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The Path Ahead

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

More than ever, we recognize that investment does not flow simply because it is needed. Capital moves toward markets that inspire confidence through credibility, stability, clear competitive advantage, and the demonstrated ability to execute.

Our neighbors compete through different strengths: manufacturing depth, logistics efficiency, technology, infrastructure, and policy consistency.

The Philippines has its own advantages: a young and capable population, a large domestic market, a globally competitive services sector, strong consumer demand, an entrepreneurial private sector, and strategic access to Asia.

But potential alone does not produce growth. Growth needs credible institutions, consistent policies, stronger infrastructure, deeper capital markets, and disciplined execution.

Confidence is not created through optimism alone. It is built through credible institutions, predictable rules, responsible capital, constructive dialogue, integrity, innovation, and measurable execution.

Read the full message of his speech HERE.

Carlo Enrico B. Lazatin
PRESIDENT

GUEST SPEAKER

H.E. JING QUAN

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of the Philippines

Further improvement in bilateral relations requires both sides and all sectors to work toward the same goal with concerted efforts.

Bilateral relations now enjoy fresh opportunities for further improvement. People-to-people exchanges between the two countries are steadily rebounding.

From January to May this year, the number of Chinese visitors to the Philippines increased by 63 percent.

The two sides resumed and held four rounds of political consultations. Maritime differences have remained generally under control. Bilateral trade has grown by 20 percent.

Read about his full Profile ***HERE***.

PANELIST

Yexin Zhu

Executive Member and Head of the Research Department
CITC Securities

Read more about his full Profile ***HERE***.

Mr. ZHU joined the Company in 2008 and previously served as Investment Banking Committee ("IBC") Member, Party Committee Member of Investment Bank and Head of the Strategy and Planning Department of the Company

Mr. ZHU also serves as Director of CSI, CLSA B.V. and CLSA Limited; Strategic Development Committee Member of Sixth Session of Council of SSE; First Session of International Market and Opening-up Professional Committee Member of China Capital Market Society.

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[The illusion of progress](#)
By Santi Dumlao

The World Bank recently classified the Philippines as an "Upper Middle-Income Country" (UMIC). Upper middle means a country records a gross national income (GNI) per capita of $4,636 to $14,375. The Philippines posted a GNI per capita of $4,850, just above the qualification line.

How Philippines SMEs can compete globally (Part 1)
By Benel Lagua

Imagine a Filipino entrepreneur who has spent years perfecting a line of processed food products. Sales are brisk and inquiries begin arriving from buyers in Japan and Europe. It appears to be the breakthrough every entrepreneur dreams of.

An upper–middle–income nation—but how?
By Wilma Miranda

Growing up, I always considered our family to belong to the working class: we were neither poor nor wealthy. For me, rich people were those who owned vast tracts of land or operated large business empires. Like many Filipinos, I never imagined that one day I would hear the Philippines being described as an upper-middle-income country.

The role of capital markets in the economy
By EJ Qua Hiansen

When people hear the term "capital markets," they often picture the stock exchange. However, it means more than just securities traders. Every new factory, school, hospital, renewable energy project, housing development, or tech startup starts with a key necessity: securing long-term capital. Capital markets play a vital role in the economy by converting savings into productive investments.

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