



A Message from ANZCHAM Corporate Secretary, Atty. Roderick "Dicky" Salazar

In June, ANZCHAM continued to pursue its Mission of advancing business between Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines through **connecting members, providing a platform, and creating a better community**. This was achieved through the meaningful engagements that continue to strengthen our partnerships and reinforce our commitment to fostering Australia–New Zealand–Philippines relations.

We began the month by participating as a **gold sponsor** in the **2025 Philippine–Australia Friendship Day**, last 7 to 8 June 2025 at the Glorietta 4 Activity Center in Makati. This commemorated the 79th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Australia. The festival featured a variety of activities including cultural performances, food stalls, travel deals, and educational opportunities. This vibrant event showcased the enduring ties between our nations and celebrated our shared values. The Chamber's presence and the **involvement of its members, Qantas** and **ANKO**, helped raise awareness of the economic and cultural contributions of the Australian business community in the Philippines.

On 9 June, the Board of Directors gathered for dinner at the Manila House Private Club to **bid a fond farewell to Her Excellency Australian Ambassador HK Yu PSM, FCPA (Aust) and her husband, Fergus Murphy**. The Directors present each shared their personal experiences confirming and thanking her for her leadership, warmth, and unwavering support for bilateral cooperation which have left a lasting impact on our community. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors and extend our deep appreciation for her service.

The following day, 10 June, saw a **double milestone**. First, ANZCHAM President Benj Romualdez and ANZCHAM Executive Director Kimmi Sui Dewar had a **courtesy meeting with the Department of Tourism**, where we explored collaborative opportunities to promote tourism and investment between our countries. On the same day, I had the honor to host our Monthly Membership Meeting (MMM) which featured **Secretary Ernesto Perez of the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA)**. His report on his agency's achievements from the time we had him as a speaker in August last year to the present was quite encouraging. His insights on regulatory reform and ease of doing

business were both timely and valuable for our members, particularly in the context of enhancing investor confidence and government efficiency. We encourage our members to engage with ARTA should they need their assistance in dealing with government agencies.

Each of these engagements reflects ANZCHAM's dedication to proactive advocacy, meaningful partnerships, and impactful community presence.

As we look ahead to the second half of the year, we remain energized and committed to advancing the interests of our members and the broader Australia–New Zealand–Philippines business corridor.

Warm Regards,

Atty. Dicky Salazar

Corporate Secretary, [ANZCham](#)

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JUNE MMM: UNLOCKING EFFICIENCY



from left to right: Jesus "Boyot" Santiago, ANZCham Treasurer; Benjamin Romualdez, ANZCham President; Secretary Ernesto V. Perez, Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Director General; Kimmi Siu Dewar, ANZCham Executive Director; Atty. Roderick "Dicky" Salazar, ANZCham Corporate Secretary

Last 10 June 2025, at ANZCham's **June Monthly Members' Meeting**, attendees were brought together for an evening of community building, strategic insights, and valuable connections, graced by the presence of Her Excellency **Dr. Catherine McIntosh**, New Zealand Ambassador to the Philippines.



ANZCHAM also thanks our event partner, **Payoneer**, for their support in making the night a success.



ANZCham's Q1 and Q2 new members pose for a photo with the Chamber's Board of Directors and Her Excellency Dr. Catherine McIntosh, New Zealand Ambassador to the Philippines.

The evening began with a celebration of growth as ANZCHAM officially welcomed 4 new key partners and 32 new corporate members from **Q1 & Q2 2025** into the community. Their addition marks another milestone in ANZCham's continued growth.



A keynote presentation was delivered by **Secretary Ernesto V. Perez**, Director General of the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) who spoke on the agency's initiatives to streamline government services and improve ease of doing business in the country. This engagement also served as a reinforcement of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between ARTA and ANZCham in 2024, aimed at advancing joint efforts for regulatory efficiency and public service reform.

"Our partnership with ANZCham is proof that strong public-private collaboration can drive meaningful, lasting change, leading to breakthroughs in public service delivery and advancing reforms that simplify processes and promote a market-positive environment." said Secretary Perez.



Q&A followed, moderated by Atty. Roderick Salazar III, ANZCHAM Corporate Secretary and Senior Partner at **Fortun, Narvasa, and Salazar Law**, providing attendees an opportunity to raise questions around implementation, public-private cooperation, and next steps.

As always, the MMM served as a platform to **Strengthen** ties with government bodies, **Multiply** business connections, all while **Sharing** knowledge and insights.



In the words of Secretary Perez: *"Together, we can attract investments. We can encourage you to expand your business in the country."*

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Strengthening Ties with the Department of Tourism 🇦🇺 🇳🇵 🇵🇭



Secretary Christina Frasco (center) poses for a photo with ANZCham President Benjamin Romualdez (third from left), Executive Director Kimmi Siu Dewar (second from left), and Director of Operations Ina Azarcon (far left).

ANZCham was honored to pay a courtesy visit to **Secretary Christina Garcia Frasco** at the **Department of Tourism (DOT) Central Office** last 10 June 2025.

Led by ANZCham President Benjamin Romualdez, Executive Director Kimmi Siu Dewar, and Director of Operations Ina Azarcon, ANZCham shared its current initiatives, achievements, and upcoming programs—including our Outbound Mission to Australia this September. We are grateful for the opportunity to explore potential areas of collaboration with DOT, particularly in **cultural exchange, tourism promotion, and investment in tourism-related ventures.**

Secretary Frasco shared that DOT is committed to boosting tourism development through stronger collaboration with its infrastructure arm, the **Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA)**. TIEZA provides a suite of incentives to promote tourism-related investments in the Philippines, especially within **Tourism Enterprise Zones (TEZs)** or priority sectors under the **Investment Priorities Plan (IPP)**, providing attractive support mechanisms for both **local and foreign investors.**

We extend our thanks to Secretary Frasco, Undersecretary Shahlimar Hofer Tamano and Directors Paulo Tugbang and Azucena Pallugna, for the warm welcome and fruitful discussions.

We look forward to building more bridges between Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines through tourism and business collaboration.



ANZCHAM Bids Farewell to Australian Ambassador HK Yu



from left to right: Albert Henry Rios, ANZCham Director; Jesus "Boyet" Santiago, ANZCham Treasurer; Eric Yaptangco, ANZCham Director; Samir Kumar, ANZCham Director; Honeybee Hubahib, ANZCham Director; Simon Terry, ANZCham Director; Benjamin Romualdez, ANZCham President; Ambassador HK Yu, Australian Ambassador to the Philippines; Fergus Murphy, Husband of Amb. HK Yu; Kimmi Siu Dewar, ANZCham Executive Director; Natalie Davies, ANZCham Vice President; Bella Gupta D'Souza, ANZCham Director; Atty. Roderick "Dicky" Salazar, ANZCham Corporate Secretary

On the evening of 9 June 2025, the ANZCham Board of Directors hosted a heartfelt farewell dinner in honour of **Her Excellency HK Yu PSM, FCPA (Aust), Australian Ambassador to the Philippines**, and her husband, Fergus Murphy. Held at Manila House, the evening was a tribute to Amb. Yu's meaningful engagement with the Chamber and her enduring contribution to strengthening Australia–Philippines relations.



ANZCHAM President Benjamin Romualdez and Vice President Natalie Davies presented a special token of appreciation to Ambassador Yu, a custom portrait beautifully crafted by **Naz Power**, a talented Filipino artist based in Australia.

Throughout her tenure, Amb. Yu has been a steadfast supporter of the Chamber and the broader business community. From joining ANZCHAM's International Women's Day celebration, sharing her message at our Annual General Meeting, to engaging in year-end dialogues on business outlook, she consistently made time to support and uplift

the Chamber's mission. **Her thoughtful presence and leadership have helped strengthen the ties that bind our nations together.**

Wherever she goes, **Amb. Yu brings people together with grace, warmth, and a deep sense of community.** She continues to inspire all who have had the privilege of working with her.

As ANZCHAM bids farewell to Amb. Yu, we express our deepest thanks for her friendship, leadership, and outstanding service. We wish her every success and happiness in her next chapter.

Celebrating 79 Years of Friendship: ANZCham at the 2025 Philippine-Australia Friendship Day



The Australia-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Philippines (ANZCham) proudly participated as a gold sponsor in the **2025 Philippine-Australia Friendship Day**, last 7 to 8 June 2025 at the Glorietta 4 Activity Center in Makati. This special event commemorated **79 years of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Australia**, celebrating the enduring friendship and partnership that has flourished since 1946.

ANZCham welcomed visitors at its booth to get a glimpse into its efforts and mission to strengthen business and cultural ties between the two nations. The event was co-presented by **Anko**, one of the largest Australian home and lifestyle brands in the Philippines and a valued ANZCham member, which showcased its successful expansion and partnership with Filipino consumers.



The opening program featured an inspiring address by **Her Excellency HK Yu PSM, FCPA (Aust)**, Australian Ambassador to the Philippines, who highlighted the deep-rooted friendship, shared values, and collaborative spirit that have defined the bilateral relationship over nearly eight decades. Her remarks set an inspiring tone for the festivities, emphasizing the importance of continued cooperation in trade, education, and cultural exchange.



The two-day celebration offered a vibrant showcase of Australian culture, featuring food, travel opportunities, and educational programs, all designed to deepen the connection between the peoples of both countries. **It was a joyful reminder of how friendship, built on mutual respect and shared goals, continues to thrive and evolve.**

As a key supporter of this milestone event, ANZCham reaffirmed its commitment to fostering strong ties between Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines, helping to **build bridges that support economic growth and cultural understanding** for years to come.



JULY MMM

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SPEAKER
JUAN MIGUEL CRISOSTOMO

Chief Commercial Officer
Timezone



MODERATOR
KIMMI SIU DEWAR

Executive Director, ANZCham
Marketing Director Asia, Aristocrat Gaming

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-  Timezone has grown into one of the **most successful** Australian consumer brands in the country

Join and hear **Juan Miguel Crisostomo**, Chief Commercial Officer of Timezone. This session is moderated by **Kimmi Siu Dewar**, Executive Director of ANZCham and Marketing Director Asia of Aristocrat Gaming.

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① Please note: Payment is required upon registration regardless of attendance. Tickets for no-shows are non-refundable

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