



FICCI QUARTERLY INSIGHTS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear FICCI Members,

With the release of the inaugural edition of the FICCI Quarterly Insights Newsletter 2026, I am honored to share my first message as President. I assume this role with deep gratitude and a strong sense of responsibility, building on the strong foundation laid by the leaders before me. As we begin this term, our focus remains clear: to strengthen partnerships, deepen member engagement, and create meaningful opportunities that advance both the Chamber and the wider business community.

This commitment was reflected in our recent forum, "Opportunity in Uncertainty: What's Next? Local Insights and Global Outlook 2026," held in collaboration with PhillipCapital. The session convened distinguished speakers and industry leaders to examine the evolving global investment landscape, offering members valuable perspectives on **macroeconomic trends, portfolio strategies, and emerging market opportunities**. Through initiatives such as these, FICCI continues to equip its members with timely and relevant insights that support informed decision-making and long-term resilience.

FICCI also remained actively engaged in addressing key industry and economic concerns through strategic dialogue and collaboration. Our engagement with **International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI)**, including exclusive access to the **MICT Port**, provided members with firsthand insights into the country's logistics and port operations ecosystem, underscoring the critical role of **efficiency, innovation, and infrastructure** in enabling **trade and growth**. In parallel, FICCI participated in a multi-stakeholder dialogue with government agencies and industry partners to address **port congestion, empty container management, and supply chain bottlenecks**—reaffirming our commitment to constructive, solutions-driven engagement.

Beyond industry and policy initiatives, FICCI continued to advance leadership development and inclusivity across the community. The launch of the Women in Leadership (WIL), led by Ms. Kamla Jeswani, marks a key milestone in strengthening professional growth and empowerment. In parallel, FICCI Next Gen continues to cultivate future leaders through programs focused on executive presence, confidence, and leadership capability.

FICCI further reinforced its commitment to governance and regulatory awareness through the session "Keeping it Fair: BIR's New Systems for Tax Audit," which brought together public- and private-sector stakeholders to discuss transparency, modernization, and evolving tax systems. The initiative reflects our continued effort to keep members informed and adaptive in a rapidly changing regulatory environment.

At the same time, FICCI continues to strengthen external partnerships and cross-sector collaboration. Our engagement with organizations such as JCI Philippines, along with initiatives that deepen connectivity between India and the Philippines, reflects this direction. In this regard, FICCI's Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Community of Davao, represented by Mr. Kishore Jethmal, marks an important step in expanding our presence in Mindanao and strengthening engagement with the Indian-Filipino business community.



The partnership reinforces our broader vision of fostering business linkages, MSME support, knowledge sharing, and cultural cooperation across key regions in the Philippines. Our collaboration with Gen4Juan further underscores our shared commitment to corporate social responsibility and community development.

These collective efforts are reflected in the continued growth of the FICCI community, with more organizations and professionals joining the Chamber. This momentum underscores the trust placed in FICCI and strengthens our ability to serve as a platform for meaningful engagement, collaboration, and opportunity creation.

As we move forward, I remain optimistic about what we can accomplish together. With the continued support of our Board, Team of 32, FICCI Secretariat, members, and partners, FICCI will further strengthen its role in advancing meaningful dialogue, collaboration, and sustainable growth within the business community.

We remain,
For the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc.

VISHAL VISHNU HATHIRAMANI
President

UPCOMING EVENTS



Here is a detailed look at our upcoming schedule. We invite you to join us for learning, networking, and fun!

**AI AT WORK:
THE NEW
PRODUCTIVITY ECOSYSTEM**

Understanding trends of AI usage for research, analysis, and decision-making, and how to leverage it.

ALI GOOSHWANI
Chief Executive Officer
AI & ML Solutions

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AI AT WORK

The New Productivity Ecosystem

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the modern workplace by enhancing productivity, collaboration, and decision-making. This session provides a practical overview of today's AI ecosystem and how businesses and professionals can leverage AI-powered tools to streamline operations, improve efficiency, and drive innovation in an increasingly digital world.

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POWERING PROFIT IN A VOLATILE WORLD

Rising energy costs and global volatility are making energy a key driver of business resilience and competitiveness. This forum gathers leaders and experts to share practical strategies for managing costs, improving efficiency, and strengthening energy security. Through keynote insights, solutions showcases, and an executive panel, participants will gain actionable approaches and engage in high-level dialogue on navigating the evolving energy landscape.

**Powering Profit in a Volatile World:
Energy Strategies Amid
Global Disruption**

A Forum on Energy Resilience & Cost Optimization

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CROSS-CHAMBER FUTURE LEADERS MIXER

Anchored on the theme "Uniting Emerging Leaders, Innovators, and Future Decision-Makers," this Cross-Chamber Future Leaders Mixer gathers young professionals, entrepreneurs, and rising leaders from FICCI NextGen, JCI Manila, MAP NextGen, and ASEAN-BAC Youth.

CROSS-CHAMBER FUTURE LEADERS MIXER

UNITING EMERGING LEADERS, INNOVATORS, AND FUTURE DECISION-MAKERS

2024: THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2024 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | 100% FREE

2025: TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | 100% FREE

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CROSS-CHAMBER FUTURE LEADERS MIXER

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce Philippines Inc. (FICCI) is partnering with leading international and regional trade fairs, MAFBEX 2026, AFEX and FIM Asia 2026, IHGF Delhi Fair 2026, and ASEAN Expo Saudi Arabia 2026, to provide members with high-impact platforms for business expansion and global market access.

**FICCI TRADE FAIRS
2026**

AFEX, ASEAN EXPO, MAFBEX

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EVENT REWIND: GET THE FULL STORY



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OPPORTUNITY IN UNCERTAINTY

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc., in partnership with PhilipCapital, held an insightful session on global markets, macroeconomic trends, and investment strategies on May 6, 2026, at Dusit Thani Manila, bringing together participants for discussions and networking on navigating today's investment climate.

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GATEWAY TO TRADE

FICCI Philippines, in collaboration with the International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI), held an exclusive session on the Philippines' port operations and logistics landscape on April 20, 2026, at the ICTSI Administration Building, MICT Port.



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WIL EVENT: FROM PRESSURE TO FLOW

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. Women in Leadership initiative, led by Ms. Kamla Jeswani, launched its first event on time, energy, and alignment, hosted by Ms. Seema Menghani, and highlighted by a Digital Candle Lighting ceremony led by President Mr. Vishal Hathiramani.

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BIR'S NEW SYSTEMS FOR TAX AUDITS

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. officially launched the new Board's first event, "Keeping it Fair: BIR's New Systems for Tax Audit," on March 24, 2026, at Dusit Thani Manila. The evening brought together key public and private-sector leaders to discuss the future of modernized tax audits in the Philippines.



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FICCI NEW MEMBERS MARCH 2026 - MAY 2026



REFER-A-MEMBER

Refer a Member. Strengthen the FICCI Community.

The strength of FICCI lies in its people. Through the FICCI Refer-a-Member Program, members are invited to help grow our network by recommending accomplished business leaders and entrepreneurs, regardless of nationality, who share our values of collaboration, integrity, and business excellence.

FICCI is a trusted business community that believes in meaningful connections and mutual support. By referring a potential member, you help cultivate a chamber where credible partnerships, cross-industry collaboration, and long-term growth can flourish.

Why Refer?

- Build a stronger, more inclusive business ecosystem
- Welcome leaders and organizations that value collaboration, ethical business practices, and community growth.

- Create more opportunities for members
- A diverse yet carefully curated membership expands access to partnerships, insights, and new markets.
- Uphold the credibility and standards of FICCI
- Member referrals help maintain the quality, professionalism, and reputation of the chamber.
- Support shared success
- Contribute to a business community where members actively support and uplift one another.

How to Participate

Click the [link](#) to download the Refer-a-Member Program Form and review the program guidelines.

All membership applications are subject to review and approval by FICCI.

Your referral helps shape a trusted business community built on collaboration, credibility, and shared success.

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FICCI Signs MOU with the Indian Community of Davao

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Philippines), Inc. (FICCI) formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mr. Kishore Jethmal, Representative of the Indian Community of Davao, strengthening business and community linkages across Mindanao. The partnership aims to enhance business connectivity, MSME support, information sharing, and cultural engagement, while reinforcing FICCI's broader nationwide expansion initiative and commitment to strengthening India-Philippines economic and community relations.



FICCI at the 8th State of the ARTA Awards

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce in the Philippines (FICCI) took part in the 8th State of the ARTA Address, held on 22 May 2026 at the Multi-Purpose Hall, 9th Floor, NFA Building, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City. FICCI was represented by President Vishal Vishnu Hathiramani, who engaged with key stakeholders during the event and joined fellow chamber leaders in attendance, underscoring FICCI's continued participation in initiatives that promote transparent, accountable, and efficient public service under a Bagong Pilipinas.



FICCI Participates in Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on Port Congestion & Empty Container Management

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI), represented by President Mr. Vishal Vishnu Hathiramani, participated in a multi-stakeholder meeting with key government agencies and industry organizations to address pressing issues on port congestion, empty container management, and logistics bottlenecks affecting the Philippine supply chain sector. Discussions centered on proposed inter-agency measures to improve port efficiency, strengthen container management, regulate shipping charges, and enhance transparency through digital monitoring systems, highlighting the shared commitment of both the public and private sectors toward more efficient and sustainable trade and logistics operations in the country.



Video Highlights of FICCI's Opportunity in Uncertainty: What's Next? Local Insights and Global Outlook 2026

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc., in collaboration with PhillipCapital, successfully held the forum "Opportunity in Uncertainty: What's Next? Local Insights and Global Outlook 2026" on 6 May 2026 at Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City, providing members with valuable insights on global market trends, macroeconomic shifts, and investment strategies in today's evolving financial landscape.

Watch the event highlights [here](#).

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FICCI at the Oath-Taking Ceremonies for Newly Naturalized Filipino Citizens

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. participated in the Oath-Taking Ceremonies for Newly Naturalized Filipino Citizens organized by the Office of the Solicitor General at Convergys One Building, Makati City, reflecting FICCI's continued support for inclusivity and stronger community engagement in the Philippines. Representing FICCI were Mrs. Kamla Jeswani, Vice President for Domestic Relations, and Hon. Vishnu Hathiramani, FICCI Past President and member of the OSG Committee, who also joined a courtesy visit with Solicitor General Atty. Darlene Marie Berberabe to discuss the application process for Indian nationals through the FICCI Committee in coordination with the OSG, further strengthening collaboration between the Indian-Filipino community and key government institutions.



FICCI Philippines at the 13th Global Achievers Award

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. participated in the 13th Edition of the Global Achievers Award, organized by Vishwavani Daily in Manila, bringing together global leaders and members of the Indian diaspora. FICCI President Vishal V. Hathiramani delivered a keynote address highlighting the role of the Indian diaspora in driving economic growth, entrepreneurship, and stronger India-Philippines relations. The event was also attended by FICCI members, including Hon. Vishnu Hathiramani, FICCI Past President, underscoring the organization's continued presence and engagement in key international platforms.



FICCI Philippines x ASEAN BAC Philippines MOU Signing

On May 10, 2026, in Boracay, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. and the ASEAN Business Advisory Council Philippines signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen regional economic cooperation and advance India-ASEAN business linkages. The partnership, led by FICCI Philippines President Vishal V. Hathiramani together with FICCI Vice Presidents and ASEAN BAC Philippines Chair Joey Concepcion, underscores a shared commitment to enhancing trade and investment, supporting MSME growth, and fostering greater collaboration across the region.



FICCI Participates in ARTA's B-READY Reforms Forum on Ease of Doing Business Agenda

FICCI participated in the 2026 B-READY Reforms Forum, organized by the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) on May 7, 2026, at the GSIS Financial Center in Pasay City, which brought together government agencies, development partners, and private-sector stakeholders to advance the Philippines' Ease of Doing Business reform agenda. The forum highlighted key progress and ongoing initiatives under the B-READY framework and the PH EODB Reform Guidebook, reinforcing efforts to improve transparency, efficiency, and competitiveness in government processes. FICCI was represented by Ms. Kamla Jeswani, Vice President for Domestic Relations and Chairwoman of the Committee on BI & OSG, reflecting the organization's continued support for reforms that enhance the business environment in the Philippines.

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FICCI Signs MOU with Gen4Juan at Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc., represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani and VP for CSR Nitin Sogi, formalized a partnership with Gen4Juan through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during the Gen4Juan Groundbreaking Ceremony on April 25, 2026, in Magallanes, Cavite. The initiative, which includes the development of the Kajuan Multipurpose Center, aims to support community-based programs for youth, senior citizens, faith groups, and environmental initiatives. The event underscored FICCI's continued commitment to advancing sustainable community development through meaningful partnerships that create long-term social impact.



FICCI Joins Leaders at JCI

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI), represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani, VP for Finance & Treasurer Mike Buxani, VP for Events Krishin Sadhwani, VP for International Relations Capt. Vedant Bhardwaj and VP for CSR Nitin Sogi participated in the Build Philippines GMM: "Beyond Ideas, Uniting Perspectives," organized by JCI Manila on April 21, 2026, at Marco Polo Hotel, Pasig, which brought together leaders and changemakers to discuss key national priorities, including governance, public service integrity, and business growth. FICCI's participation underscores its continued commitment to leadership engagement, collaboration, and sustainable nation-building in the Philippines.



FICCI Joins Congress-ARTA-FDA Stakeholder Forum on Regulatory Reforms

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI), represented by Mr. Mike Buxani, VP for Finance & Chair of the FDA Committee; Mr. Rex Daryanani, Past President; and Mr. Girish Sitaldas, Member of the FDA Committee, participated in the Joint Stakeholders' Forum organized by the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) in partnership with Congress and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on April 20, 2026, at the National Food Authority Building. The forum, "Reimagining FDA Regulatory Processes for Better Health Outcomes," gathered key stakeholders to discuss efforts to improve FDA systems toward greater efficiency, transparency, and ease of doing business. FICCI's participation reflects its continued engagement in policy dialogue supporting a more streamlined and business-friendly regulatory environment in the Philippines.



FICCI and Air India Agree to Collaborate on Expanding Philippines-India Air Connectivity

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc., led by President Vishal V. Hathiramani, met with representatives of Air India on April 15, 2026, to discuss strengthening air connectivity between India and the Philippines and expanding travel and trade linkages between the two markets. FICCI highlighted opportunities to support increased passenger demand, broader market awareness, and improved connectivity beyond Manila through potential partnerships with local carriers to key Philippine destinations. The meeting underscores FICCI's continued commitment to enhancing India-Philippines connectivity and facilitating stronger business and tourism flows.

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FICCI and JCI Philippines Sign Historic MOU to Strengthen Collaboration

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) and JCI Manila formalized a partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on April 13, 2026, at Queens Bollywood, Greenbelt 3, aimed at advancing leadership development, business growth, and community engagement through joint initiatives, mentorship, and business linkages. FICCI was represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani; Honorary Chairman Mahesh P. Mirpuri; Vice President for Finance & Treasurer Mike Buxani; Vice President for Public Relations & Learning Mahesh V. Mirpuri; Vice President for International Relations Capt. Vedant Bhardwaj, Vice President for Events, Krishin Sadhwani, and Vice President for CSR Nitin Sogi. The partnership underscores both organizations' commitment to strengthening collaboration and fostering meaningful India-Philippines business and leadership engagement.



FICCI Pledges Full Support for Chinmaya Philippines' Upcoming Events

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. joined Chinmaya Mission Philippines in a recent gathering of organization leaders aimed at promoting upcoming events this May, highlighted by the anticipated visit of Swami Swaroopananda, Global Head of Chinmaya Mission, returning to the Philippines after four years. Featured events include "Five Steps to Clarity, Strength, & Joy" on May 22-23, 2026 (Friday and Saturday), and "Chant Mahaveer" on May 24, 2026 (Sunday), bringing the community together in reflection, learning, and shared celebration.



FICCI Engages with the Bureau of Immigration

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) met with the Bureau of Immigration Commissioner Atty. Joel Anthony M. Viado on April 7, 2026, to discuss key immigration concerns affecting members and the wider Indian community, including visa processing, student visa facilitation, and smoother entry procedures. FICCI was represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani; VP for Trade & Domestic Affairs Ms. Kamla Jeswani; VP for CSR Mr. Nitin Sogi; VP for Membership Relations Mr. Jeevan Manjani; and Member Mr. Sanju Bhagia, reflecting FICCI's continued engagement with government agencies to address community concerns and strengthen cooperation.



Video Highlights of FICCI's Keeping it Fair: BIR's New Systems for Tax Audit

FICCI hosted its first event under its new Board, "Keeping it Fair: BIR's New Systems for Tax Audit," on March 24, 2026, at Dusit Thani Manila, bringing together members to discuss tax audit modernization in the Philippines with the support of Principal Sponsor Reyes Tacandong & Co. The event featured key insights on the BIR's DARES Agenda and ongoing tax reforms and compliance initiatives, reinforcing dialogue on improving transparency and efficiency in tax administration. FICCI was represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani and members of the Board, underscoring its continued engagement in policy discussions that support a more business-friendly regulatory environment.

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FICCI Joins MCCI Induction and Oath-Taking Ceremony

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. President Mr. Vishal Hathiramani attended the Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industries Philippines (MCCI) Induction and Oath-Taking Ceremony held on March 31, 2026 at the Kedutaan Besar Malaysia, Manila, officiated by Malaysian Ambassador Dato' Abdul Malik Melvin Castelino



FICCI Philippines Strengthens CSR Through Gen4Juan Collaboration

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) is set to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Gen4Juan to support community-focused initiatives aligned with its pillars in youth, elderly, church, and the environment, including eye camps, food programs, and blood donation drives. FICCI will be represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani, VP for CSR Nitin Sogi, and VP for International Relations Capt. Vedant Bhardwaj and CSR Committee Member Hridesh Parwani, reflecting the organization's continued commitment to impactful community engagement and social development initiatives.



FICCI Supports Women Leaders at Go Negosyo Women Summit 2026

FICCI participated in the Go Negosyo Women Summit 2026 held on March 28, 2026 at Ayala Malls Manila Bay, which highlighted the role of women entrepreneurs in driving innovation, leadership, and regional collaboration across ASEAN. FICCI was represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani; Ms. Kamla Jeswani, VP for Trade & Domestic Affairs and Chairwoman of the Committee on Women in Leadership; and Committee Members Ms. Sanaiyah Gurnamal and Ms. Seema Menghani, underscoring FICCI's continued commitment to empowering women leaders and strengthening opportunities for women in business.



FICCI Philippines Conducts Courtesy Call with FDA Director General

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) held a courtesy call with Food and Drug Administration Philippines Director General Atty. Paolo S. Teston on March 23, 2026, to strengthen collaboration between the FDA and the Indian-Filipino business community and discuss areas of regulatory engagement and support. FICCI was represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani; Honorary Chairman Mahesh P. Mirpuri; VP for Finance, Treasurer & FDA Committee Chair Mike Buxani; VP for Trade & Domestic Affairs Ms. Kamla Jeswani; and VP for CSR Mr. Nitin Sogi, reflecting FICCI's continued commitment to proactive engagement with government agencies in support of a compliant and business-friendly environment.

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FICCI Philippines Leadership Joins 5th CICAC General Assembly to Advance Customs Modernization

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) participated in the 5th CICAC General Assembly on March 19, 2026, supporting the Bureau of Customs' modernization efforts, including updates on the Electronic Customs Processing (eCP) System and initiatives to improve port efficiency and cargo clearance. FICCI was represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani; Honorary Chairman Mahesh P. Mirpuri; VP for Finance & Treasurer Mike Buxani; VP for Events Krishin Sadhwani; VP for International Relations Capt. Vedant Bhardwaj, VP for Public Relations & Learning, Mahesh V. Mirpuri, and VP for CSR Nitin Sogi, reflecting the organization's continued engagement in advancing trade facilitation and a more efficient business environment.



FICCI Philippines and JCI Philippines Forge Strategic Partnership

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) held a productive meeting with JCI Philippines to discuss a strategic partnership aimed at strengthening collaboration through a forthcoming Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The discussion focused on potential cooperation in leadership development, CSR initiatives, and engagement through flagship events, as well as FICCI's support for the upcoming JCI World Congress in Clark, Pampanga. FICCI was represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani and members of the Board, reflecting the organization's continued commitment to youth leadership, cross-organizational collaboration, and community impact in the Philippines.



FICCI Joins Indian Embassy in Welcoming FIEO Delegation for WORLDBEX 2026

The Embassy of India in Manila hosted a dinner in honor of 14 Indian companies led by FIEO participating in the Philippine World Building and Construction Exposition (WORLDBEX) 2026, showcasing "Made in India" construction and industrial products at the India Pavilion. FICCI was represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani and Vice President for International Relations Capt. Vedant Bhardwaj, reflecting the organization's continued support for initiatives that promote bilateral trade and strengthen India-Philippines economic cooperation.



FICCI at Trabaho@Negosyo 2026: Fueling Growth through Enterprise

FICCI President Vishal V. Hathiramani attended Trabaho@Negosyo held on March 6 at SM Mall of Asia Music Hall, an initiative of Go Negosyo led by Mr. Joey Concepcion, which highlighted the importance of supporting MSMEs, job creation, and upskilling the workforce for inclusive economic growth. The event featured key participation from President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and DTI Secretary Cristina Aldeguer-Roque, and underscored the role of enterprise development in strengthening employment and national competitiveness. FICCI's participation reflects its continued support for initiatives that empower the business community and promote sustainable economic growth.

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FICCI Strengthens Ties with ASEAN and DTI

FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce Phil. Inc.) met with key stakeholders including ASEAN BAC Philippines Chair Joey Concepcion, DTI Secretary Cristina Aldeguer-Roque, and Indian Ambassador H.E. Shri Harsh Kumar Jain on March 5 to discuss its strategic role in the upcoming ASEAN Summit and strengthen regional collaboration. The meeting highlighted growing cooperation between the Philippines, India, and ASEAN partners in advancing trade and economic initiatives. FICCI was represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani and Honorary Chairman Mahesh P. Mirpuri, underscoring the organization's continued engagement in regional partnerships and summit-level collaboration.



FICCI Philippines and FICCI India Chart New Areas of Cooperation

FICCI Philippines Board of Directors met with FICCI India on March 2, 2026, at Dusit Thani Manila to strengthen bilateral cooperation and explore business opportunities across key sectors, particularly agriculture, investment, and knowledge exchange between India and the Philippines. Discussions also highlighted ASEAN's role as a regional gateway for expansion and improving business mobility to support trade and collaboration. FICCI Philippines was represented by its Board of Directors, while FICCI India was represented by Shri Ashish Kansal, Co-Chair, Defence and Homeland Security Committee, and Mr. Gaurav Gaur, Director, Defence and Homeland Security (Drones), underscoring continued efforts to deepen India-Philippines business linkages.



FICCI's 2026-2028 Board Strengthens Internal Synergy with Office and Team Visit

The newly elected FICCI Philippines Board of Directors for 2026-2028 conducted an office visit and ocular inspection of the FICCI Philippines premises on March 2, 2026, as their first official engagement, to familiarize themselves with the organization's facilities and operations in preparation for their term. The visit underscored the Board's commitment to strengthening FICCI's programs and ensuring a smooth transition into their leadership tenure in the Philippines.



FICCI 2026-2028 Board Affirms Commitment to India-Philippines Relations in Embassy Visit

The newly elected FICCI Philippines Board of Directors for 2026-2028, led by President Vishal V. Hathiramani, paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Harsh Kumar Jain at the Embassy of India in Manila to introduce the new Board, strengthen institutional relations, and present FICCI's key initiatives in the Philippines. The engagement reinforced strong FICCI-Embassy ties and marked the start of the Board's official stakeholder engagements. The delegation included Honorary Chairman Mahesh P. Mirpuri; Vice Presidents Ravi Gurnamal, Mike Buxani, Jeevan Manjani, Krishin Sadhwani, Raj "Piku" Uttamchandani, Kamla Jeswani, Vedant Bhardwaj, Praveer Chadha, Mahesh V. Mirpuri, Nitin Sogi; and Corporate Secretary Atty. Albert Yu Chang, underscoring unified leadership and continued commitment to India-Philippines relations.

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Advancing Bilateral Cooperation: FICCI at the India-Philippines Defence Industry Seminar

FICCI President Mr. Vishal V. Hathiramani represented the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) at the India-Philippines Defence Industry Seminar held on March 2, 2026, at Dusit Thani Manila, organized by the Embassy of India in Manila in collaboration with the Indian Ministry of Defence and industry leaders. The seminar brought together stakeholders from both countries to explore opportunities for collaboration in defence manufacturing and technology, aligning India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative with the Philippines' Self-Reliant Defence Posture (SRDP) Act, and highlighting prospects in co-development, co-production, and strategic industrial partnerships.



FICCI at the Holi by the Bay 2026 Celebration in Manila

FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce Phil. Inc.) participated in Holi by the Bay 2026, held on March 1, 2026, at SM By the Bay, organized by the Indian Cultural Association of the Philippines, celebrating India's Festival of Colors and fostering cultural unity within the Indian community and friends of India in the Philippines. FICCI was represented by President Vishal V. Hathiramani; Hon. Past President Vishnu Hathiramani; VP for International Relations, Capt. Vedant Bhardwaj, VP for CSR Nitin Sogi, and Working Committee Member Girish Sitaldas (ICAP), reflecting the organization's continued support for cultural engagement and community-building initiatives.

FICCI IN FOCUS

FICCI's Gateway to Trade Featured in LogisticsNews.PH

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) participated in the "Gateway to Trade: Customs Dialogue and Exclusive ICTSI North Port Tour" on April 20, 2026, alongside key stakeholders from the customs, logistics, and business sectors. The initiative, led by International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) and its partners, highlighted collaborative efforts to improve trade processes, strengthen operational efficiency, and support ease of doing business in the Philippines.



FICCI Philippines Announces New Leadership and Strategic Vision for 2026-2028

Led by Honorary Chairman Mr. Mahesh P. Mirpuri, President Mr. Vishal Vishnu Hathiramani, and Vice President Capt. Vedant Bhardwaj, this team is set to drive strategic growth and regional synergy.



FICCI IN FOCUS

FICCI Welcomes New Board of Directors for 2026-2028 term

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil), Inc. (FICCI) is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Board of Directors for the 2026-2028 term. Led by President Vishal Hathiramani, the board is committed to driving growth, innovation, and excellence in the business community.



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