



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **SUBJECT: INVITATION TO A TRADE MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES ON 14-17 OCTOBER 2019**

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago invites the business community and other interested parties in the Midwest to a trade mission to the Philippines on 14-17 October 2019 (exclusive of travel time).

In the midst of global economic uncertainties and prevalent trade tensions in the region, the Philippines, the fastest growing economy in Asia, is an attractive and viable country to consider for investment, particularly with the administration's \$160-billion "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure program.

Organized through the initiative of the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and the Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu, the trade mission will enable business representatives from the Midwest to understand doing business in the Philippines, including investing, operating, trading, registering a business, locating in a special economic zone, and business matching.

Delegates will have the opportunity to meet high-level trade and investment officials, learn from business experts, and explore opportunities with potential partners, clients and suppliers. Delegates will also visit the Clark Special Economic Zone on 16 October and the Manila FAME trade show on 17 October.

Attached is the program and application form to join the trade mission.

To confirm your participation or for further details, please contact Mr. Ryan Gener ([ryan.gener@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:ryan.gener@dfa.gov.ph)) or Mr. Joey Erandio ([joey.pcg.chicago@gmail.com](mailto:joey.pcg.chicago@gmail.com); 312-583-0621 ext. 122).

**9 September 2019**

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# PHILIPPINE TRADE MISSION ITINERARY

Manila and Clark

October 14-18, 2019

## 14 OCT/MONDAY Business Conference Day 1

### General Conference

7:00 AM Registration, Exhibits, & Business Networking Breakfast

8:00 AM Conference Opening Ceremony

8:30 AM Keynote Address

9:30 AM Break, Exhibits & Networking

### Plenary Sessions - Morning

10:00 AM Invest in the Philippines

11:15 AM Doing Business in the Philippines

12:30 PM Lunch

### Plenary Sessions - Afternoon

1:45 PM The ABC's of Franchising in the Philippines or Outside the Philippines

3:00 PM Break, Exhibits & Networking

4:30 PM End of Business Day: Go & Get Ready for a Welcome Dinner and Cultural Entertainment

6:00 PM Welcome Dinner and Cultural Entertainment

## 15 OCT/TUESDAY Business Conference Day 2

### General Conference

7:30 AM Registration, Exhibits, & Business Networking Breakfast

8:00 AM Keynote Address:

9:30 AM Break, Exhibits & Networking

### Plenary Sessions - Morning

10:00 AM Importing and Exporting in the Philippines

11:15 AM **Investing and Operating in the Philippines**

12:30 PM **Lunch**

**Concurrent Sessions A: 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM (Select 1)**

**Breakout Session 1A – Business Process Outsourcing**

**Breakout Session 1B – Healthcare and Medical Tourism**

**Breakout Session 1C – Creative Industries**

**3:00 – 3:30 Break**

**3:15 - 4:30 Startups Demo Day (DICT/SEDP/DTI/QBO Innovation Hub)**

**16 OCT/WEDNESDAY** **Travel to Clark, Pampanga**

**Morning**

**Clark Special Economic Zone**

**Site Visit to a Locator (Manufacturer) inside Clark Special Economic Zone**

**Afternoon**

**Culinary Showcase of Filipino Cuisine at a local restaurant (DOT/DTI)**

**Site Visit to a Locator (BPO Company) inside Clark Special Economic Zone**

**Visit Clark OTOP Center (DTI/BSMED)**

**Return to Manila. Overnight in Manila**

**17 OCT/THURSDAY** **Visit to Manila FAME**

**2019 Manila FAME**

- **Opening Ceremony**
- **Trade Expo and Networking Session**

*Participants have the opportunities to go around the expo and network with potential suppliers*

**18 OCT/FRIDAY** **Business Matching Session**

**Business-to-Business Matching Session**

**Business Assistance Services**