



8th Joint Economic Briefing

Fostering Economic Resilience through Sustainability and Infrastructure

Wednesday, 17 January 2024 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Venue: BDO Towers Valero

The Philippine Economy has been steadily progressing throughout the years and is projected to grow up to 6.4% throughout 2024. With the participation of the Philippines in different free trade agreements, it is expected for the Philippines to be able to expand its market and gain more economic opportunities which leads into the discussion of the infrastructure development and the effects of Public-Private Partnership to the Philippines.

Join the **British Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Dutch Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines, French Chamber of Commerce Industry in the Philippines, Spanish Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines, German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, and Nordic Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines** this **17 January 2024** for the **8th Joint Economic Briefing** at the Narra Hall, BDO Towers Valero.

From trade policies and legislation to sustainable economic development, this event will present insights into the Philippine economic situation by assessing Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) and investment opportunities for economic growth and resilience.

WORKING PROGRAMME

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Time	Activity
07:30 AM - 08:00 AM PHT	Registration
8:00 AM PHT	<i>Introduction</i> European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines
08:00 AM - 08:10 AM PHT	<i>Opening Remarks</i>

	<p>Philipp Dupuis (<i>Confirmed</i>) Head of the Economic and Trade Section of the Delegation EU Delegation</p>
<p>08:10 AM - 8:25 AM PHT</p>	<p>Trade Policies & Legislation</p> <p>The trade policies and legislation of the Philippines has encountered shifts throughout the recent years due to the proliferation of Free Trade Agreements (FTA's) approved and joined by the Philippines. The recent entering into force of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) has caused a shift towards the economic viewpoint of the Philippines towards the upcoming years. With the Philippines aim to establish road network plans, renewable energy, and being an investment destination along with other economic opportunities, the expansion of the market presented by these provided an opportunity for further growth to the Philippine economy.</p> <p>Together with our partners, this event will explore trends and expound the crucial role of FTA's for the imports and exports of the Philippines and what opportunities it possesses.</p> <p>Usec. Allan Gepty (<i>confirmed</i>) Undersecretary, International Trade Policy Group Department of Trade and Industry</p>
<p>08:25 AM - 08:40 AM PHT</p>	<p>Economic Outlook 2023-2024</p> <p>According to Asian Development Bank (2023), the Philippine economy for the year 2023 is forecasted to grow up to 6.0% and is expected to grow further to 6.4% by 2024. This forecasted growth is credited to the development of infrastructure, trade, tourism, and manufacturing in the coming years. As the Philippines continues to establish and strengthen economic relations with other countries, the Philippine economic outlook for 2023-2024 continues to show massive potential for growth in the upcoming years.</p> <p>Mr. Eduardo V. Francisco (<i>confirmed</i>) Head, Investment Banking Group Banco De Oro UniBank Inc.</p>

8:40 AM PHT	<p><i>Introduction to Panelists</i></p> <p>German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.</p>
08:40 AM - 09:20 AM PHT	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Green and Sustainable Investments The panel discussion will explore the importance of sustainable investments to the Philippine’s towards the country’s overall economic development. The topics that will be discussed will include sustainable infrastructures, transportation, water, renewable energy, and the circular economy.</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <p>Usec. Rosemarie G. Edillon (<i>confirmed</i>) Undersecretary, National Development Policy and Planning National Economic and Development Authority</p> <p>Usec. Rowena Guevara (<i>confirmed</i>) Undersecretary, Renewable Energy Management Bureau (REMB) and Electric Power Industry Management Bureau (EPIMB) Department of Energy</p>
09:20 AM – 09:40 AM PHT	<p>Open Floor</p>
09:50 AM - 10:00 AM PHT	<p><i>Closing Remarks</i></p> <p>Chris Nelson Executive Director/Trustee British Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines</p>
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PHT	<p><i>Networking & Consultation</i></p>