



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

2026



A Message from ANZCham Treasurer, **Jesus "Boyet" Plaridel Santiago**

Reflecting on our ANZCham President's message last month and the Chamber's 2025 highlights, I thought about how our membership, collectively, can make 2026 even better. I'm certain that entrepreneurs, businesses leaders, and influencers have found themselves asking the same question: How do we build tomorrow on the foundation of an ever-changing present? As the search for a definitive answer continues, it is without a doubt that service and technology will play a key role in bringing about the tomorrow we envision.

In a speech delivered at the 2018 World Economic Forum, then Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau highlighted the need for adaptability and agility, and the proactive management of technological disruption in a digital age. "The pace of change has never been this fast, yet it will never be this slow again," he said. Since then, his words have often been repeated in other leadership forums, and I suspect this will continue even more moving forward. It is not perhaps coincidental that this year's first Monthly Membership Meeting in February was themed "AI That Delivers". In the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, it is a foregone conclusion that we need to weave AI into the fabric of the way we do business in one shape or form to remain relevant. We were fortunate to have an expert in [Glenn Myers](#) (Executive Counsellor at [Info-Tech Research Group](#)) to moderate a dialogue with a panel of experts namely [Winnie Rebanco](#)s (CIO at [Coca Cola Europacific Aboitiz Philippines](#)) and [Wolfgang Merkt](#) (Chief Technology Officer of the [Aboitiz Group](#)). The insights and experience shared on stage were thought-provoking. It was clear that depending on nature of the service or product we provide, the benefits derived from AI will be very different. While the way we apply AI will undergo trials and several iterations, our panelists delivered the message which I will paraphrase as try, fail fast, learn faster, and move on – words that I found to be both inspirational and aspirational. Another key takeaway was that we should anchor our own AI adaptation on our customers' experience, which remains our North Star. It is important to remember that our journey in terms of how AI helps mold the future is merely in its early stage. Let us not forget that like every tool of progress, AI needs to be used responsibly and with an overlay of strong governance and ethics.

Warm Regards,

Jesus "Boyet" Plaridel Santiago

Treasurer, [ANZCham Philippines](#) and Country Head - Philippines, [ANZ](#)

February Monthly Members' Meeting Recap



We kicked off 2026 with strong momentum at **ANZCham's February MMM**, held at the Makati Shangri-La on 10 February 2026, bringing together over **150 attendees** for a forward-looking conversation on **AI That Delivers** and driving measurable business value.



This month's discussion, co-presented by Info-Tech Research Group, brought together industry leaders to discuss how organizations can translate AI into operational impact.

The session moved beyond AI hype and into real business value. Speakers shared how organizations are identifying high-impact use cases, starting with low-hanging fruit to build credibility, strengthening data governance, and implementing AI solutions that drive measurable outcomes across automation, document generation, chatbots, and recruitment tools.



Moderated by [Glenn Myers](#), Executive Counselor at [Info-Tech Research Group](#), the panel featured [Winnie Rebanco](#)s, Chief Information Officer of [Coca-Cola Europacific Aboitiz Philippines](#), and [Wolfgang Merkt](#), Chief Technology Officer of [Aboitiz Group](#), who emphasized data readiness, clear business value, and scaling AI beyond experimentation.





Together, they unpacked the **realities and opportunities of AI adoption**, emphasizing that successful implementation goes beyond experimentation; it requires strong data foundations, clear value drivers, and the discipline to fail first, learn, and then succeed.

ANZCham Advances Australia-ASEAN Economic Dialogue and Reform Momentum



ANZCham President [Benjamin Romualdez](#) met with Ambassador [Tiffany McDonald](#), Australia's Head of Mission to ASEAN, together with Joel Marks and Bernice Vanguardia of [Austrade](#), to advance discussions on **Invest: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040**. They explored opportunities in the Philippines and across the region — from the digital economy and AI, to addressing Non-Tariff Barriers and the significance of upcoming ASEAN meetings hosted by the Philippines.

Benj underscored the significant role of [ANZCham](#) and [AustCham ASEAN](#) in driving Australian trade and investment outcomes. He emphasized that the Chambers serve as a crucial bridge between business and government, as outlined in the Strategy, and that this partnership is most effective when working collaboratively.

Building on this momentum, Benj participated in the **2026 Economic Briefing on Ease of Doing Business**, hosted by the **Anti-Red Tape Authority** and the [Asian Development](#)

Bank. The briefing highlighted ARTA's continued commitment to regulatory reform and meaningful stakeholder engagement. As part of the program, Benj joined a panel discussion with fellow chamber leaders to share private sector perspectives on progress to date, the role of technology in reform initiatives, and opportunities to further accelerate implementation.

ANZCham extends its appreciation to [ARTA](#) Director General Secretary Ernesto Perez and [Marbida Marbida](#) for their continued openness to **stakeholder dialogue**.

For businesses looking to engage with Australia and New Zealand, local Australian and New Zealand Chambers of Commerce serve as key partners in navigating markets, representing business interests, and supporting engagement with government to drive meaningful reform and growth across the region.

Study Australia Education Fair 2026 Comes to Manila



STUDY AUSTRALIA

Digital Skills Roadshow

Meet Australian education providers
10 March 2026

Register for the Study Australia Education Fair

[Study Australia Education Fair](#) is coming to Manila on **10 March 2026, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, at Makati Diamond Residences**. The event will be part of the **regional Study**

Australia Digital Skills Roadshow across Southeast Asia, and will bring together 22 leading Australian universities and institutions to present academic pathways in high-growth digital fields.

The fair will focus on the most **in-demand and high-growth tech courses** such as AI & Machine Learning, Cyber Security, Data Science, Advanced ICT, and other emerging technologies. Participants will have the opportunity to engage directly with university representatives to discuss degree programs, admissions requirements, and career outcomes. Several leading institutions in Australia will also deliver live masterclasses on digital skills, offering an experience of Australia's approach to developing industry-relevant digital capabilities.

One of the key highlights of the Study Fair is the HEX Digital Entrepreneurship Scholarship Session where participants will **get the chance to win a full scholarship to a six-week online digital entrepreneurship program** (with an academic credit transcript from the University of Sydney) and access to exclusive digital skills masterclasses.

While primarily designed for prospective students, the fair also presents a meaningful opportunity for companies seeking to strengthen capabilities in advanced digital sectors.

ANZCham invites its members to participate in the Study Australia Education Fair, and to share this opportunity with their networks and families, as part of building the next generation of globally competitive digital leaders.

[Register for the Study Australia Education Fair](#)



Annual International Women's Day 2026



ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Luncheon

Give to Gain **EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ELEVATE.**

3 MARCH 2026 | 12:30- 5:00 PM | MAKATI SHANGRI-LA

OPENING ADDRESS



Lloyd Robson
Senior Vice President
Aristocrat Gaming

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



H.E. Dr. Catherine McIntosh
New Zealand Ambassador
to the Philippines

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



H.E. Marc Innes-Brown PSM
Australian Ambassador
to the Philippines

CLOSING ADDRESS



**Australia Alumni
Hanna Carinna Sy**
Assistant Vice President - Marketing & Leasing
SM Supermalls



Cara Wilson
Co-founder & President of
Board of Trustees
FTW Foundation



Michelle Alarcon
President & Board of Trustees
Analytics and AI Association of
the Philippines (AAP)



Dr. Fay Lauraya
President
University of Nueva Caceres



Adam Brimo
Founder & CEO
OpenLearning



Angeline Tham
Founder
Angkas



Anna Manlapit
Vice President HR - Talent COE
Globe



Luisa Rust
ANZCHAM Board Director,
Senior Trade & Investment Commissioner
Austrade



Benjamin Romualdez
President
ANZCham & AustCham ASEAN



Ma. Cecilia Cruzabra
ANZCHAM Board Director,
Group Treasurer,
ACEN Renewables

Get a chance to win

A ROUNDTRIP TICKET TO AUSTRALIA

COST PER SEAT:

MEMBER: P5,200
NON-MEMBER: P5,900
TABLE OF 10: P50,000



🌸 The stage is set for something powerful—one afternoon, endless impact.

With over 300 participants already registered, **ANZCHAM Philippines' Annual International Women's Day Luncheon 2026: Give to Gain** is already **fully booked!**

We look forward to a room full of advocates for women during the IWD Forum 2026 on 3 March 2026 at Makati Shangri-La, with **Aristocrat Gaming** as Principal Event Partner.

The event will gather impactful leaders who are ready to amplify the message to educate, empower, and elevate.

Distinguished Keynote Speakers

H.E. Dr. Catherine McIntosh

New Zealand Ambassador to the Philippines

H.E. Marc Innes-Brown PSM

Australian Ambassador to the Philippines

Opening Address

Lloyd Robson

Senior Vice President, Aristocrat Gaming

Closing Address

Hanna Carinna Sy

Assistant Vice President for Marketing & Leasing, SM Supermalls

Featured Speakers

Cara Wilson

Co-founder & President of Board of Trustees, FTW Foundation

Michelle Alarcon

President & Board of Trustees, Analytics and AI Association of the Philippines (AAP)

Dr. Fay Lauraya

President, University of Nueva Caceres

Adam Brimo

Founder & CEO, OpenLearning

Angeline Tham

Founder, Angkas

Anna Coronel - Manlapit

Vice President HR – Talent COE, Globe Telecom

Moderators

Luisa Rust

Board Director, ANZCham and Senior Trade & Investment Commissioner, Austrade

Benjamin Romualdez

President, ANZCham and AustCham ASEAN

Ma. Cecilia Cruzabra


Board Director, ANZCham and Group Treasurer, ACEN Renewables


This afternoon will not only take your leadership beyond, but it can even take your feet further, because ANZCham is giving away one roundtrip ticket to Australia courtesy of our Official Raffle Partner **Qantas**.

Special thanks as well to the partners who make this platform possible: **QBE**, our **Trailblazer Partner**; **Australia Awards**, our **Alumni Leadership Partner**; **Centre Médicale Internationale**, **DysrupIT**, and **Hann Casino**, our **Changemaker Partners**; and **Clinique de Paris**, **Okada Manila**, and **Solaire Resort**, our **Catalyst Partners**

For those who are still hoping to join us, we appreciate your enthusiasm and we will gladly place you on our **waitlist**.

 03 March 2026

 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM

 Makati Shangri-La, Manila

[Register Now to be Waitlisted](#)



ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Luncheon

Give to Gain

EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ELEVATE.

3 MARCH 2026 | 12:30- 5:00 PM | MAKATI SHANGRI-LA

Elevate your professional presence across social and professional platforms...

where *First Impressions* often start before conversations do

At ANZCham's **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON**, we're making it *easy*.

- ✓ Access a **COMPLIMENTARY** professional headshot
- ✓ Book a 5-minute photo slot in advance
- ✓ Skip the hassle! Photos are taken onsite during the event



SECURE YOUR SLOT

Walk-ins are available but can't be guaranteed



COST PER SEAT:
MEMBER: PHP 5,200
NON-MEMBER: PHP 5,900
TABLE OF 10: PHP 50,000

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CATALYST PARTNERS



[Book your Headshot](#)

You've earned your seat at the table, now it's time to own the frame.

This International Women's Day, ANZCham is giving every guest the chance to level-up their professional image with a **complimentary headshot session**.

Because visibility is power.

Why update your profile photo?

- It communicates confidence;
- It elevates your professional brand; and,
- It makes lasting first impressions.

Included for all attendees:

- 📷 One professional headshot
- 🕒 5-minute photo slot
- 📍 Onsite at Makati Shangri-La

Show up, stand tall, and be seen!

ⓘ Please note: Walk-ins are welcome but slots can't be guaranteed.

[Book your Headshot](#)

45th Annual General Meeting 2026



proudly invites you to the

45th AGM Awards Night

Join us as we celebrate ANZCHAM's 45-year Sapphire Anniversary, by recognizing member organizations that demonstrate outstanding contributions to the community and hearing insights from our esteemed members.

MULTIPLY

Business Connections

STRENGTHEN

Partnerships with Government Agencies

SHARE

Knowledge and Insights

GIVE BACK

to the Community

24 MARCH 2026

4:00PM-10:00PM

Makati Shangri-La, Rizal Ballroom

Attire: Business Formal

ANZCham Corporate Member
1 Complimentary Seat

Additional Member
Php. 5,700

Non-Member
Php. 6,500

Table of 10
Php. 55,000

[Register Now](#)

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[Registration for the 45th AGM](#)

◆ 45 YEARS STRONG ◆

The **ANZCham Annual General Meeting 2026** marks a defining moment in the Chamber's journey.

This formal assembly of members will present the Chamber's 2025 report, elect the 2026–2027 Board of Directors, and recognize organizations whose leadership continues to elevate ANZCHAM's impact across industries.

This also marks 45 years of being guided by our **core value drivers**:
SHARE knowledge and insights;




MULTIPLY business connections;
STRENGTHEN partnership with government bodies; and,
GIVE BACK to the community through our sustainability strategy.

This evening is about celebrating growth, extending network, and reaching a great destination!

And by destination, we really mean it, because ANZCham members will have the chance to win one roundtrip ticket to Australia, sponsored by our Official Raffle Partner [Qantas](#).

Special thanks as well to our Summit Partners, [Info-Tech Research Group](#) and [QBE](#), our Patron Partner, [Australia Awards and Alumni](#), and our Advocate Partner, [BDO](#), for their valued support.

Don't miss out on this opportunity; join us in the event and become a member now!

 24 March 2026
 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 Makati Shangri-La, Manila

Registration for the 45th AGM

ANZCHAM Corporate Member: One complimentary seat

COST PER SEAT:

Addtl. Member: ₱5,700

Non-Member: ₱6,500

Table of 10: ₱55,000

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

ANZCHAM 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS HERE!

2025 was a **milestone year!** With record-breaking attendance, new partnerships, and impactful conversations that brought our community closer than ever.

In **2026**, we're raising the bar once again! 📅

Expect another dynamic lineup of **Monthly Members' Meetings (MMMs)**, **key forums on Innovation and Leadership**, as well as **industry roundtables and international missions** that strengthen business connections across the Australia, New Zealand, and Philippine communities.

AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PHILIPPINES			
2026 CALENDAR		ANZCHAM Philippines	
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
28 Australia Day Reception with Australian Embassy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waitangi Day Reception 10 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: co-presented by Info Tech (5:30PM-8PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 03 ★ International Women's Day (IWD) Forum: Give to Gain. Principal Event Partner: Aristocrat Gaming 24 ★ 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) (4:30PM-8PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: co-presented by TOA GLOBAL (5:30PM-8PM) 23 Roadshow 2026: Info Session
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM) ✦ Sustainability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM) ✦ NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT (5:15PM - 6PM) Philippines-Australia Friendship Day Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: PH Government x Business Community (5:30PM-8PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM)
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Outbound Mission to Australia MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM) ✦ NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT (5:15PM - 6PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 ★ ANZCHAM Christmas Party

* Dates: to be confirmed ✦ Sustainability Initiatives ★ Signature/Special Events

Want to be part of the program?

If your organisation would like an opportunity to **showcase your capabilities, share your values, and bring industry insights to our community**, we'd love to hear from you!

✉ Reach out to katie.ynzon@anzcham.com to express your interest in becoming a **speaker** or **partner** at our 2026 events.

There's never been a better time to connect, collaborate, and create impact with **ANZCHAM Philippines**.



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