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) or Mr. Joey Erandio (joey.pcg.chicago@gmail.com; 312-583-0621 ext. 122).

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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