



# MAY '08 CANCHAM e-NEWSLETTER

## JOINT FOREIGN CHAMBERS

### Advocacy

- May 7- JFC and Philippine Business groups meeting with Speaker Prospero Nograles and Key Committee Chairmen. Discussion was focused on 14th Congress Legislative Priorities and our legislative reform agenda items.
- May 12- The JFC sent a letter to the PSALM President and CEO- Mr. Jose Ibazeta. Highlighting our concerns that the procurement of fuel by NPC both for plants it owns and for plants it is contractually obligated to provide for should be driven by market forces.
- May 23- The JFC sent a letter to Department of Finance Secretary - Hon. Margarito Teves, expressing our concerns regarding the illegal importation of used cars through Port Irene in the Cayagan Economic Zone.
- May 27- A letter was sent to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo highlighting JFC concerns regarding the Philippine Power Industry. This letter has created a lot of 'interesting' press and comments from respective Senators. View the full details of the letter on our downloads page of our website. [www.cancham.com.ph](http://www.cancham.com.ph)
- May 28- JFC briefing with Hon. Angelo Reyes, Secretary of Department of Energy and the DOE Team. The topic of discussion 'Key Developments in the Energy Sector'.

## CANCHAM EVENTS



**Tuesday, May 27 - Morning Briefing with Saskatchewan Minister responsible for Immigration, Advanced Education, Employment and Labour - Hon. Rob Norris**  
Hon. Rob Norris spoke to over 50 Chamber members and guests on the growth of the Saskatchewan economy. Highlighting areas related to Philippine - Sask. Trade and the demand for all forms of labour to fill the shortage in the province. A very informative discussion session followed.

**Wednesday, May 28 - Economic Roundtable Discussion with Terrence Cowl, ASEAN Regional Economic Counselor from the Canadian High Commission in Singapore** - Terrence Cowl made a presentation on each respective ASEAN country and how they relate to Canada. An in depth discussion followed on how we see the Philippines in relation to the region and Canada.



**Wednesday, May 28 - Monthly Networking Night at Fiesta San Miguel of Dusit Thani, Manila** - Over 50 members and guests attended this event that was sponsored by the Dusit Thani. The Monthly Networking events provide an excellent opportunity for members and visiting guests to socialize and discuss business in a relaxed environment. Any member companies interested in increasing their profile and sponsoring an event please contact the CanCham office.

## LABOUR MOBILITY COMMITTEE- CHAMBER SEEKING INTEREST OF MEMBERS

With strong economic growth across most regions and sectors in Canada there is a significant shortage of labour to help fuel this growth. The Federal Government and various provincial governments have taken a very active role in dealing with this shortage and many employers have come to realize that the Philippines is a tremendous resource of all forms of labour. The Chamber has created a committee to focus on the various issues related to the recruitment and mobility of labour. In particular:

1. Education
2. Corporate Social Responsibility and
3. Advocacy

Please contact the Chamber if you are interested in taking part in this committee.

## CHIMO BUSINESS MAGAZINE

We welcome submissions of content driven articles from our members for our monthly publication, CHIMO Business Magazine. Currently, CHIMO has a section dedicated to the following topics: IT, Legal Issues, Health, Business and Travel. We would also welcome interesting stories and experiences of our members. Please contact the secretariat for more information and deadline dates of submission.

## UPCOMING CANCHAM EVENTS

- Tuesday, July 1 – Monthly Networking Night celebrating Canada Day. Venue: Poolside, Renaissance Makati City Hotel, Manila. Time: 6:00pm.
- Wednesday – Thursday, August 13-14 - Foreign Chambers Employment Expo at TriNoma Activity Center, North EDSA. Please visit and grab the opportunity offered by over 50 companies.
- Friday, November 14 - CanCham - AMJ Campbell International 21st Annual Philippines - Canada Cup Golf Tournament. Venue: Riviera Golf Club.

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