

Chairman's Report November 2008

1. 6th & 7th October - Crisis Management & Business Resilience Seminar, conducted by Cranfield University and PCTC exclusively for selected BCC-P Corporate Members with a significant operational presence here and funded by the British Embassy. Over 10 companies sent senior management representatives providing in excess of 30 participants. HE Ambassador Peter Beckingham opened the 2-day seminar from which we have since received very positive feedback and provided CD's to all participants of the presented materials. The feedback results have also been personally shared with President's/ CEO's of the participating BCC-P Corporate Members.

2. 10th October – The Economist's Conference Roundtable with the Government of the Philippines.

BCC-P was the supporting Chamber for the roundtable. Over 100 attendees heard presentations from President Arroyo and a number of key government Secretaries and UnderSecretaries, including Angelo Reyes (Department of Energy) and Lito Atienza (Department of Environment & Natural Resources).

The plenary featured panels of prominent regional private business sector

representatives and included audience Q & A sessions moderated by the Economist's senior managers, after each of the Government's presentations.



3. 15th October - European National Chambers (ENC) Quarterly Executive Meeting

The ENC executive meeting, hosted by the Spanish Chamber, reviewed the preparation for the ENC Joint Networking evening on November 13th.

Event activities by ENC in first half of 2009 were also reviewed with the key focus on the event's programme for Europe Week scheduled in mid-May.

4. 16th & 21st October I-Must for Trade Advisory Council

The I-Must initiative funded by the British Embassy and its establishment of regional advisory councils were reviewed and approved by the Council's Executive Committee, which the BCC-P is a member. HE Ambassador Peter Beckingham and I attended its official launch at the Philippine Business Conference, hosted by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce.

5. 18th- 24th October RP/UK Friendship Week

The week's events, organized by the British Alumnae Association in conjunction with the British Embassy, featured the RP/ UK Equestrian Cup, the Taguig Outreach

Programme and the "Cool Britannia" fashion show. The BCC-P & BWA supported the events and helped with corporate sponsorship support.

6. 21st October - Opening of WS ATKINS Offices

The Ambassador and I attended the opening of the WS Atkins East Asia Office based in Makati City hosted by WSA's regional directors from UK and Dubai. Their office in Philippines is an important model for the further establishment of British business operations using the Philippines as an East Asian hub location.

Best regards,

Leslie J. Stokes, OBE.

Chairman

British Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines

BCCP Membership Update

The Board of Governors is very pleased to welcome the following New and Upgrade Members to the British Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines:

Corporate

Caring Careers Ltd

Jones Lang LaSalle

May K Learning Center
(up-graded from Personal)

Rivereo Inc
(up-graded from Personal)

Unicapital Securities Inc.

Designated Nominees

Andrew Battman, Managing Director
Jay Matthew Mariano, Manager

David Leechiu, Country Head
Lindsay Orr, Chief Operating Officer

Richard Eldridge, Director
Grace Oreña, President

Gary Cooper, Chief Operating Officer
Cathy Dy, Business Development Officer

Leonardo R. Arguelles, Jr., President
Ma. Concepcion G. Yao, Assistant Vice President

Events

On Tuesday 18th November at the BCCP's final Networking Evening of 2008, Mr. Rick Sturge, Director - Employer & Strategic Development of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), spoke to almost 40 members and guests on the "Challenges of Financial Leadership". His presentation provided members the chance to hear about the opportunities, and also receive detailed materials, on how Company's local financial managers can study for an internationally recognized qualification at such a challenging time, when qualified management accountancy services must be a top priority for all companies.

The event was held in the Legaspi Room of the Intercontinental Hotel, which provided excellent food and beverages for attendees.

The BCCP Secretariat office can provide direct contact details to the CIMA regional office in Malaysia and also has copies of the materials for any interested BCCP Corporate and Individual Members who were unable to attend. We also recommend they should also visit the CIMA website www.cimaglobal.com



Sarah Mcleod

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Rick Sturge CIMA



Rick Sturge CIMA & Leslie Stokes BCCP



Drew Fernandez Unilever, Ross Karamuddin CIMA, Rick Sturge CIMA



Leslie Stokes BCC-P & Sopiha Suid (CIMA)



Graham Wilkes Sinclair James & Henry Curteis BCC-P



Daniel Martin EIU, Butz De Castro Crown Relocation

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 5th December** Lighthouse Club Charity Golf Day In Association with RMD Kwikform Philippines
Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course
Registration at 11: 00 am
- Friday 5th December** Christmas by Candlelight Christmas Buffet Dinner followed by Carols by
The Children of PCF Smokey Mountain in conjunction with The British
School Manila At British Ambassador's Residence from 7 pm
- Thursday 18th
December** BCCP/BWA/Lighthouse Club Christmas Drinks Manila Club
(details to be announced)
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KEY ACTIVITIES November-December 2008

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
1 – 5 Dec	Scottish Trade International Mission to ADB 5 British companies participating	Fidel.ventura@fco.gov.uk

For more information on any of the above events please free to contact the lead person as shown.

Please note the new contact details for the Embassy:

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