our commitment to renewable energy reflects our belief that businesses have a responsibility to contribute to environmental solutions."

The shift to geothermal power is a testament to how Sun Life continues to build on its pioneering green building legacy. Sun Life Centre was the first in the Philippines to earn a LEED Gold certification for Core and Shell in 2012. Since then, the facility has maintained its sustainability leadership through green design features such as rainwater harvesting, motion-sensor lighting, double-glazed windows, and a distinctive green roof, all of which contribute to significant energy savings.

Through its sustainability plan, Sun Life seeks to maximize its positive impact, strengthen its long-term resilience as an organization, and uphold being a trusted and responsible business.



SUN LIFE PHILIPPINES WINS TWO SILVERS, TWO GOLDS IN ASIA-PACIFIC STEVIE AWARDS FOR INNOVATION AND IMPACT

MANILA, PH – April 2026 – Sun Life Philippines has earned international recognition for its continued commitment to innovation, people, and purpose, winning four Asia-Pacific Stevie® Awards, including two Gold Stevies and two Silver Stevies, for initiatives spanning corporate social responsibility, hybrid work, talent development, and financial literacy.

The Asia-Pacific Stevie® Awards honor outstanding achievements in innovation across business practices, programs, and initiatives in the region, recognizing organizations that demonstrate excellence and impact across Asia-Pacific markets.

Gerber Garcia, Service Improvement Manager, Sun Life Philippines; Kristine Millete, Executive Director, Sun Life Foundation; Maika Garcia, Talent Development Manager, Sun Life Philippines; and Melissa Borbon, Brand Activation and Partnerships Manager, Sun Life Philippines.

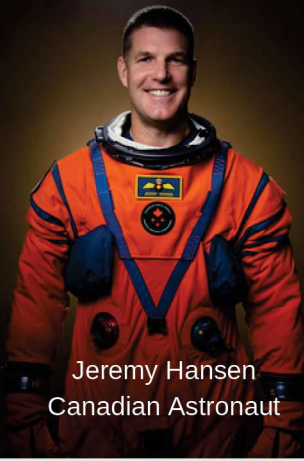
Sun Life earned a Gold Stevie Award for "Sparkling Connection and Thriving Together in Hybrid Work," recognized under Innovation in Remote or Hybrid Work Practices. The award highlights Sun Life's people-first approach to reimagining collaboration, connection, and culture in a hybrid work environment. The company also received a Gold Stevie Award for "Sun Pera-Aralan: Greater Financial Health for Filipino Public School Teachers," led by Sun Life Foundation and recognized under Innovative Achievement in Corporate Social Responsibility. The program was designed to help public school teachers build healthier money habits and strengthen their long-term financial well-being through practical, behavior-based financial education.

In addition, Sun Life received two Silver Stevie Awards. The first was awarded to "Future-Proofing Operations through Capability Development," recognized under Innovation in Talent Development & Upskilling, highlighting the company's focus on strengthening capabilities and equipping its workforce with future-ready skills. The second Silver Stevie was awarded to "Play for Life: Gamifying Financial Literacy to Help Filipinos Make Brighter Choices," which was recognized for Innovation in Cross-Media Marketing. The initiative uses gamification and multiple platforms to make financial concepts more accessible, engaging, and relatable for Filipinos.

"These recognitions reinforce why we do what we do," said JJ Moreno, Country Head and CEO of Sun Life Philippines. "At Sun Life, innovation is never just about new ideas or programs; it's about the impact those ideas create. We remain deeply committed to empowering our Clients and the communities we serve, by building solutions that are relevant, inclusive, and grounded in real Filipino needs."

Artemis II

CANADA'S ROLE IN MOON EXPLORATION



Jeremy Hansen
Canadian Astronaut



at some point in Canada,

Prime Minister Mark Carney's live interaction with Col. Hansen and the Artemis II crew

Artemis II: Humanity's Return Around the Moon

On April 1, 2026, history was made as Artemis II launched from Kennedy Space Center, carrying four astronauts on a nearly 10-day voyage around the Moon. This marked the first crewed flight of NASA's Orion spacecraft and the most ambitious lunar mission in over 50 years.

Commanded by Reid Wiseman, with Victor Glover as pilot, Christina Koch as mission specialist, and Jeremy Hansen representing the Canadian Space Agency, the crew embarked on a 694,481-mile journey that tested Orion's systems and showcased international cooperation at its finest. Hansen's participation was especially historic—he became the first Canadian astronaut to travel around the Moon, underscoring Canada's vital role in the Artemis program.

The mission captivated millions worldwide. Orion's advanced optical communications system delivered stunning high-definition images and videos of Earth, the Moon, and deep space. From breathtaking Earthrise views to the far side of the Moon, the crew documented their journey with over 12,000 photographs, offering humanity a fresh perspective on our place in the cosmos.

Beyond the spectacle, Artemis II was a rigorous test of deep-space living. The astronauts exercised daily using specialized equipment, validated life support systems, and navigated with precision—all critical steps toward future lunar landings. Engineers are now analyzing mission data to refine Orion, the Space Launch System (SLS), and ground systems, ensuring readiness for the next phase.

With Artemis II's safe splashdown on April 10, 2026, NASA and its partners have proven that Orion and SLS are ready for human exploration beyond Earth's orbit. This mission sets the stage for Artemis III in 2027, which will attempt the first crewed lunar landing of the program, and ultimately, for sustainable exploration that will prepare humanity for Mars.

Artemis II was more than a voyage—it was a reaffirmation of human ingenuity, international partnership, and the enduring spirit of exploration.

Source : <https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/astronomy/moon-exploration/canada-role.asp>
<https://www.canada.ca/en/space-agency/news/2026/03/april-1st-2026--longueuil-quebec.html>



TIME100 Most Influential Companies of 2026

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MANILA, Philippines. May 18, 2026. – The Jollibee Group has been named to TIME's 100 Most Influential Companies of 2026 list, an annual ranking that places the Group among 100 companies worldwide recognized for their extraordinary impact.

The Jollibee Group has also been listed among the Top 10 Food & Drink companies in the inaugural TIME100 Companies: Industry Leaders. TIME described Jollibee as a “fried-chicken phenom,” citing its strong market leadership in its home market and growing presence across global markets.

To assemble these lists, TIME solicited nominations across sectors and evaluated companies based on impact, innovation, ambition, and success.

“We are honored to be named to TIME's Top 100 Most Influential Companies list,” said Ernesto Tanmantiong, Global President and CEO, Jollibee Group. “Being included among companies making an extraordinary impact around the world is a meaningful recognition of the passion and dedication of our teams who bring our purpose of spreading joy through superior taste to life every day.”

“We are equally proud to be recognized as among the Top 10 Food and Drinks Companies in the world, which reflects the growing global relevance of our brands and the strength of our business across markets. As we continue to grow in the Philippines and internationally, we remain focused on building strong brands, serving our customers with excellence, and creating long-term value for our stakeholders,” he added.

Disciplined global expansion

From its beginnings in the Philippines, Jollibee Group has evolved into one of the world's fastest-growing restaurant companies, operating more than 10,400 stores and cafés across 33 countries through a portfolio of 20 brands.

The Group focuses on four key categories: chicken, bannered by Jollibee; Chinese cuisine, headlined by Tim Ho Wan; premium burger, through Smashburger; and coffee & tea, led by The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf.

Guided by its purpose of spreading joy through superior taste, the Group continues to strengthen its position as a global restaurant company through disciplined expansion, operational excellence, and long-term brand building.

TIME's recognition comes as the Group continues to accelerate its international growth while sustaining its market leadership in the Philippines. In 2025, Jollibee launched its first franchising program in the United States, while continuing to expand its network, which now exceeds 100 stores across North America. The Group continues to strengthen its presence in the Philippines and across Asia, North America, Europe, and the Middle East while building relevance with local consumers in each market it serves.

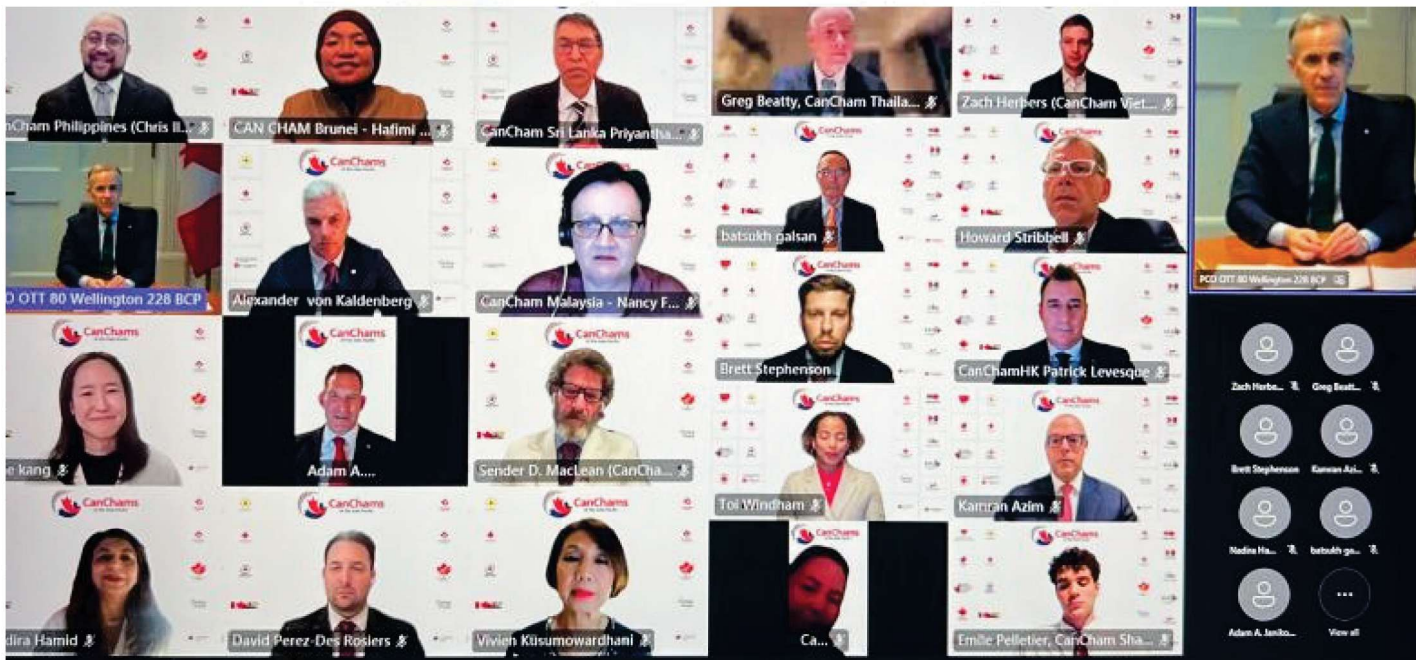
This milestone adds to the Group's growing list of international recognitions, including inclusion in the Fortune Southeast Asia 500 list, recognition from Gallup for workplace excellence, and Brand Finance naming Jollibee among the Top 5 Strongest Restaurant Brands globally in 2026.

Source: <https://www.jollibee.com/news/jollibee-group-named-to-times-100-most-influential-companies-reflecting-global-growth-and-scale/>

LEADING WITH PURPOSE

CanCham President in Action

The CanCham President continues to lead with purpose—driving strategic initiatives, strengthening partnerships, and advancing member interests across key sectors. From policy advocacy to event engagement, the President remains committed to building a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready chamber for the Canada–Philippines business community.



Canadian Chambers of the Indo-Pacific Formally Established

April 2026- Prime Minister Mark Carney witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding last night (Asia Time), formally establishing the Canadian Chambers of the Indo-Pacific (CCIP). This alliance unites 21 independent Canadian chambers and business councils across Asia and the Pacific, serving as Canada's collective business bridge—aligning initiatives, supporting member organizations, and amplifying opportunities from Manila to Mumbai.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (CanCham) is proud to be part of this network and remains committed to advancing Canada's commercial partnership with the Indo-Pacific through its work in the Philippines.



April 16, 2026 - Meeting with Canada's Chief Trade Negotiator Mary-Catherine Speir and team.



March 13, 2026 - APFC and Stratbase convened a forum on Building Economic Security Through Canada-Philippines Partnership

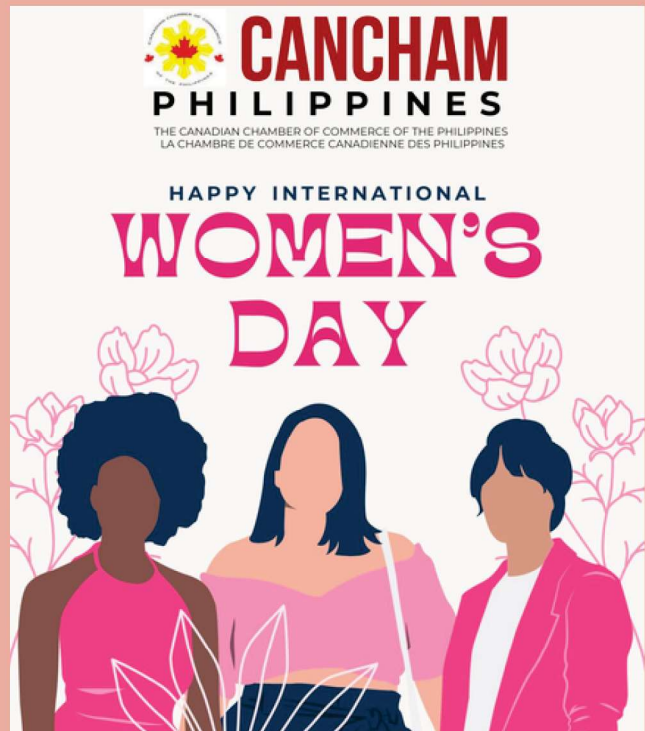


March 12, 2026 - Dinner Reception with Stratbase and the Embassy of Canada on the occasion of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's (APFC) 2026 Mission on strengthening Canada-Philippines relations.

Spotlight on Canadian-Filipino Women Leaders

Canadian-Filipino women are making waves across healthcare, diplomacy, science, and education. These women show us how innovation and advocacy can transform communities. Their stories remind us that representation matters—and that the Filipino-Canadian spirit thrives in every sphere of leadership.

Join us in celebrating their achievements and in uplifting the next generation of women leaders.
#FilipinoCanadian #Leadership #DiasporaPride



Annaflor Feliprada-Patrizio is a distinguished Filipino-Canadian pharmacist, entrepreneur, and community leader. She is the owner of Schomberg Village Pharmacy in Ontario, Canada, where she champions accessible healthcare and inclusive community progress. A graduate of Centro Escolar University in Manila, she has been recognized internationally for her pioneering leadership, earning honors as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women (WXN 2023) and as a Global FWN100™ Most Influential Filipina Woman (2022). Through her professional excellence and advocacy, Annaflor exemplifies the strength of the Filipino diaspora and the transformative impact of women in leadership.



Ann Makosinski is a Canadian-Filipino inventor, entrepreneur, and global speaker celebrated for her groundbreaking innovations in sustainable technology. Best known for creating the Hollow Flashlight, powered entirely by body heat, and the eDrink, a mug that converts excess heat into electricity, she has been recognized with the Google Science Fair Award, the Weston Youth Innovation Award, and has delivered acclaimed TEDx talks worldwide. Ann has shared her vision for youth-driven innovation on platforms such as the Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, the G7 Summit, and the Y20 Summit. Through her inventive spirit and advocacy for renewable energy, she exemplifies the power of young leaders to transform the future.

BOT IN ACTION

The CanCham Board of Trustees continues to lead with vision—driving strategic initiatives, forging partnerships, and championing member interests across key sectors. From advocacy to engagement, the Board is committed to building a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready chamber for the Canada–Philippines business community. *Driving advocacy, forging partnerships, shaping the future.*



CanCham & Canadian Embassy Host Roundtable with Indo-Pacific Provincial Directors

April 15, 2026- The Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (CanCham) and the Embassy of Canada in the Philippines, on an exclusive roundtable discussion with the Indo-Pacific Provincial Directors representing Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, and Saskatchewan. The event was attended by President Ilagan, Trustee Ms Maan Mariano, Assistant Corp Sec. Carol Marcelo.

This intimate gathering was designed to foster meaningful dialogue between CanCham members and the Provincial Directors, exploring opportunities for Canadian businesses in the Philippines, while providing insights into provincial priorities and interests within the Philippine market. The roundtable gave the Provincial Directors a firsthand perspective on the opportunities and challenges of doing business in the Philippines, encouraging collaborative exploration and strengthening Canada–Philippines economic ties.



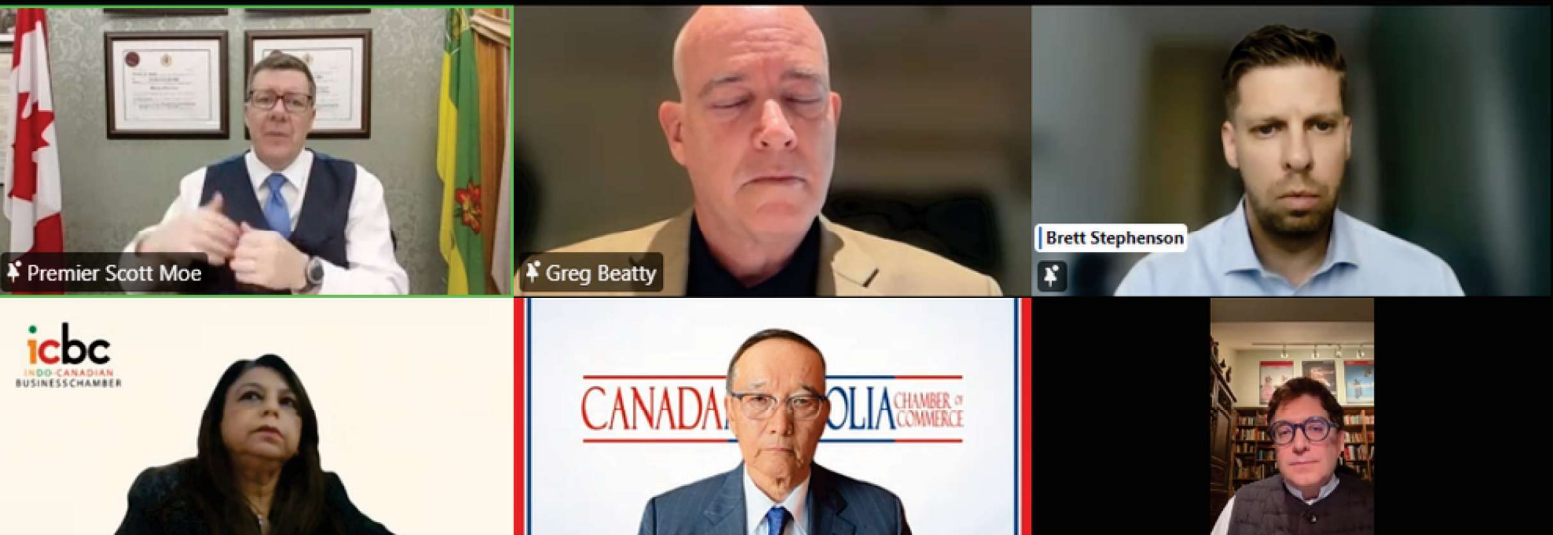
March 17, 2026 - The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has been invited to attend the MBC Event Agriculture Program Summit, reaffirming strong commitment to improving farmers' livelihoods and strengthening food security in the Philippines. Policymakers and industry leaders will convene to discuss key reforms, investment opportunities, and practical solutions for the sector.

In Photo (L-R): Trade Commissioner, Ms Angel Cachuela, IPAO Angela Ocampo, CanCham President Mr. Chris Ilagan, Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. of the Department of Agriculture and Dr Josh Ramos, CanCham Trustee, (far right). CanCham continues to lead with vision—driving strategic initiatives, forging partnerships, and championing member interests across key sectors.



February 24, 2026 - Photo L-R: Dr. Josh Ramos, Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Advance Education, Governor Mercedes Laure-Marquez and Treasurer Roger Dimmell at the Makati Diamond Residences.. (Right photo:) Dr. Ramos attended an ASEAN reception hosted by DTI the same day.

CANCHAM EVENTS



Conversation with Saskatchewan Minister Scott Moe

April 30, 2026- The Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines along with the Canadian Chambers of the Indo Pacific (CCIP) convened a conversation with Saskatchewan Minister Scott Moe.



CanCham-NordCham Meet and Greet

April 22, 2026- The Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines in partnership with the Nordic Chamber of Commerce, convened a Meet and Greet at Engkanto Taps in BGC. CanCham and Nordic Chamber members and friends attended for an evening of unwinding, catching up with friends over cocktails.

Special thanks to Mr. Antony Thor for organizing this event.

CANCHAM EVENTS



CanCham Mindanao Plenary and Briefing

April 14, 2026 - The Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines – Mindanao Chapter recently held its plenary session and business engagement on “Maximizing Free Trade Agreements for Mindanao’s Global Competitiveness.” The program opened with a roundtable discussion led by CanCham President Mr. Christopher Ilagan, followed by a briefing that brought together leaders from government, the diplomatic community, and the private sector to explore pathways for expanding Mindanao’s role in global trade.

Hon. Governor Edwin I. Jubahib, Chairperson of RDC XI, graced the occasion, joined by representatives from the Consulates General of China, Indonesia, and Malaysia, the American Chamber of Commerce Mindanao, and MinDA —reflecting strong collaboration in advancing international partnerships.

Key insights were shared by Ms. Janine Fiddler of the Embassy of Canada, Mr. Romeo L. Castañaga of DTI Region XI, and Mr. Christian D. Cambaya of DCIPC, highlighting opportunities in market access, export development, and investment promotion.

With the support of Davao Light & Power Company and Atty. Jude Ralph V. Yap, CanCham Mindanao continues to build bridges, foster partnerships, and create opportunities for sustainable growth.



Cebu Members' Plenary Roundtable

March 23, 2026- The Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines convened its annual Cebu Members' Plenary Roundtable Discussion at Taft East Gate, Cebu City.

Held ahead of the AGMM, the session provided an important opportunity to reconnect with members and reaffirm the Chamber's purpose, direction, and priorities.

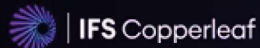
Discussions focused on current initiatives, membership growth campaigns, and key issues affecting the business community. Members also shared insights and explored plans for upcoming activities and regional collaborations.

The plenary underscored the value of open dialogue and strong member engagement in shaping CanCham's work in Cebu and across the region.

EXECUTIVE EVENT

AIP Forum Philippines 2026

26 March | Manila



CANCHAM X IFS COPPERLEAF AIP FORUM PHILIPPINES 2026

26 March 2026 - The Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines in cooperation with IFS Copperleaf and Accenture organized an Exclusive Executive Forum that spotlight the theme, "Strategic Infrastructure Investment in an Era of Capital Constraints and Energy Transition" at The Peninsula Manila hotel in Makati City.

We had Undersecretary Joseph Capuno of the Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDev) as our special keynote speaker. USec Capuno shared the Philippines' forward-looking plans and discussed how this special ecosystem of infrastructure and utility industry leaders can meaningfully contribute to the nation's development.

This prestigious event demonstrated how smart investment planning helps leaders balance cost, risk, and long-term value, using real decision scenarios.

CanCham remains committed to fostering open communication and collaboration between the government and private sector, helping to introduce Canadian technology that advances the Philippines' development objectives. Through organizing networking events, business forums, and joint initiatives, CanCham creates valuable opportunities for knowledge sharing and investment that support the country's priorities in innovation and sustainable progress. These initiatives not only strengthen ties between Canada and the Philippines but also contribute to meaningful technological growth and capacity building across multiple industries.

Thank You



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PADAYON DAVAO

With dignity and purpose, CanCham Davao has continually advanced the spirit of Canada-Philippines partnership in Mindanao. Since its establishment, the chapter has engaged in meaningful dialogues with local government leaders, fostered collaboration with the Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and created platforms for Canadian and Filipino enterprises to connect and thrive. Through advocacy, networking, and representation, CanCham Davao has elevated the visibility of Canadian business interests while strengthening bilateral ties in trade, investment, and cultural diplomacy. Guided by its resident leadership, the chapter stands as a beacon of cooperation—celebrating shared values, nurturing opportunities, and honoring the enduring friendship between Canada and the Philippines. Thanks to the efforts and leadership of CanCham Regional Chair and Trustee Jocelyn Romero, and unwavering support by 2nd Vice President Hany Constantin and CanCham staff Maria Rowena Gempesaw,



(Left Photo) CanCham Mindanao's Immediate past Chapter Chair, Mr. Leonilo Claudio, Chapter Chair, Ms. Jocelyn Romero & For MinDA, Dr. Adrian M. Tamayo, Chief of the Public Relations Division for the CanCham Mindanao at (Top photo) World Bank Representatives at the MinDA-World Bank Development Dialogue in April



CanCham & AmCham Mindanao Networking Night

On March 17, 2026, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Mindanao (CanCham) partnered with the American Chamber of Commerce Mindanao (AmCham) to host a Meet and Greet Networking Night at Venue 88 Hotel & Events Place, General Santos City.

The evening gathered a diverse mix of leaders and professionals, creating a vibrant platform for new partnerships, shared opportunities, and meaningful conversations.

CanCham was honored by the presence of officers from the General Santos City Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) and the City Economic Management and Cooperative Development Office (CEMCO), alongside representatives from the banking, medical, and wider business community.

The event highlighted the strength of collaboration between CanCham, AmCham, and the Mindanao business community — fostering connections that will drive growth and innovation across the region.



March 12, 2026 -American Chamber of Commerce -CanCham Mindanao Chapter, Tax Briefing held at SCV & Co., Damosa Diamond Tower in Davao City



March 10, 2026- 7th Ambassador's Lecture Series hosted by the Holy Cross of Davao College (HCDC) through its Institute of ASEAN-European Studies (IAES).



(Left photo: Maria Gempesaw with Sun Life representative at the CanCham booth, Chapter Chair Ms Jocelyn Romero and Sun Life President Mr. JJ Romero (right photo) at the Sun Life Wellness Summit 2026 Davao held on March 7 at the SMX Convention Center Davao in SM Lanang Premier.



March 6, 2026- Japanese Cuisine Tasting and Sake Pairing Lunch" hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Davao at the Lumpini Ballroom of Dusit D2 Davao. **In photo:** CanCham Chapter Chair Ms Jocelyn Romero and CanCham staff Ms Maria Gempesaw with Davao City Chamber of Commerce Past President, Secretary General Maan Doromal and Park Inn Director of Sales & Marketing Lisa Gamo



Celebration of the 66th Birthday of His Majesty Emperor Naruhito and 70th Anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Japan of Japan at the SMX Convention Center in Davao City. (Left photo, ConGen Ono, CanCham staff Maria Gempesaw, Chapter Chair Jocelyn Romero and Mrs. Ono) (Right photo) Member Atty Jude Villacin-Yap, Ms. Mabel Sunga Acosta (previous MinDA Chairperson) and CanCham Mindanao's Immediate past Chapter Chair, Mr. Leonilo Claudio

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Featured Event: **ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

24 April 2026 - The Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines proudly hosted its Annual General Membership Meeting (AGMM) at the Ayala Museum in Makati City, bringing together members, sponsors, partners, and distinguished guests to reaffirm our mission of fostering stronger ties between Canada and the Philippines.

The program featured inspiring presentations from H.E. Ambassador David Hartman of the Canadian Embassy, Usec. Ma. Angela Ignacio of the Department of Finance, and DepCom Marissa Cabreros of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, who shared valuable perspectives on fiscal discipline and investment reforms. Their insights highlighted the Philippines' strong economic outlook—outpacing global growth with stable inflation, investor confidence, and reforms that open new opportunities for Canadian businesses.

The event also underscored the importance of community engagement, with members and sponsors at the heart of CanCham's role as a bridge between ideas and impact, people and purpose.

The President expressed heartfelt gratitude to the speakers for enriching the dialogue with their expertise and vision, and to the sponsors, partners, members, and guests for their steadfast support. In announcing his plan to step down, he extended his well wishes to all and encouraged continued commitment to the Chamber's mission.



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MAJOR CORPORATE MEMBER PREMIUM

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Ayala Foundation implements programs under the following pillars: Community Development, Leadership Development, and Arts and Culture. In support of these pillars, the Foundation runs a Corporate Citizenship and Volunteerism platform that provides opportunities to 65,000+ Ayala Group employees and its partners for meaningful socio-civic action and helps enhance community resilience through disaster preparedness and response measures. The Foundation is also making Big Bets on Early Childhood and Digital Education to address the Philippine learning crisis.

CHARTREUSE PRIME RECRUITMENT SPECIALIST INC
<https://chartreuseprime.com/>

Chartreuse Prime Recruitment Specialists, a family-owned employment agency, is dedicated to facilitating the overseas employment of skilled Filipino workers. We hold official registrations with both the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency.

JOLLIBEE FOODS CORPORATION

<https://www.jollibee.com/>

Our Jollibee Group was founded in 1975 by Dr. Tony Tan Caktiong. With the help of his wife Grace, his family, and in-laws, they started everything with a small family business selling ice cream in the streets of Manila. Three years after starting, the family saw the opportunity for hot meals. They converted the ice cream parlors into the Jollibee brand we know today.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CANCHAM-BCCP MEET AND GREET

June, 2026
Venue: TBC

JFC NETWORKING NIGHT

June 25, 2026
Venue: Mayuree Ballroom, Dusit Thani Makati

GMM :

July 2026
Venue: TBC

2ND GRAND TRI-CONTINENT GOLF CHALLENGE

November 6, 2026
The Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club

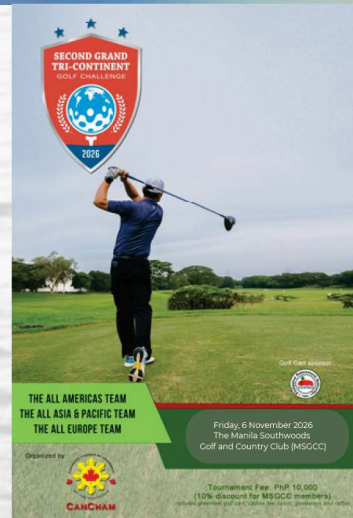


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21ST JOINT FOREIGN CHAMBERS NETWORKING NIGHT

June 25, 2026
6PM - 9PM
Mayuree Ballroom, Dusit Thani Manila
Members: 3,000
Non-Members: 3,500

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SECOND GRAND TRI-CONTINENT GOLF CHALLENGE 2026

THE ALL AMERICAS TEAM
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THE ALL EUROPE TEAM

Friday, 6 November 2026
The Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club (MSGCC)

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