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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Michael Arcatomy H. Guarin



Good afternoon and welcome to our 9th regular General Membership Meeting for the year.

Welcome to our officers, members, and guests who are with us in person and on zoom. I would also like to acknowledge the presence of the participants to the just-concluded Senior Leadership in Finance Program led by P&A Grant Thornton and the FINEX Academy. I hope all of you are having a nice day and an even better week.

Our topic for today is “Collaboration Tools and the Future of Work” – very appropriate and timely for us all.

Allow me to share some thoughts sourced from KPMG International which I think is equally relevant for us here in the country.

Finding new ways of working has become commonplace as it seems unlikely that we will see a complete ‘return to the office’. Hybrid-and more digital - models of working will predominate, meaning that we will have to step up our technological enablement.

We as business leaders will need to rethink how, when and where we operate. Our customers and stakeholders expect more digital and seamless interactions – and at the same time, the pandemic experience has led to changed employee expectations about flexible working patterns, connectivity and communications. I’d like to think that majority of us here can relate.

Attitudes to working in the office have been altered for several years to come; future offices are being re-designed to incorporate new health and wellbeing features.

At the same time, along with many others in the market place, we are re-evaluating our leased office space; working from home will become a permanent feature for at least some of the week for most staff, with hybrid working arrangements already becoming common

Watch the complete President's Message [here](#) (at 8:35).



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Emily oversees majors accounts across ASEAN, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan for Zoom, driving the growth of the major customer segment in these territories. She is responsible for leading her teams in establishing strong relationships with existing partners and customers in the region, as well as empowering new customers as they seek to innovate for the digital economy ahead.

An industry expert with over 20 years of experience in the technology sector, Emily brings to Zoom a proven track record in growing and managing emerging and turnaround businesses, cultivating high-performing and cross-cultural teams, as well as establishing long-term connections with C-level executives.

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At DocuSign, they help modernize the systems of agreement and allows organizations to do business faster with less risk, lower costs, and better experiences for customers, partners, and employees.

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[STARTING AT <50:00>.](#)

MEMBER IN FOCUS

Get up close and personal with our FINEX members.

Rey Abilo



Rey celebrating a career milestone with former Pilipinas Shell CEO Cesar Romero

Rey is an Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Risk Officer, Vice President-Finance & Treasurer of Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC), a leading publicly listed energy company in the Phils. He is the Chairman of Shell companies in the Philippines Multi-employer Retirement Plan and a director on the boards of other Shell-affiliated companies - Shell Energy Phils., Inc.

Bonifacio Gas Corporation, and Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc.

Rey has worked in Shell for more than 13 years, covering local, regional and global roles in audit, accounting, project economics, strategy, business performance appraisal, risk management, treasury and commercial decision support. He joined Shell in 2009 as the Retail Economics Manager in the Philippines, distinguishing himself by winning the 2012 Global CFO award for site profitability analysis and 2013 Global Downstream Director Award for Dealer Operated platform strategy.

An SM scholar during college, Rey graduated cum laude from the University of the Philippines (Diliman) with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Accountancy. He placed 11th in the October 2004 CPA Board exams.

Rey spends his personal time travelling, sharing exquisite food with family and friends, and strumming his acoustic guitar. He is a history buff, anime enthusiast, and is very competitive in quiz nights.

- What have you learned during the pandemic? **It's not a new learning but it highlighted the importance of spending more time for health and family.**
- What motivates you the most? **Earning respect and creating a positive difference in another person's life.**
- What is the best advice you ever received? **Be the change that you want to see in the world**
- What do you wish you learned sooner? **Sports (golf and tennis) - I'm not a sporty guy but I play badminton occasionally**
- What is your go to WFH attire? **Shorts and polo shirt**
- Fave thing about WFH? **Can shift from one meeting to another seamlessly**
- What is the funniest thing you ever witnessed during a Zoom/Virtual meeting? **Somebody forgot to mute his headset and we all heard him talking on his phone disputing his credit card bill.**
- What place would like to visit given travel restrictions are easing up? **Western Europe, Japan**
- What is your greatest strength? **Calmness**



Hongkong trip with parents

- Who is your role model? Why? **My parents - they thought me selfless love, value of hard work, integrity, and honor**
- Who would you want to meet in real life? **Pope Francis**
- Shoes or bags? (you can choose another indulgence if you wish) **Watches**

- What gets you out of bed? **My alarm ☺**
- What keeps you awake at night? **Safety of family, friends, and people I work with**
- If you had a full day off, what will you do? **Wake up late, enjoy a good lunch with family, hangout and drink with friends**
- What occupies your day? **Creating value and engaging teams**
- What's the last book you read? **GRIT by Angela Duckworth**
- What's the last movie or series you watched? **The King's Man, Extraordinary Attorney Woo**
- If you were not doing your current job, what would you be doing? **Managing my own startup business**
- What is your favorite age so far? **16, the year I graduated high school and entered college**
- What movie or book do you enjoy quoting the most? **The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery**
- What never fails to make you laugh? **3 Idiots Movie**
- What is your guilty pleasure? **Chocolates**
- What is your go-to karaoke song? **Next in line**



Site of the Future visit with Pilipinas Shell Finance team

- What is not a big deal to other people but is a torture to you? **Seeing grammatical errors, typos, wrong punctuations, jarring font type, size and color ☺**
- Work or play? **Play after work**
- 80s or 90s? **80s**
- Top Gun or Maverick? **Top Gun**
- Gal Gadot, Margot Robbie, or Rachel McAdams? (you may choose another actress☺) **Gal Gadot**
- Brains or Beauty? **Brains**
- Coffee or tea? **Coffee in the morning, tea in the afternoon**
- Money or happiness? **Happiness**
- Morning or evening? **Morning**
- What's 1 food you can eat for the rest of your life? **Burgers**
- Pizza or Burger? **Definitely burgers**
- Sinigang or Bulalo? **Sinigang**
- Learn by watching or learn by doing? **Learn by doing**
- What's your poison? **Pale lager**



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