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A Message from **ANZCham's** Board Member, **Dr. Rafael Fortus**

As we reflect on August, one of the things that has stood out to me, particularly as one of **ANZCham's** new Board Directors this year, is the practical value of bringing the right people into the same room. **ANZCham** is more than a professional network; at its best, it is a platform where members can exchange ideas, build meaningful relationships and, importantly, turn those connections into opportunities.

Our **August Monthly Members' Meeting, "Ready, Set, Bid!: Qualifying Your Business for Asian Development Bank Projects"** was a strong example of this. We were privileged to welcome ADB Leaders **HK Yu**, *Vice President for Administration & Corporate Management*, and **Aman Trana**, *Director General for Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management*, together with **Andrew McCarroll**, *Executive Chair, DysrupIT*, who moderated the discussion.

The session provided members with valuable insight into how businesses can better position themselves to participate in ADB-funded projects. Beyond understanding procurement processes and qualification requirements, the discussion reinforced a broader message: opportunities exist for businesses of different sizes, but successfully accessing them requires preparation, capability, strong partnerships and an understanding of how institutions such as ADB operate. For our members, particularly SMEs looking to expand their reach across the region, creating access to this kind of practical knowledge is an important part of **ANZCham's** role.

Having joined the Board this year, I have also had the opportunity to see the Chamber from a new perspective. What I have found particularly rewarding is the **diversity of our community**. **ANZCham** brings together established multinational organizations, entrepreneurs, SMEs and emerging businesses from more diverse industries than ever before. This reflects both the changing landscape of business in the Philippines and highlights the Chamber's mission to **strengthen commercial relationships between Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines**. There is enormous value in that diversity, and I believe one of our opportunities as a Chamber is to continue making those connections increasingly accessible, relevant and useful to every member.

Looking ahead, I warmly invite you to our **September Monthly Members' Meeting, "Dear Leaders, We Need to Talk: Are You Building Ultra High Performers or Just Creating More Meetings?"**, on **15 September 2026 at Makati Shangri-La**. The discussion will explore how organizations can rethink leadership development by investing in Australian education, with government support, and real-world experiences that build stronger, future-ready global thought leaders.

As businesses navigate technological change, new regional opportunities and an increasingly complex yet exciting operating environment, the strength of [ANZCham](#) lies in its ability to connect members with access to best practices, ideas and expertise from our Australian, NZ, Filipino and wider community, that help accelerate your business goals. I am delighted to be contributing to that mission as a member of the Board and look forward to meeting more of our members in the months ahead.

Best Regards,

Dr. Rafael Fortus

Board Director, [ANZCham](#) and Co-owner & Medical Director, [Clinique de Paris](#)

August Monthly Members' Meeting



What does it take to turn an [Asian Development Bank \(ADB\)](#) project into a real business opportunity? At ANZCham's August MMM, over **100 attendees** came together at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel to explore how businesses can navigate ADB's procurement landscape, prepare for upcoming opportunities, and position themselves to participate.



This month's session, **"Ready, Set, Bid!: Qualifying Your Business for ADB Projects"** featured ADB leaders [HK Yu](#), Vice-President for Administration and Corporate Management, and [Aman Trana](#), Director General of the Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department, alongside moderator [Andrew McCarroll](#), Executive Chair of [DysrupIT](#).



Three key insights stood out: look beyond infrastructure, with ADB opportunities spanning procurement, consulting, technical assistance and private-sector projects; **prepare before the bid** by engaging early, understanding procurement requirements and building the right relationships; and **look beyond company size**, as SMEs and specialist businesses can also contribute to ADB-supported projects.



The discussion shifted the focus from simply asking “How do we bid for an ADB project?” to a more strategic question: **“Where does our business fit within ADB’s priorities, and how do we start the conversation?”**. For Philippine companies looking to **expand into markets such as Australia**, the same approach applies: understand the market, identify where your capabilities fit, and build the right relationships to turn opportunities into business.



We extend our thanks for the valued support of our Event Partners, [BDO Unibank](#) and [Macquarie Group](#), and our Booth Partner, [Megabon Construction and Development Corporation](#). The event was also supported by the [Australian Government](#).

Join our Viber Community for the Official Photos

Building Momentum for the Australian Roadshow 2026



Ahead of the **Australian Roadshow 2026**, **ANZCham** brought together its Mission Partners for a pre-roadshow briefing on 20 August.

Hosted by **ANZCham** President **Benjamin Romualdez**, Executive Director **Kimmi Siu Dewar**, and Director for Operations **Ina Azarcon**, the gathering brought together **Penny Lat**, Founder & CEO of **Virtua Solutions**; **Marimil Magbanua**, Founder & COO of **WE Agency**; **Matthew Steley**, Account Executive – ANZ at **Penbrothers**; and Justine Mendoza, CFO of **ISSI Corp**.

The evening provided an opportunity for the delegation to connect, exchange market insights, align on the objectives of the mission, and strengthen relationships ahead of their engagements in Australia.

ANZCham also looks forward to connecting with Mission Partners **Amity Resources** and **ConnectOS** in Australia as the delegation prepares for a week of business connections, cultural exchange, and new opportunities.

🔔 *Looking forward to join us in Australia? **Partnership opportunities are still open.** Send an email to marketing@anzcham.com to learn more!*

ANZCham x Timezone



ANZCham extends its sincere appreciation to **Miguel Crisostomo** for his contributions to our community. Miguel served as a Board Director from March 2026, and played a key role in making the **Timezone** and **ANZCham** Key Partnership possible in August 2025. One of the highlights of this partnership was hosting a Monthly Members' Meeting at **Timezone**, creating a truly one-of-a-kind experience for our members.

As Miguel moves on from both **ANZCham** and **Timezone**, the Chamber is grateful for his contributions and for helping create a partnership that will continue beyond his time with both organizations.

As **Timezone** continues its engagement with **ANZCham**, the Chamber is pleased to welcome Dean Amann, Timezone's Australian Deputy General Manager, to the community. **Timezone** has renewed its partnership as a Key Partner and remains open to hosting

corporate events, offering members another opportunity to connect, gather, and experience the brand in a unique setting.

80th Independence Day of India Celebration



ANZCham was honored to be invited by the [India Business Forum Philippines \(IBF\)](#), under the patronage of the [Embassy of India, Manila](#), to join the celebration of India's 80th Independence Day on 15 August at Hilton Manila. Held under the theme “**Viksit Bharat – A Developed India by 2047,**” the gathering brought together business leaders, diplomats, government representatives, and members of the Indian diaspora.

Representing the Chamber was ANZCham Board Member [Dr. Rafael Fortus](#) who engaged with IBF President [Dileep Tiwari](#) and [H.E. Harsh Kumar Jain](#), *Ambassador of India to the Philippines*, further strengthening ANZCham's relationships with key business and diplomatic stakeholders. Present as well in the event was [Hariom Khandelwal](#) (*Country Head of [Nezda Global](#)*), member of ANZCham and IBF Board Member, who extended the invitation.

Engagements such as these allow ANZCham to broaden the networks, perspectives and opportunities available to our members, while deepening the Chamber's connections with the wider business and diplomatic community across the region.

WOCEE (World of Consumer Electronics Expo) & WOSAS (World of Safety and Security Expo)



ANZCham joined business leaders, government representatives, and industry stakeholders at the Opening Ceremony of the **World of Consumer Electronics Expo (WOCEE)** and **World of Safety and Security Expo (WOSAS) 2026**, bringing together key voices shaping the future of consumer technology, safety, and security in the Philippines. The discussion explored the growing impact of artificial intelligence, automation, smart technologies, and digital connectivity, while highlighting their potential to strengthen communities and support nation-building.

The event was particularly timely, following ANZCham's **July Monthly Members' Meeting on cybersecurity**, which featured Kantanna Co-Founder Sop Chen, and explored the evolving digital risks facing businesses today. Together, these engagements underscore the importance of staying ahead of emerging technologies and the security challenges that come with them.



September Monthly Members' Meeting



SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING

DEAR LEADERS, WE NEED TO TALK:

Are You Building **Ultra-High Performers**
or Just Creating *More Meetings?*

15 September 2026
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Makati Shangri-La
Manila A & B

PANEL SPEAKERS



Rollie dela Cruz
Portfolio Manager,
Australian Embassy in the Philippines,
Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade



Wowie Wong
CEO & President,
People Ignite



Jonathan I. Arante
Country Manager - Philippines,
Southern Cross University, Australia



Kimmi Siu Dewar
ANZCHAM Executive Director,
Senior Marketing Director,
Aristocrat Gaming

MODERATOR



Maria Rita Trillo
Director of Sales &
Business Development, TP

HOST

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ **Beyond Training:** Rethinking Leadership Development
- ★ Building **high performers** by design:
The 70-20-10 Approach
- ★ **Innovation Strategies** for Business Leaders

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ✓ Leaders **Driving Performance**
- ✓ Managers **Building Teams**
- ✓ **Learning & Development** Professionals
- ✓ Employees **Investing in Their Growth**
- ✓ **Aspiring & Emerging** Leaders

REGISTER NOW

COST PER SEAT:
Addtl. Member: Php 2,900
Non-Member: Php 3,500

ANZCham Member:
One Complimentary Seat

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Register Now

What if your next high-performing leader is already on your team?

Building stronger teams doesn't happen through meetings alone. It takes the right experiences, the right opportunities, and continuous investment in people.

This September, **ANZCham** Philippines invites you to our September Monthly Members' Meeting, "**Dear Leaders, We Need to Talk: Are You Building Ultra High Performers or**

Just Creating More Meetings?", where experts in **education** and **leadership** will share practical insights on developing people and building stronger organizations.

We'll also spotlight [Australia Awards](#) and the opportunities available to the ANZCham community of professionals in the Philippines; from postgraduate studies and executive education to short courses and lifelong learning in Australia.

Hear from distinguished speakers who will share practical insights on leadership development, continuous learning, and building stronger, more capable teams:

 **Rollie dela Cruz**

Portfolio Manager

[Australian Embassy in the Philippines, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#)

 **Wowie Wong**

CEO & President

[People Ignite](#)

 **Jonathan I. Arante**

Country Manager – Philippines

[Southern Cross University, Australia](#)

 **Moderator: Kimmi Siu Dewar**

Executive Director, [ANZCham Philippines](#)

Senior Marketing Director, [Aristocrat Gaming](#)

 Here in ANZCham, we're always finding ways for our Key Partners to take on the stage! We're ecstatic to share that this September MMM, our Opening Session will be hosted by [Maria Rita Trillo](#), *Director for Sales & Business Development of [TP](#)*!

Whether you're leading today or developing tomorrow's leaders, discover how education can strengthen your leadership impact.

 **15 September 2026**

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

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

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 TICKETS

- ANZCham Members – Free (*one complimentary seat*)
- ANZCham Key Partners – Free (*1-4 complimentary seats*)
- 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.

October Monthly Members' Meeting



OCTOBER MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING

SUSTAINABILITY ISN'T A SIDE PROJECT: IT'S HOW BUSINESSES CREATE LONG-TERM VALUE

Hear how **Australian organizations** are applying **best practices** in the Philippines to **drive value**.

**13 OCTOBER 2026**

TUESDAY | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**MAKATI SHANGRI-LA**

Manila A & B



PANEL SPEAKERS

**Ami Valdemoro Diaz**Managing Director,
Dana Asia Philippines**Pia Madid**Director of Business,
Development & Environment,
GHD

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Businesses looking to expand in Australia
- Businesses looking to partner with Aussie & Kiwi organisations
- Sustainability & ESG Professionals
- Strategy & Operations Leaders
- Project & Engineering Professionals

THE CONVERSATION AHEAD:

- What is changing in how businesses **approach sustainability**?
- How can sustainability create **measurable business value**?
- How can **Australian policies & initiatives** support Southeast Asia's clean energy transition?

SHOWCASE YOUR SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

ANZCHAM is **inviting members to showcase sustainability initiatives** that are creating **meaningful impact** across your organisation that we can **feature in our October MMM**.

➤ Please submit **one to two PDF slides in 16:9 landscape format** to marketing@anzcham.com



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COST PER SEAT:
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Sustainability is shaping the future of business. What is your company doing to make a difference?

At our upcoming **October Monthly Members' Meeting**, we want to highlight how organizations are turning sustainability commitments into real-world impact.

Help us inspire others by showcasing **how your organization is driving long-term environmental value!**

We encourage our members to **showcase your sustainability initiatives** by submitting one-two PDF slides in 16:9 landscape format to **communications@anzcham.com** & **marketing@anzcham.com**.



13 October 2026



5:30 PM - 8:00 PM



Makati Shangri-La, Manila A & B



Discover how businesses can turn sustainability into action, impact, and long-term value.

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Ready for Australia? Become a Partner for our 2026 Roadshow



2026 OUTBOUND MISSION



AUSTRALIA ROADSHOW

BRISBANE | PERTH

OCTOBER 26-30

Showcase Philippine excellence on Australia's business stage.



REGISTER NOW 

Participation is limited to 10 member organizations only.

SCAN QR CODE
TO BE A **PARTNER**
OR TO **LEARN MORE**

For inquiries, contact **Katie Ynzon** at:
marketing@anzcham.com

















Watch the Australia Roadshow 2025 Highlights Here!

ANZCham is bringing its **2026 Australia Roadshow** to **Brisbane and Perth** this **October 26-30, 2026**, showcasing **Philippines** as **Australia's Strategic Partner** in Southeast Asia.

With the Roadshow fast approaching, **only a few partnership slots remain** for organizations looking to join this growing roster and be part of the mission connecting businesses across the Philippines and Australia.

There is still an opportunity to join our Mission Partners and take part in B2B executive meetings, CEO roundtables, and networking events with business leaders and key stakeholders across Brisbane and Perth.

Scan the QR code or click the link below to become a **partner** and **to learn more**.

 For inquiries, contact Katie Ynzon at: marketing@anzcham.com.

Become a Partner Now!

Brisbane Business Connect with the Australia Awards & Alumni



AUSTRALIAN - NEW ZEALAND
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PHILIPPINES

SAVE THE DATE

THE AUSTRALIA AWARDS
& ALUMNI

Business Connect

Bridging Australia and the Philippines:
Strengthening Networks and Leadership Across Borders

26 OCTOBER 2026

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

VENUE TBC, BRISBANE

Australia Awards & Alumni: Complimentary
Individual Ticket: AUD \$75

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Mission
Partners



Chamber of Commerce
and Industry WA



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Register Now

The best opportunities often begin with a simple introduction.

As part of [ANZCham Philippines](#) **2026 Australia Roadshow**, we're bringing together the Australia Awards & Alumni community, business leaders, and industry professionals for an evening of meaningful conversations and new connections in Brisbane.

Whether you're looking to reconnect with fellow alumni, expand your network, or explore opportunities with Philippine businesses, this is your chance to be part of a community that's building stronger Australia-Philippines partnerships.

Come for the conversations. *Stay for the connections* that could shape your next opportunity.

 **26 October 2026**
 **5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**
 **Venue TBC, Brisbane**

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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.**

AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PHILIPPINES			
2026 CALENDAR			
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
28 Australia Day Reception with Australian Embassy	* Waitangi Day Reception 10 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: co-presented by Info Tech (5:30 PM - 8 PM)	03 ★ International Women's Day (IWD) Forum: Give to Gain. Principal Event Partner: Aristocrat Gaming 24 ★ 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) (4:30 PM-10 PM)	21 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: co-presented by TP in the Philippines: Deep Dive into the Gen-Z Workshift (5:30 PM - 8 PM)
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
28 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: co-presented by ANZ: From Uncertainty to Action: Navigating the Global Economic shift (5:30 PM - 8 PM) 22 Philippines-Australia Friendship Day Celebration	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: One Click Away: How Close Most Businesses are to a Major Breakdown (5:30 PM - 8 PM) + NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT (5:15 PM - 6 PM)	18 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Ready, Set, Bid! Qualifying Your Business for Asian Development Bank Projects (5:30 PM - 8 PM)
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
15 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: Dear Leaders, We Need to Talk: Are You Building Ultra-High Performers or Just Creating More Meetings? (5:30 PM - 8 PM)	26-30 ★ Outbound Mission to Australia 13 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: Sustainability isn't a Side Project: It's how Businesses Create Long-term Value (5:30 PM - 8 PM)	10 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: ASEAN NZ Business Mission (5:30PM-8PM) + NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT (5:15PM - 6PM)	01 ★ ANZCHAM Christmas Party

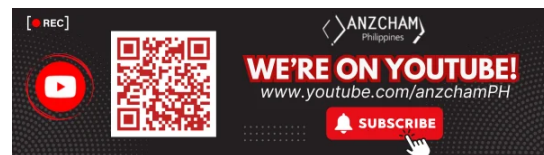
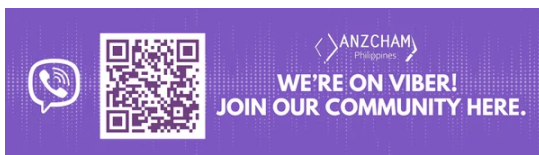
* Dates: to be confirmed ✦ Sustainability Initiatives ★ Signature/Special Events

💡 **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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