



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

2024



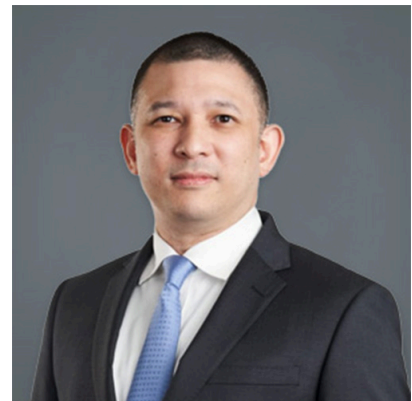
A Message from ANZCHAM President Benjamin Romualdez

Welcome to our March highlights! It was a really exciting month, packed with events right from the very start. There are a few things I'd like to highlight but there are more details and pictures below you won't want to miss.

The first thing I'd like to highlight is the **Annual General Membership Meeting** that took place in **Sheraton Manila on 12 March**. There, we elected the **Board of Directors that will serve the Chamber for the year 2023-2024**. There are a couple significant changes to this board. First, three big Australian brands have joined the Board, namely **BHP, GHD, and Macquarie**. They've supported the Chamber for many years but I'm excited to have them on the Board.

Second, we added two women to the Board, which means that **four of our nine elected directors are women**. I'm thrilled to make this announcement in March, which is when we celebrate International Women's Day. This action taken by the Chamber to improve our diversity and inclusivity in our leadership will ensure that women are better represented all year round. I know it will mean that decisions made throughout the year will lead to better outcomes. We have an outstanding Board and I'm looking forward to working with them to serve our members.

We started the month at the **ASEAN Summit in Melbourne**. I was joined by our **Executive Director, Kimmi Siu Dewar, and four of our members, GHD,**



KMC, nxScale, and WorkQC. At the Summit, I spoke about ANZCHAM's purpose, our role in developing two-way trade between Australia and the Philippines, and the Chamber's role in implementing Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy. I also spoke about the IT-BPM industry and its potential growth areas, particularly in Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence. **President Marcos**, together with the **Speaker of the House, Martin Romualdez**, brought with them what might have been the largest contingent of **cabinet members and Undersecretaries**, including **Finance Secretary Ralph Recto, Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Alfredo "Fred" Pascual, Energy Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla, and Investment & Economic Secretary Fred Go.** We're grateful for **Ambassador HK Yu's** support throughout the summit. From the Summit, and Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy, the opportunities for us as a Chamber are clear and I'm excited for us to play an active role.

The final big event of the month was the **International Women's Day Forum on 19 March**, where **Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte** was our keynote speaker. It was an amazing event with over **200** in attendance to listen to speakers from various sectors talk about inclusive leadership and the intersection with supporting people with disabilities. I learned a lot from the event and I'm looking forward to continuing the discussion and taking action with many of you.

Thank you to all our members for being so engaged in what was such a busy and productive month! See you at our next event!

Regards,
Benjamin Romualdez
President, ANZCHAM

ASEAN Special Summit in Melbourne, Australia

It was a historical milestone for us to sponsor the Philippine Business Forum at the ASEAN Summit in Melbourne on 4 March 2024. Our delegation consisted of the Chamber's Executive Director [Kimmi Siu Dewar](#) and our esteemed partners, including [John Kennedy](#) (WorkQC Group), [Van Tang](#) (GHD), [Pat Erick Buna](#) (nXscale), and [Ivan Trajkovski](#) (KMC Solutions). ANZCHAM's President [Benjamin Romualdez](#) (Telstra) spearheaded the delegation and addressed the forum on the Chamber's role in developing two-way trade between Australia and the Philippines and how we plan to implement Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy, as well as noting the potential growth areas of the IT-BPM industry in the Philippines. The delegation also attended other forums, including the National Development Company Forum and President Marcos's address at the Lowy Institute on maintaining the country's strategic partnership with Australia.



The ANZCHAM delegation at the Philippines Business Forum (from left to right): Kimmi Siu Dewar, Ivan Trajkovski, Van Tang, John Kennedy, Benjamin Romualdez, and Pat Erick Buna.



President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr. urges cooperation between Australia and the Philippines during his speech at the Lowy Institute.

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

We recently held our AGM on Tuesday, 12 March 2024 at Sheraton Manila Hotel. The event welcomed as much as 150 guests consisting of members and non-members of the Chamber. Esteemed ANZCHAM partners also had the opportunity to set up booths to showcase and sell their products throughout the night. The first half of the program held the election for the [new Board of Directors](#) for the term 2024 - 2025. The second half of the program centered on updates and insights from the Philippines Business Forum held during the ASEAN Special Summit in Melbourne, Australia. Distinguished guests Ambassador H.K. Yu shared with us Australia's commitment to improving its business and trade relations with the Philippines centering around its [Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040](#), while Ambassador Peter Kell similarly noted New Zealand's bolder initiatives reaching out to the Philippines for trade and investment. It was informative discussing these with the Ambassadors, giving us valuable knowledge and perspectives for the future.



Her Excellency Ambassador H.K. Yu and His Excellency Ambassador Peter Kell accompanies the new Board of Directors for 2024 - 2025 for a photo op, including (from left to right): Roderick Salazar III, Bela Gupta D'Souza, Eric Yaptangco, Simon Terry, Jesus Plaridel Santiago Jr., Honeybee Hubahib, Benjamin Romualdez, Natalie Davies, Samir Kumar, Christopher Lim, and ANZCHAM Executive Director Kimmi Siu Dewar.



Her Excellency Ambassador H.K. Yu shares the limitless potential of Australia's Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040.



His Excellency Ambassador Peter Kell emphasizes New Zealand's plan to uplift its business relations with the Philippines and Australia.



ANZCHAM President Benjamin Romualdez welcomes 150 guests, including guests of honor Ambassador HK Yu and Ambassador Peter Kell, at the start of the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH 2024: #INSPIREINCLUSION

We commemorated International Women's Month on Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at Makati Shangri-la Hotel and hosted nearly 200 members and non-member

guests. The event opened with remarkable insights from Mayor Maria Josefina "Joy" Belmonte who shared with us her efforts and success in promoting and implementing inclusive policies in Quezon City. The program unfolded with a series of insightful panel discussions. The first panel, moderated by [Kimmi Siu Dewar](#), delved into the theme of women and leadership within their organizations. [Natalie Davies](#) (Vocus), [Jennifer Mendoza](#) (PBCWE), and [Kei Mercado](#) (nXscale) tackled a spectrum of issues ranging from traditional barriers hindering women's ascent to leadership roles to the unique challenges faced by disabled women, underscoring the importance of fostering diversity and inclusion in the workplace. [Maricar "Marix" Maza](#) (ANZ) moderated the second panel discussion between [Grant Javier](#) (Project Inclusion) and [Eric Yaptangco](#) (Macquarie), whose discussions centered on disability inclusion within organizational frameworks and the need for tailored policies and procedures to uplift and support employees with disabilities. We wrapped up our evening with a special message from [Atty. Leni Robredo](#) (Angat Buhay) and a lucky door draw with Nannie Macalincag (Telstra) winning the prized Qantas roundtrip ticket to Australia.



Kimmi Siu Dewar, Jennifer Mendoza, Kei Mercado, and Natalie Davies share their experiences and the steps their organizations take to promote inclusion and bridge the gap between women and leadership.



Eric Yaptangco, Grant Javier, and Marix Maza discuss with the audience the relevance of disability-inclusive policies in the workplace and share their experiences advocating for the disabled.



Nannie Macalincag wins the roundtrip ticket to Australia with Qantas's Lee Velasco and Francis Loi, alongside ANZCHAM's Executive Director Kimmi Siu Dewar and President Benjamin Romualdez.



Over 200 guests watched ANZCHAM's International Women's Month video, featuring the Chamber's most prominent women leaders.

***SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER FOR OUR
APRIL MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING (MMM)
ANTI-RED TAPE AUTHORITY (ARTA): UPDATES ON THE EASE OF DOING
BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES***



APRIL MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA): Updates on the Ease of Doing Business in the Philippines



ATTY. ERNESTO V. PEREZ, CPA
Director General (Secretary)
Anti-Red Tape Authority Office of the President

16 April 2024 | **Makati Shangri-La Hotel**
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM | **Parañaque A & B Room**

TARIFF:
ANZCHAM Members: PHP 2,100
Non-members and Guests: PHP 2,500

Do you want to know how the latest Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) updates are reshaping the business landscape in the Philippines?

Save the date and join us at April's Monthly Membership Meeting and delve into updates from ARTA and explore the dynamic and ever-evolving landscape of Ease of Doing Business in the country to be held on **16 April 2024, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Makati Shangri La Hotel's Parañaque A&B room.**

 Hear from ARTA's Director General, **Atty. Ernesto V. Perez CPA**, about the recent changes in the Ease of Doing Business in the Philippines and how it will affect Australian and New Zealand companies in the years to come!

 Have any **questions about these updates** ahead of the event? Reach out to **communications@anzcham.com!**

For inquiries and **sponsorships** email **events@anzcham.com.**

Stay tuned for more updates about this upcoming meeting through our [LinkedIn](#), [Viber](#), and [Facebook](#) accounts!

Tariff

ANZCHAM Members - Php 2,100

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JFC CLARK INTERNATIONAL MIXER

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TARIFF:
JFC MEMBERS - PHP 2,500
GUESTS - PHP 2,800

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The Joint Foreign Chambers (JFC) plans to have the **JFC Clark International Mixer** on **Tuesday, 23 April 2024**, from **6:00 PM to 9:00 PM** at the **Clark Marriott Hotel**.

Meet guests from different professions, fields, and industries, including members of different foreign chambers, prominent figures in the business and diplomatic world, and top government officials.

🌐 This event provides **an opportunity for our respective members and guests to meet and network in an informal setting**, stimulating discussion and possible business opportunities.

So don't miss out on this relaxing evening and register now!

We also invite our members who wish to be **Event Partners** and **Raffle Partners** to contact marketing@anzcham.com.

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JFC Members - Php 2,500

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For more information, check the [Partner Packages](#) and [Raffle Packages](#).

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17-18 ²⁰²⁴
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Non-members & Guests: PHP 20,000

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Join us for ANZCHAM & People Ignite's 'Clear As ICE' Learning Academy session, happening on **17-18 April 2024** from **8:00 am - 5:00 pm** at **Makati Shangri-La**. Master the art of confidence presentations, essential platform skills & audience engagement techniques!

Don't miss out and unlock your full potential with us. ✨

Tariff

ANZCHAM Members - Php 19,000

Non-members and Guests - Php 20,000

Register yourselves and your teams in the button below.

2024 CALENDAR



LEGEND	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Signature Events ◆ ANZCHAM Learning Academy (ALA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 03 ★ Oztangi Day 13 Monthly Membership Meeting (6PM-8PM) 21 ◆ ALA: Resilience and Growth Mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 Annual General Membership Meeting 19 ★ IWD #InspireInclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 Monthly Membership Meeting (6PM-8PM) 17-18 ◆ ALA: Clear as ICE 23 ★ Clark Networking Night 25 ANZAC Day Dawn Service
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 New Members' Networking Night (6PM-8PM) 22 ◆ ALA: Think On Your Feet 23 PCC Committee Event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 Monthly Membership Meeting (6PM-8PM) 19 ◆ ALA: Design Thinking through LEGO(R) Serious Play 20 ★ Pride Networking Night 26 ◆ ALA: Building Partnerships and Alliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 09 Monthly Membership Meeting (6PM-8PM) 10 ◆ ALA: Personal Leadership and Accountability 18 ★ BPO/IT Committee 24 ◆ ALA: Creating a Coaching Culture ★ Bledisloe Cup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 Monthly Membership Meeting (6PM-8PM) 14 ◆ ALA: Strategic Thinking and Execution 30 ★ ANZCHAM Job Fair
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Monthly Membership Meeting (6PM-8PM) 18 ◆ ALA: Celemi Apples and Oranges™ (Finance for Non-Finance) 28 ★ AFL Grand Final Day JFC Networking Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 08 Monthly Membership Meeting (6PM-8PM) 09 ◆ ALA: Value Driven Organization and Cultural Awareness 23 BPO/IT Committee 25 ◆ ALA: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06 ◆ ALA: Exploring Change™ 12 New Members' Networking Night (6PM-8PM) 20 ◆ ALA: Customer Experience Productivity 21 PCC Committee Event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 03 ★ ANZCHAM Christmas Party

Upcoming Events & Training Programs from May to June.*

* Events and programs open for registration.



MAY MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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