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ACTIVITY REPORT

AUGUST 2024

August 8, 2024

North Luzon Area Business Conference: Adopt-A-Chamber Program

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry - North Luzon and the Philippine Chamber Development Institute (PhilCDI) successfully launched the Adopt-A-Chamber Program during the North Luzon Chamber Development Workshop, which was held in conjunction with the 33rd North Luzon Area Business Conference in Cauayan City, Isabela. The Adopt-A-Chamber Program represents a proactive and inclusive approach to chamber development, emphasizing the importance of collaboration, mentorship, and mutual support in advancing the interests and welfare of businesses within the North Luzon region. This program aims to empower Local Chambers of Commerce and Industry (LCCIs) to thrive, innovate, and drive positive change that benefits businesses, communities, and the broader economy by harnessing the power of partnership and collective action. During the launch, the pilot chambers participating in the program signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Bulacan CCI, the Metro Angeles CCI, and the Pampanga CCI as mentors and PCCI-Bataan, Nueva Ecija, Western Pangasinan, Metro Dagupan, PCCI Ilagan, PCCI Southern Isabela and PCCI Baguio Benguet as mentees.

Bulacan CCI will mentor three (3) provincial chambers such as Bataan, Baguio Benguet, and Nueva Ecija. Bulacan CCI takes the challenge being chosen as a pilot mentor for the PCCI NL program as this is a significant achievement that highlights the trust and recognition Bulacan CCI has earned. Mentoring provincial chambers like Bataan, Baguio-Benguet, and Nueva Ecija is a great opportunity to share knowledge and foster regional growth.

President Corina Tengco-Bautista signed the MOU in behalf of the Bulacan CCI.

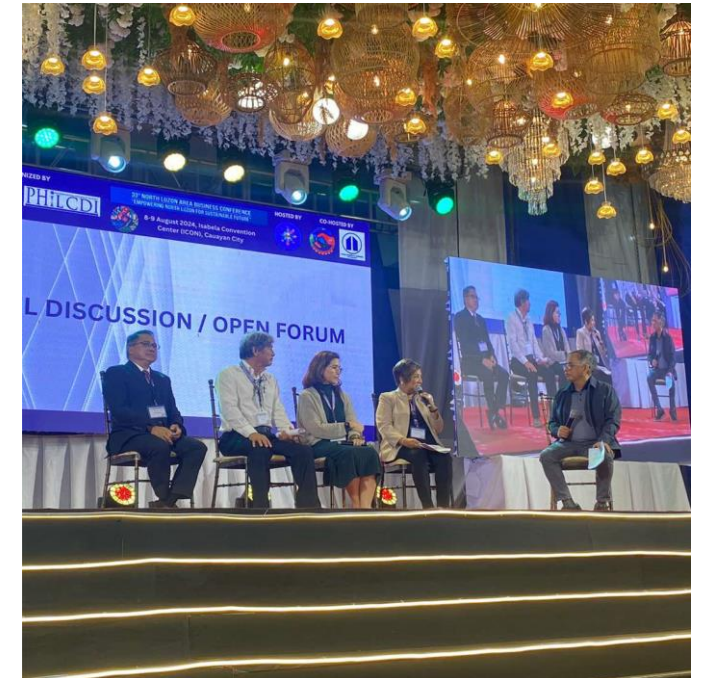


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North Luzon Area Business Conference: Chamber Development Workshop

During the Chamber Development Workshop, Bulacan CCI President Corina Tengco-Bautista took center stage to present the organization's best practices in "Financial Health and Membership Growth." Her presentation offered valuable insights and practical strategies that have been instrumental in Bulacan CCI's success. BCCI continues to strive to achieve financial stability despite its outstanding status, membership retention and growth, as well as financial management are two areas of concern that have kept BCCI wide awake and kicking. What keeps BCCI anchored is its passion for service.

CHAMBER WORK IS GOOD WORK.



AUGUST 9, 2024

33rd NLABC: Conference Proper

The Bulacan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) participated in the 33rd North Luzon Area Business Conference (NLABC) held last August 8-9, 2024, at the Isabela Convention Center in Cauayan City, Province of Isabela. Themed "Empowering North Luzon for a Sustainable Future," the conference focused on fostering collaboration, sharing best practices, and promoting sustainable economic growth in North Luzon, Philippines. In addition, a trade exhibit was held alongside the conference, showcasing products and services from 49 micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across Isabela, Cagayan, Quirino, Nueva Ecija, Batanes, and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). The NLABC was organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) and hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Isabela. The two-day event was attended by eleven (11) members of the BCCI Board of Trustees, and the Secretariat.



August 15, 2024

446th Bulacan Founding Anniversary

The 446th Founding Anniversary of Bulacan was celebrated with a grand program themed “Bulacan: Duyan ng Kasaysayan, Yaman ng Kinabukasan.” This historic day also marked the beginning of the 2024 Singkaban (Sining at Kalinangan ng Bulacan) Festival, which showcased the province's rich and vibrant culture, art, and history. The celebration took place last August 15, 2024, in front of the Antonio S. Bautista Bulacan Provincial Capitol Building, Bulacan Provincial Capitol Compound, City of Malolos, Bulacan. The event was attended by BCCI President Ms. Corina Tengco-Bautista, VP for Membership Ms. Carmencita C. Uychoco, and VP for Chamber Services and Local Programs Ms. Lilibeth M. Alcaraz.



August 17, 2024

DBFI's General Membership Meeting

The Dangal ng Bulacan Foundation Inc. held its General Membership Meeting last August 17, 2024, at the Francisco Balagtas Hall, Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center in the City of Malolos, Bulacan. The event centered on the pressing issue of the West Philippine Sea, with the theme "Defending the West Philippine Sea." The esteemed speakers were Atty. Antonio A. Ligon, a Professor of Law at De La Salle University-Manila and a lecturer on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education regarding the West Philippine Sea. Hon. Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro, the Undersecretary for Bilateral Relations and ASEAN Affairs at the Department of Foreign Affairs. The event was also graced by BCCI President Ms. Corina Tengco-Bautista and Auditor Ms. Josephine Santos. The BCCI Secretariat played a crucial role in supporting the successful implementation of the event.





August 19, 2024

Meeting with Globe Business

Globe Business, the business arm of Globe Telecom catering to the country's MSMEs and large business enterprises, recently had the pleasure of hosting a courtesy visit with the Bulacan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) last August 19, 2024, to explore potential partnership opportunities. This meeting marks the beginning of what promises to be a mutually beneficial relationship aimed at advancing our shared vision of excellence and growth. The BCCI was represented by President Corina Tengco-Bautista, VP for Advocacy Dr. Jehan Echavez, and Chairperson for Innovation Mr. Aries Cruz during the meeting.



August 19, 2024

BUFFEX Project Meeting

In preparation for the Bulacan Food Fair and Exposition 2024 (BUFFEX 2024), BCCI President Ms. Corina Tengco-Bautista led a meeting last August 19, 2024, at the BCCI-NC Training Room, Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, Provincial Capitol Compound, Guinhawa, City of Malolos, Bulacan. The meeting aimed to ensure the smooth implementation of the flagship project and address minor issues and concerns. The meeting was attended by Treasurer Engr. Che Estinopo, VP for Chamber Services and Local Programs Ms. Lilibeth Alcaraz, VP for Advocacy Dr. Jehan Echavez, Chairperson for Innovation Mr. Aries Cruz, Consultant Ms. Mara Bautista, Ms. Aya Puno, representative from the Events Coordination Team, and the BCCI Secretariat.

August 20, 2024

DOLE Public Consultation on the Minimum Wage Review Process

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) conducted a public consultation on the minimum wage process on August 20, 2024, at the CDC Training Hall, Health and Sanitation Department, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga. The consultation served as a crucial platform for gathering diverse perspectives on minimum wage adjustments, ensuring that policy decisions reflect the needs of both workers and employers. BCCI Treasurer Engr. Maria Cecilia Estinopo attended the meeting to represent the BCCI.



August 29, 2024

MCCI Chamber Management Workshop

The Malolos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), an affiliate member of BCCI, conducted a Chamber Management Workshop on August 29, 2024 at Taverna by Bahay na Tisa in the City of Malolos. This activity aims to gain a deeper understanding of the obligations and functions of a chamber. As the mother chamber, the BCCI was requested to provide competent resource speakers on the said workshop. Ms. Lilibeth M. Alcaraz, Vice President for Chamber Services and Local Programs discussed the topic about Membership Development. Ms. Mara Bautista, BCCI Consultant discussed the topics about Good Governance and Chamber Operations. MCCI was established with the help and guidance of the Bulacan CCI, this is one of BCCI's goals to bring the chamber movement, spirit, and services closer to the municipalities and cities of Bulacan by establishing Local Business Councils in select city and municipality in the province.



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