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*"As finance executives, I believe we have unique opportunities and capabilities to strengthen fiscal governance. Our role is not merely to project numbers but to safeguard the dignity of every Filipino by ensuring our national resources are used wisely and equitably."*

-Mr. Del Rosario in his keynote speech during the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX) inaugural meeting. Read his full speech [HERE](#).

**Mr. Ramon R. del Rosario, Jr.** is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PHINMA Corporation which has investments in education, construction materials, property development, and hotels. He also was the Keynote Speaker and Inducting Officer during the 2025 Induction Ceremonies of the FINEX Institute, FINEX Foundation and FINEX Academy Board of Directors and Trustees. Committee Officers and new members were also sworn into office.

Check out Mr. Del Rosario's full profile [HERE](#).



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# VALEDICTORY MESSAGE

by Augusto D. Bengzon, Outgoing FINEX President

On January 24, 2024 the FINEX Board and I were formally inducted into office. That moment marked the beginning of an exciting journey filled with opportunities, challenges, and a shared commitment to advancing the mission of FINEX.

Last year, with our theme of Transformational Growth through Sustainability, Diversity and Digitalization, we reached out to our members to gather insights on the focus areas that they would like our organization to prioritize. The responses highlighted three main areas, consistent with the Finex DNA: Development (both on the professional and personal fronts), Networking within our membership and greater community at large, and Advocacy on national issues, with a focus on finance and taxation as well as capital markets development.

Our activities were weighted towards the topics of sustainability, diversity, and digitalization. And we hope that FINEX was able to support our members' own transformational growth journey. Today, on behalf of the 2024 Board of Directors, our Committees and Subcommittees, along with our chairpersons and vice-chairs, I am honored to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Council of Past Presidents for their invaluable guidance and wise counsel during our meeting on January 31, 2024.

During that session, I had the opportunity to share the highlights of our plans and programs for the year ahead. I truly appreciate the insightful observations and suggestions from the Council, which were instrumental in refining and enhancing our initiatives and activities during the year. The activities, projects, and advocacies of FINEX would not be possible without the financial



support of our sponsors. On behalf of FINEX, I would like to sincerely thank them for sharing their resources which allowed us to pursue our development programs and advocacies.

Moreover, based on the recommendation of our Long-Term Planning Committee, your Board of Directors approved the rationalization and consolidation of Committees and the re-organization and re-engineering of the FINEX Secretariat to improve the organization's operations and delivery of its programs.

All of these projects and activities will not be possible without the support and active participation of the Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members. Likewise, I would like to thank our dynamic, collaborative and supportive Board of Directors for their dedication in ensuring that FINEX remains the preeminent and relevant organization for finance executives in the country.

Read the full text of his message [HERE](#).

# ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

by Edmund Alan A. Qua Hiansen, 2025 FINEX President



We accept the challenge to be catalysts for positive change by going beyond the numbers to serve as guardians of our nation's future in the national discourse and to lead our companies in fostering positive change for society. Too often, especially during times of financial crisis, our profession is depicted as the villains, with stories of corporate greed emphasized. I, for one, would like to see more narratives highlighting the good that finance professionals accomplish in generating value for our shareholders and society. Lately, it seems that every year, we predict that the coming year will be better, that we will see more equitable growth, lower interest rates, less volatile foreign exchange, and yes, increased corporate earnings, only to discover that challenges continue to persist. In the context of geopolitical conflicts, political turmoil, and rampant poverty, what is the role of FINEX and our members as business leaders. Your Board has chosen the theme "Shaping our Future: Leadership and Innovation in Philippine Business." This emphasizes the collaborative nature of our goals, extending beyond individuals or institutions to a shared future. Amid volatile and changing times, we will focus on the fundamentals, our capacity to lead organizations, and a continuous drive for innovation. We aim to build on last year's theme of Achieving Transformational Growth through Sustainability, Diversity, and Digitalization. For me,

this is one of the values of FINEX: cultivating financial executives who will elevate our businesses by capitalizing on the opportunities presented by emerging technologies.

FINEX Plans for 2025.

Your Board of Directors recently engaged in strategic planning for 2025, and we have many exciting initiatives lined up. We will provide the event calendars as soon as possible to encourage attendance. We plan to find speakers for our General Membership Meetings and Professional Development Committee forums who will offer unique insights on topics relevant to financial executives. We will also celebrate Women's Month in March. Our Membership Committee has planned a full calendar of monthly fellowship opportunities ranging from arts and culture to sports, including the return of FINEX Family Day. Our Advocacy Committee will adopt a more proactive stance on national issues, particularly those related to finance professionals and the development of the capital market. Our Partnerships Committee will strengthen and institutionalize our affiliate partnership with FINEX Cebu while working with our local and international partners. I pledge to give FINEX my very best, and I invite you-my friends, colleagues, and fellow FINEX members-to join the Board in shaping our future.

Thank you for attending our first General Membership Meeting of the year and supporting our plans. I look forward to seeing everyone at more of our events this year.

Read the full text of his message [HERE](#).

# FINEX INDUCTION PHOTOS



Check out more event photos of the induction ceremony [HERE](#).