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"BE SEEN & BE HEARD"

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

By Govind Daswani,
VP for Learning & Strategies

With every new FICCI board comes new ideas that seek to deliver maximum value to the Filipino-Indian community. One of these ideas was to introduce a first-of-its-kind directorial position that revolves around the resounding belief in lifelong learning.

Fueled by the early challenges brought about by the pandemic, the FICCI made the most of lengthy lockdowns by creatively delivering value to Filipino-Indian businesses in the form of regular online learning sessions with the best of the best in various fields.

With the core objective of delivering topics and subjects that speak to current needs, the chamber focused its webinars on two key categories: (1) Evolving business



and investment strategies to respond to the new normal, and (2) Optimized operational and employee safety as we slowly return to work.

Our speaker series has included leading professors from the Asian Institute of Management, executive teams from esteemed companies such as SGV and Marsh, the most sought after voices in e-commerce such as Lazada and Navco, hedge fund wunderkinds from Carillon Partners and The Enora Group, market leading real estate consultants from the Leechiu Group, and various world-class doctors and wellness experts to help address our transition back to normalcy.

In the future, our membership can look forward to more engaging and diverse topics such as strategic succession planning, company culture design, how to win at recruitment, and more!

It has to be said that none of the above would be possible without the sheer enthusiasm of our membership, which inspires us to do whatever it takes to serve you best.

FICCI BUILDS UP FOR NOV.27 CELEBRATION

By LITO CINCO:



The local Filipino-Indian community is eagerly looking forward to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce inc. (FICCI), a big milestone in the history of the federation.

And if the build up for the month long celebration will be the indication, the members can indeed expect a big and meaningful platinum celebration that will be highlighted by a virtual recognition of and awarding of handcrafted specially designed trophies to individuals and groups, members and non members alike, who have given invaluable support to FICCI 's many projects, particularly during this pandemic. This will take place on November 27.

Members can also expect a big performance from one of the country's top musical artists, Gary Valenciano, guaranteed to bring back musical memories.



The celebrations for this milestone event began with several build up events. First was the inspiring session with FICCI's very own Global Ambassador of Goodwill Mr. Ishwar Chugani. This month, it was it started with the lighting of the Diya of Hope at the SM Mall of Asia last November 2, held in cooperation with FICCI long time partner SM Group, represented by Hans Sy Jr., this was to commemorate the Diwali, the biggest holiday for Indians all over the world. It was also attended by His Excellency, Amb. Shambhu Kumaran, Indian ambassador to the Philippines, FICCI President Mike Advani, and other FICCI officials.

An innovative but very inspiring way of celebration, this event aims to spread awareness about Light over Darkness, Good over Evil, and Hope over Despair, at the same time, a sign of the collective hope that this coming year will be a much better year.

For the second event, it was another low key but very symbolical one, the inauguration of FICCI's tree planting of the Philippines - India Evergreen Friendship Tree at the Miriam College grounds in Quezon City last November 15.

In his opening remarks, Mike Advani, he said" this is a very fitting symbol to make this world a better place and giving back to Mother Earth , it is all about relationships and I would like to thank Miriam University and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for their support."

Amb. Kumaran on his part, cited the long trading relationships between India and the Philippines in the distant past, " each small step we take like this tree planting brings the two countries closer together, " he said.

More importantly, he described the event as a sure sign that companies are more sensitive to the environment and are doing something about it.

DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu's message was read for him by

Usec. Atty.Juan Miguel Cuna, among others, Sec. Cimatu said the tree planting activity clearly shows a growing concern for the environment," the protection of the environment is a shared responsibility and we are happy to note that FICCI share the same initiatives with the government."

This was followed by the actual tree planting near the bust of Mahatma Gandhi, " but we will plant maybe 70 more trees at the Miriam University campus in Nuvali soon, " added the FICCI President.

The move was welcomed by Dr. Angelina Galang , former Executive Director of the Environmental Science Institute of Miriam University, representing the school.

The event concluded with the reading of a message from siblings Vedant and Anamika Budhrani who were UNESCO awardees for environmental sustainability, with the mother Saira, representing the two kids.

"These kinds of events are really meaningful and FICCI takes pride in initiating theM," concluded Mike Advani.

As if the two events were not enough, FICCI just finished another program, Sharing the Gift of Sight, in thee targeted areas across the Philippines, Marikina, Davao del Norte, and Olongapo.

LOOKING BACK

- The celebration for the 70th anniversary started with a kick-off webinar from FICCI's Foreign Ambassador of Goodwill, Mr. Ishwar Chugani. on the topic *Mindset of an Entrepreneur*. which was well-attended by the members.

LOOKING FORWARD

Goodbye!
2021 being an Election Year, payment of Annual Membership Dues should be made before the election date (tentatively scheduled for January 18, 2022). If a member wishes to associate, renew or accept a nomination or candidate for election, payment of the dues for 2022 shall be a requisite for the exercise of this right.

In this regard, we wish to remind All Members to please settle your Membership Dues for the Year 2022. Statements of Account shall be sent to you shortly.

To be qualified to vote at the election meeting or a duty to be finalized by the COMELEC, payment must be received before election date.

Type of Membership	Membership Dues Excluding Physical Meetings*
Corporate/ Individual or Affiliate	Php 25,000.00
Associate/ Patronized	Php 7,500.00

*One thousand (1,000) Philippine pesos in payment of physical meetings, as defined under the Memorandum Order (MO) Division Office Manila regarding election process.

Kindly directly deposit your payment to any Memberbank Branch using the following data for:

Account Name: Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil) Inc. or FICCI
Account No.: 006-100000027
Branch: Manila

Upon deposit of your payment, please send us a copy of the deposit slip to membership@ficci.org.ph or membership@ficci.org.ph and please indicate the following details so we may confirm the same and issue the corresponding receipt, to wit:

- Company Name
- Date of Deposit
- Currency Deposited

We would like to encourage members to also submit the attached form items to the Chamber Secretariat.

Thank you and please be enabled accountants!

KICK OFF EVENTS

Lighting a #Diya of Hope, Planting the Philippine-India Friendship Tree & Sharing the Gift of Sight

In preparation for the major milestone event of the FICCI, there were several kick off events highlighting Diwali as well as in continuance of the aims to strengthen the bilateral relations of the two countries as well as towards achieving inclusive growth. Below is a collage of the activities done in the month of November in commemorating the chamber's 70 years.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS:

- 2 - Ramesh Mirchandani - Ramesh Trading Corp.
- 2 - Rahul Daryani - Panvin
- 2 - Dayal Sajnani - Provincial Member
- 7 - Sunder Khemani - Sugni Group
- 8 - Sunder Hemandas - Games and Garments
- 8 - Shieyl Aranas - MMC
- 9- Vishnu Hathiramani - Past President
- 9 - Estrella O. Bansil - Wetli
- 10 - Gaurav Mishra - Sunlife
- Kishore Lakhwani - George Eyewear
- 13 - Alex Nandwani - Individual Member
- 19 - Prabhat Agrawal - SCV textile
- 21 - Atul Dushyant Lall - VFS Services
- Hiro Asandas - New Creation
- 25 - Ramesh Mirpuri - Colerosh inc.
- Lavesh Chulani - Crismer
- 26 - Minoo Jamaji - Emoji
- Michael Maranan - Windfreight

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