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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last 30 days, and certainly the last 90 days, have reminded us how quickly the operating environment can shift massively. Growth has slowed. Inflation has accelerated. Prices of basic goods and household essentials continue to move higher.

At the same time, unresolved investigations, continuing corruption issues, and recent turmoil in the Senate remind us that **confidence rests not only on economic performance, but on institutional credibility, public accountability, and trust in the system.**

Markets do not move on numbers alone. They move on **trust**. **When institutions are questioned, investors, businesses, and the public take notice, reassess their confidence, and adjust their decisions.**

Today, as we listen to Prof. Ocampo, let us look at history not as a distant record, but as a **source of perspective for the decisions before us.**

To lead with discipline, act with integrity, and help strengthen confidence where we have the responsibility to do so.

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

Carlo Enrico B. Lazatin
PRESIDENT



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Beyond academia, Ocampo has held significant leadership roles in Philippine cultural and historical institutions.

He served as Chairman of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines from 2002 to 2011 and,

Chaired the National Commission for Culture and the Arts from 2005 to 2007, contributing substantially to heritage preservation and public history initiatives.

As an author, Ocampo has written more than 35 books, including the award-winning *Rizal Without the Overcoat*, which received the National Book Award.

Ocampo's work emphasizes the importance of primary sources and connecting history to contemporary life, encouraging empathy, curiosity, and critical thinking among students and readers alike.

Prof. Ambeth Ocampo
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Read about his full Profile [HERE](#).

FINANCIAL NEWS

Real estate opportunity?

By Dr. George Chua

Reports indicate a condominium glut of 74,000 to 75,300 unsold units, an inventory that could take 5.8 to 8.2 years for the market to absorb.

The problem of financing gov't receivables

By Benel Laguna

The Philippines has made infrastructure the centerpiece of its development strategy. Since the launch of the Build, Build, Build program and its continuation under the Build Better More initiative, public infrastructure spending has climbed to roughly five to six percent of GDP—among the highest levels in the country's history.

Complex realities of the digital economy

By Gay Santos

The Philippines is emerging as one of the fastest-growing digital economies in Southeast Asia, with a 20-percent increase in digital gross merchandise value of \$31 billion. The pandemic accelerated the adoption of e-commerce, digital payments, mobile connectivity and financial technology (fintech) services, fueled by a young and tech-savvy population.

Profit is good, but is cash better?

By Wilma Miranda

In many sari-sari stores, a familiar sign reads: "Your credit is good, but we need cash." While it may sound humorous, this statement reflects a practical truth in the business world—whether for a small enterprise or a large conglomerate: cash flow determines a business's survival. Profit may look impressive on paper, but cash flow dictates whether a company can survive long enough to sustain its operations.



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Economic Crossroads:*
Charting the Philippines' Financial Future

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Wednesday

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

UNDERSTAND

Unpack the real drivers behind the Philippines' energy and economic pressures today.

NAVIGATE

Gain strategic perspectives to lead with confidence through economic uncertainty.

SHAPE

Discover opportunities hidden within the crisis — and help chart our nation's course.

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