



A Message from [ANZCham's](#) Vice President, [Simon Terry](#)

In a rapidly evolving global landscape, the ability to adapt, collaborate, and look ahead has never been more critical. Across our recent and upcoming events, a clear and consistent theme has emerged on how we collectively strengthen resilience while unlocking opportunities for sustainable growth.

Earlier this month, we partnered with the [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(DFAT\)](#) to deliver a virtual roundtable as part of Australia's comprehensive review of its Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) in Southeast Asia. As trade and investment dynamics continue to shift, so too must the frameworks that support them.

This review reflects a **forward-looking commitment** to ensuring Australia's FTAs remain relevant, commercially meaningful, and aligned with evolving priorities, including the digital economy and services. With Southeast Asia projected to become the world's fourth largest economy by 2040, the initiative reinforces the **region's growing strategic importance** and the imperative to further strengthen trade and investment ties.

Building on this macroeconomic outlook, our May Monthly Members' Meeting focused on how organizations can **turn economic uncertainty into long-term business resilience**. In collaboration with [ANZ](#), we were privileged to host an insightful discussion with [Ma. Cecilia Cruzabra](#) of [ACEN](#) and [Bikramdeep Singh Nanda](#) of [ANZ Philippines](#). The discussion highlighted that businesses in the Philippines are certainly being impacted with the current global events. Rising inflation and weak peso have placed pressure on supply chains, wages, and energy costs.

While these challenges are viewed as temporary and no significant underlying structural issues are expected, our members are **navigating current conditions well and remain confident** in the medium term. Energy continues to be a key economic driver, whether through reliance on Middle Eastern oil or the pace of the transition to renewables. Members highlighted the high cost of electricity in the Philippines as a major constraint on investment. The **emerging impact of AI** also generated strong interest, with [ANZCham](#) set to explore this further in the coming months.

We are unpacking business challenges at our [June Monthly Members' Meeting](#), where we will take a deeper dive into risk, resilience, and sustainable growth in an increasingly VUCA (*Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous*) environment. In partnership with [Coface](#), and featuring insights from its leaders [Darren Chan](#) and [Manuel Cabanero](#), the session will explore how organizations can better anticipate risk, safeguard revenues, and build more resilient operations. Their expertise in trade credit insurance and business intelligence will provide practical guidance on navigating today's complex risk landscape with greater confidence.

Together, these engagements **reflect our commitment** to equipping our members with the **insights, connections, and strategies** needed to navigate change and seize opportunity.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on fostering **meaningful dialogue** that not only responds to today's challenges but also helps shape a more resilient and sustainable future for our business community.

Warmest Regards,

Simon Terry

Vice President, [ANZCham](#) and General Manager - Philippines, [GHD](#)

Future-Ready: Positioning for Growth Amid Global Change



As global economic shifts continue to reshape business priorities, [ANZCham](#) gathered nearly 100 industry leaders & decision makers at Makati Shangri-La on 28 May for our May Monthly Members' Meeting, ***From Uncertainty to Action: Navigating the Global Economic Shift.***

Co-presented by **ANZ**, the session explored how organizations can respond to evolving challenges across supply chains, energy, workforce dynamics, and investment strategies, fostering meaningful conversations on **resilience, innovation, and growth**.



The discussion featured insights from distinguished speakers **Ma. Cecilia Cruzabra** (*Group Chief Risk Officer & Group Head of Risk and Sustainability, **ACEN**; Chief Financial Officer, **ACEN** International*), **Bikramdeep Nanda** (*Head of Corporate Coverage, **ANZ***), and moderator **Simon Terry** (*General Manager – Philippines, **GHD***). Together, they examined how businesses can strengthen resilience and unlock opportunities amid ongoing economic uncertainty.



A key theme was **adaptability**. The panel highlighted **AI's growing role** in boosting productivity and expanding access to opportunities, while hybrid work models continue to help organizations balance flexibility and cost efficiency. **Energy resilience** also emerged as a critical focus, with strategies such as demand management, energy-efficient technologies, and long-term power planning becoming increasingly important in the face of rising electricity costs.



Despite global headwinds, the discussion underscored the **Philippines' strong potential**, particularly in services, digital transformation, and AI adoption. The session reinforced a clear message: organizations that **embrace innovation, remain agile, and plan strategically** will be best positioned to turn uncertainty into opportunity.

We would like to extend special thanks to our Event Partners, **Energy World Corporation** and **GHD**, together with our Booth Partner, **Jobstreet by SEEK**.

📸 **Relive the event!** Join our Viber Community to access the official photos: <http://tinyurl.com/ANZCHAMViber>

Australia and the Philippines celebrate 80 years of Friendship by highlighting historic wartime ties



*From left to right: Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary **Leo Herrera-Lim**, Quezon City Mayor **Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte**, Australian Ambassador to the Philippines **Marc Innes-Brown**, National Historical Commission of the Philippines Executive Director **Carminda Arevalo** and Australian Defence Attache to the Philippines Colonel **Travis Day**.*

ANZCham had the pleasure of attending this year's Philippines-Australia Friendship Day on 22 May 2026 at the Presidential Car Museum in Quezon City.

The **Australian Embassy in the Philippines** partnered with the **local government of Quezon City** and the **National Historical Commission of the Philippines** to hold a historic commemoration of **80 years of diplomatic ties**.

Philippines-Australia Friendship Day is observed on the 22nd of May in the Philippines, the date that Australia established its first consulate at the Manila Hotel in 1946.

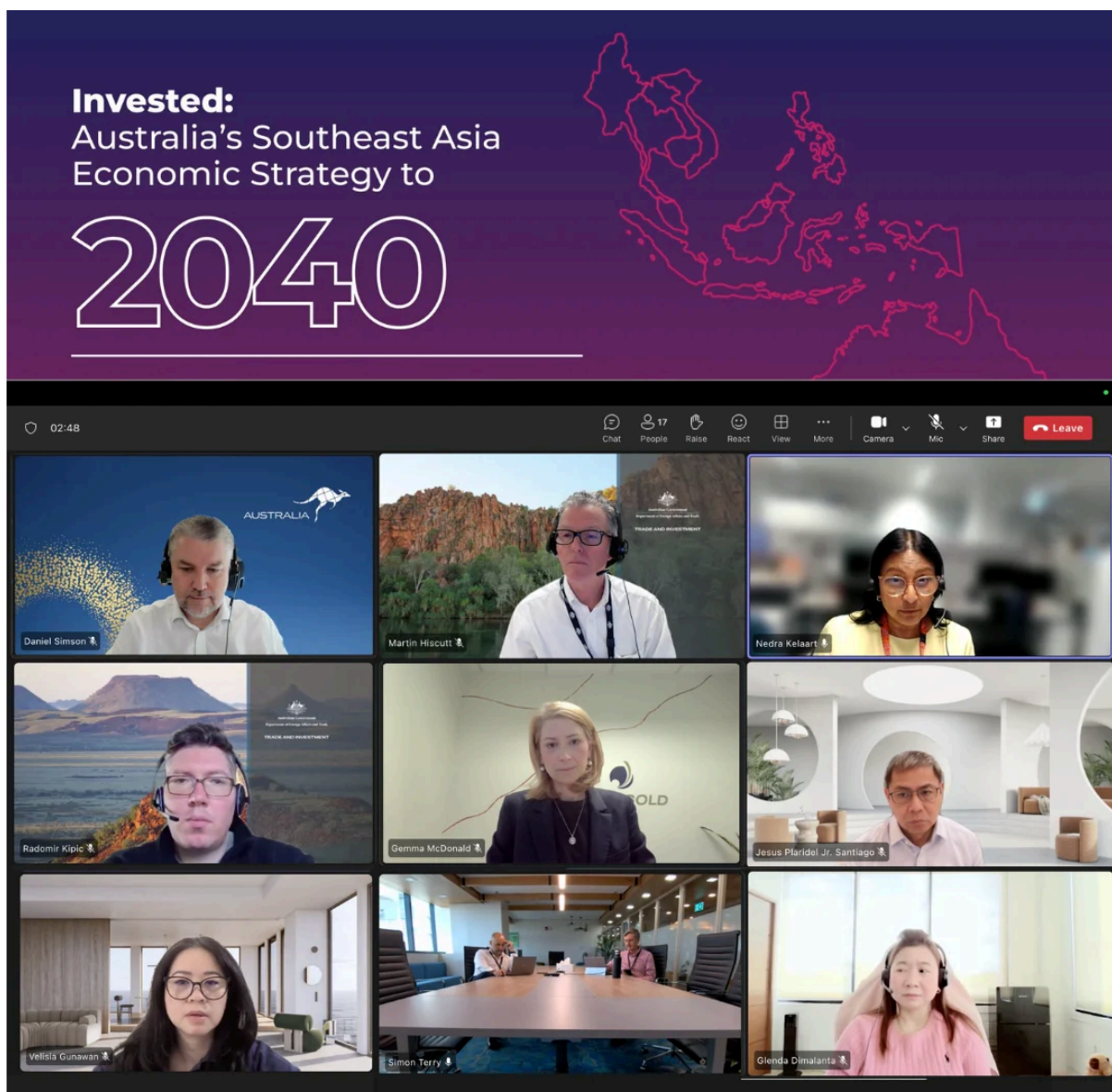
For this year, the Quezon Memorial was lit up in Green and Gold, the national colours of Australia. The memorial also serves as the final resting place of Manuel Quezon, the wartime leader of the Philippine Commonwealth. In March 1942, he and his cabinet

escaped the siege of Corregidor and were welcomed in Australia as a government-in-exile. They spent a month in Australia before relocating to the United States to work towards the liberation of the Philippines.

At the ceremony on Friday evening, the Historical Commission also announced it would commission a historical plaque to commemorate the ties between President Quezon and Australia, and the friendship between the two nations.

Media coverage of the event was extensive, with over 10 separate press outlets covering the event. Views of the event video on Facebook garnered more than 236,000 views.

Strengthening regional trade frameworks through FTA modernization



The [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(DFAT\)](#), in collaboration with the Trade 2040 Taskforce and Southeast Asian partners, is reviewing Australia's regional Free Trade Agreements (FTA) to prioritize future modernization and upgrade negotiations.

On 5 May 2026, [ANZCham](#) Key Partners and Members joined DFAT's Virtual Roundtable to contribute industry insights to the Southeast Asia FTA Modernization Review. Aligned with the [Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040](#), discussions focused

on the digital economy, net-zero transition, and sustainable agriculture, while highlighting key barriers such as non-tariff measures, manual documentation, and foreign equity caps.

These insights will help shape priorities for strengthening regional trade frameworks and advancing Australia's economic engagement across Southeast Asia.

Celebrating Eight Years: ANZCham Joins ARTA Anniversary Event



ANZCham proudly participated in the 8th Anniversary Celebration of the Philippine [Anti-Red Tape Authority \(ARTA\)](#) on 22 May 2026, underscoring the Chamber's ongoing commitment to the Philippine government's ease-of-doing-business agenda.

The anniversary highlighted [ARTA's](#) significant contributions to regulatory reform, notably its ISO 9001:2015 certification and the advancement of digital transformation initiatives across government agencies. These efforts have been instrumental in optimizing public service delivery and enhancing the country's operational transparency.

As a valued government partner, [ARTA's](#) contributions were recently recognized by [ANZCham](#) with the **Bridges of Progress Award** during our 45th Annual General Membership Meeting. The partnership was also institutionalized through a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** signed in September 2024, aligning both organizations toward the shared objective of reducing red tape and fostering a more efficient, business-friendly environment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Australian–New Zealand Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines

Final Week to Register for June MMM



CO-PRESENTED BY:



JUNE MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING:

How are you operating your *business forward* in a *VUCA World*?

Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity describing the chaotic, unpredictable nature of the modern business environment

18 JUNE 2026
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

MAKATI SHANGRI-LA
Manila A & B

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ How companies can consider **adjusting credit** and **risk strategies**
- ✓ Practical ways to **protect revenue** and **maintain stability**
- ✓ Current **global and regional risk trends** affecting businesses
- ✓ What they're seeing **on the ground** (e.g. *payment delays, defaults*)

PANEL SPEAKERS



Darren Chan

Country Manager - Malaysia & Head of Philippines
Coface



Manuel Cabanero

Commercial Director (PH)
Coface



Ginger So-Amprimo

Chief Financial Officer
Schneider Electric



Moderator

Luisa Rust

Senior Trade & Investment
Commissioner
Austrade

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Addl. Member: Php 2,900
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One Complimentary Seat

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 **In a VUCA world, what separates businesses that sustain growth from those that struggle to adapt?**

ANZCham, in partnership with Coface, poses a critical question for today's business leaders on our June Monthly Members' Meeting: How are you operating your business forward in a VUCA world?

Bringing together leaders from **risk management, corporate finance, and international trade**, the discussion will offer practical perspectives on navigating risk, strengthening resilience, and sustaining growth in an increasingly complex environment.

 Hear insights from our **distinguished panel speakers:**

- **Darren Chan**, *Country Manager - Malaysia & Head of Philippines*, [Coface](#)
- **Manuel Cabanero**, *Commercial Director - Philippines*, [Coface](#)
- **Ginger So-Amprimo**, *Chief Financial Officer*, [Schneider Electric](#)

 Panel discussion to be **moderated by:**

- **Luisa Rust**, *Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner*, [Australian Trade and Investment Commission \(Austrade\)](#)

 **18 June 2026**

 **5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**


 **Makati Shangri-La, Manila A&B**

We extend our appreciation to our Event Partner, [id8](#). Our event is also supported by the [Australian Government](#).

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 **TICKET**

- ANZCham Members – Free (one complimentary seat)
- Additional Members – ₱2,900
- Non-Members – ₱3,500

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

Ready for Australia? EOI Now Open for our 2026 Roadshow



2026 OUTBOUND MISSION



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OCTOBER 26-30

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Express your Interest Here!


Building on the strategic success of our 2025 mission, **ANZCham** is proud to announce the **Australia Roadshow 2026**, focusing on the high-growth hubs of **Brisbane and Perth**.

Last year, 30+ delegates from 16 organizations transformed conversations into real-world partnerships and investments. This year, we aim to go even bigger.

Register your interest today to help us shape this mission and share your top priorities for the trip.

Watch the Australia Roadshow 2025 Highlights Here!

Don't miss the chance to put your organization on the map and be part of a transformative journey for Philippine-Australia business collaboration.

 Make sure to **fill out the form below** to be the first to receive updates, program details, and official registration information as soon as they're available.

 For inquiries, please contact: marketing@anzcham.com

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ANZCham 2026 Calendar: Save the Dates!

🌟 2025 was unforgettable, with record-breaking attendance, new partnerships, and conversations that brought our community closer than ever!

🚀 In 2026 the journey continues and you won't want to miss it.

Save the dates for our upcoming events, all designed to connect and inspire the **Australia, New Zealand, and Philippine business communities.**

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2026 CALENDAR					
JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
28	Australia Day Reception with Australian Embassy	*	Waitangi Day Reception	03	★ International Women's Day (IWD) Forum: Give to Gain. Principal Event Partner: Aristocrat Gaming
		10	MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: co-presented by Info Tech (5:30 PM - 8 PM)	24	★ 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) (4:30PM-10PM)
				21	MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: co-presented by TP in the Philippines: Deep Dive into the Gen-Z Workshift (5:30 PM - 8PM)
MAY		JUNE		JULY	
28	MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: From Uncertainty to Action: Navigating the Global Economic shift (5:30 PM - 8PM)	18	MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: co-presented by Coface: How are you operating your business forward in a VUCA World? (5:30 PM - 8 PM)	21	MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: Cybersecurity (5:30 PM - 8 PM) + NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT (5:15 PM - 6PM)
22	Philippines-Australia Friendship Day Celebration			11	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: ADB Panel Session (5:30 PM - 8 PM)
SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
15	MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: PH Government x Business Community (5:30 PM - 8 PM)	26-30	★ Outbound Mission to Australia	10	MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: ASEAN NZ Business Mission (5:30PM-8PM) + NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT (5:15PM - 6PM)
		13	MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: Education (5:30 PM - 8 PM)		
				DECEMBER	
				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 at our 2026 events.


✨ There's never been a better time to connect, collaborate, and create impact with [ANZCham Philippines](#).



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