

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Issue 7)

My Dear Friends,

In our June 15 GMM at the Mayuree Ballroom of the Dusit Thani Manila, our relevant topic was the “Road to the Internet Highway: Addressing the Country’s Connectivity Challenges” with our speakers Ms. Ma. Yolanda C. Crisanto, SVP, Corporate Communications, Globe Telecom, Inc. and Mr. Ramon R. Isberto, Head of Public Affairs, PLDT/Smart Communications. We had a total of 158 members attend this GMM. Right after our GMM, we had our seminar by Microsoft on the “Anatomy of the Hack” which was a full house with 52 attendees.



As part of our partnership with The Manila Times, we provided resource panellist to their 4th Business Forum on “Philippine Banking: Does Size Matter?” which was held on June 22 at the Manila Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel Manila. Aside from myself, we had Past President Billy Cortez and Director Flor Tarriela who were also tapped as Reactors in the Forum.

The much awaited FINEX – MAP Sorsogon Eco-Tour pushed through as scheduled on June 24 to 26 with a total of 17 tourists. It was truly a wonderful experience, full of visual wonders and gastronomic delights. I am sharing with you some of our lovely photos from this unforgettable trip. Watch out for the next Eco-Tour which is planned to be in Iloilo. This Eco-Tour is made possible by the initiative of ABS-CBN Foundation’s Ms. Gina Lopez, who happens to be one of our Speakers today.

It is indeed fortunate that we have two Cabinet Secretaries from the Duterte Administration to be our speakers for this afternoon, the Honorable Benjamin E. Diokno of the DBM and the Honorable Regina Paz L. Lopez of the DENR. In addition, we also have Dr. Roberto F. De Ocampo, OBE as our special guest of honor to receive a Plaque of Appreciation for his generous sponsorship of our office which is named the “FINEX Roberto F. De Ocampo Center for Financial Excellence”. This afternoon certainly promises to be an interesting one for all of us.

We do have a number of activities and events lined up in the coming months so please watch out for them and I do hope you can attend them. As we are starting the second half of my term, I would like to say thank you to all of our hard working directors, committee chairs and members and of course our staff for their tireless endeavour in service to FINEX.

Thank you and God bless you all.

George S. Chua

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At the June 15 GMM with EVP Ned Goseco, Guest Speaker Ramon Isberto, President George Chua, Guest Speaker Yoly Crisanto and Director Grace Tiongco.



Giving the opening remarks to the Microsoft Seminar on the "Anatomy of the Hack".

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The Manila Times 4th Business Forum Philippine Banking: Does Size Matter?

How to Survive the Tide of Competition, Cyber Threats and Money Laundering

June 22, 2016 | 8 am - 6 pm | Manila Ballrooms B & C, Marriott Hotel Manila

As we approach a new regime of government starting next month, an opportunity has come for The Manila Times to gather once again the best of minds to discuss a matter of great importance to the business sector. The 4th Business Forum will tackle the issue of why a developing economy like the Philippines needs to strengthen its banking system as it opens up to foreign competition and exposes itself to the risks brought about by a borderless cyber world. Does size matter in the

battle for market share and survive the competition in the Integrated ASEAN Community? Does size matter when it comes to protecting itself from cyber attacks on online banking and against money laundering, which has already hit a major local commercial bank, sending shock waves throughout the local banking industry? Is it time for the government and legislators to revise the country's Bank Secrecy Law? How then do we secure the accounts of private depositors?



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At the Manila Times Forum with Manila Times COO and FINEX Member Blanca Mercado



At the Manila Times Forum with Manila Times President and CEO Klink Ang and Finex Member Rey Lugtu



At the Manila Times Forum with Keynote Speaker and IBM Philippines President and Country General Manager Luisito Pineda.



Upon arrival of the FINEX MAP Eco Tour group in Legaspi.



FINEX MAP Eco Tour participants at the beach in Matnog.



At the Cagsawa Ruins as part of the Eco-Tour.