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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear FICCI Members,

With the release of the Second Quarter edition of our newsletter, I am honored to share my reflections on a remarkably productive period for the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI). As we navigate an evolving global economic landscape, our focus remains steadfast: driving trade and investment, championing policy reforms, empowering our leaders, and delivering concrete value to our growing business community.

Our recent initiatives reflect the momentum we have built together across policy, trade, and strategic partnerships. A key highlight was our active participation in public-private consultative mechanisms, including our official inclusion in the **Bureau of Internal Revenue's Multi-Sectoral Group (BIR-PMSG)**.



Through this partnership and our ongoing engagements with the Bureau of Customs highlighted by the **6th CICAC General Assembly**, we continue to advocate for trade facilitation, customs modernization, and tax administration reforms that directly support our members' operational success.

FICCI has also maintained a strong forward-looking approach to business innovation and resilience. Events such as **AI at Work: The New Productivity Ecosystem** provided

practical frameworks for AI integration, while our forum **Powering Profit in a Volatile World** offered crucial insights on energy strategies and economic adaptability.

Strategic international and regional linkages remain at the heart of our mission. Through institutional engagements with the Department of Tourism, the Department of Labor and Employment, and our bilateral counterparts, including the signing of key MOUs with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) and the Millennial India International Chamber of Commerce Industry & Agriculture (MIICCIA), we continue to expand pathways for trade, agribusiness, and tourism.

At the core of FICCI's strength is our community. From the active engagement of young leaders during the **FICCI NextGen Cross-Chamber Future Leaders Mixer**—which brought together participants from JCI Manila, MAP, and ASEAN BAC Youth—to our meaningful corporate social responsibility efforts such as the **BIR Eye Care Camp** and local relief initiatives, we remain deeply invested in holistic progress. This sense of shared growth is further reflected in our **Refer-a-Member Program**, as we invite you to help expand our trusted network with leaders who embody collaboration, integrity, and excellence.

Looking ahead, we are uniquely positioned to elevate our regional impact. We are gearing up for our flagship event, the **ASEAN-India Business Forum 2026**, taking place on **23 September 2026 at Dusit Thani Manila**. Under the banner of strengthening trade, investment, digital transformation, healthcare supply chains, and agriculture and food security, this summit will serve as a premier platform connecting senior decision-makers, government officials, and industry leaders from across India, the Philippines, and Southeast Asia. I encourage all members to actively participate in shaping these pivotal discussions.

Following this, we look forward to **VIRASAT: DESI RELOADED – Grand Diwali Ball 2026**, which FICCI will host with the **Filipino Indian Ladies Association (FILA)** on **13 November 2026 at the Grand Marriott Ballroom, Manila Marriott Hotel**. The celebration will bring together business leaders, diplomats, and the Filipino-Indian community to celebrate heritage, culture, and meaningful connections while supporting community initiatives.

None of this progress would be possible without the unwavering support of our Board of Directors, Special Advisers, Team of 32, the FICCI Secretariat, and above all, our vibrant membership base. Together, we will continue to build bridges, drive sustainable growth, and create lasting opportunities across our region.

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

VISHAL VISHNU HATHIRAMANI
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASEAN - INDIA Business Forum 2026



Date: 23 September 2026, Wednesday

Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Venue: Dusit Thani Manila, Philippines

Strengthening Economic Cooperation Across Trade, Investment,
Innovation, and Regional Integration

The **ASEAN–India Business Forum 2026** is a high-level business and policy platform that brings together government leaders, business executives, investors, industry organizations, and key stakeholders from India, the Philippines, and across ASEAN.

Taking place on September 23, 2026, at Dusit Thani Manila, Philippines, the forum aims to strengthen economic and commercial cooperation between India and ASEAN by connecting businesses, facilitating dialogue, and identifying practical opportunities for trade, investment, partnerships, and innovation.

As ASEAN and India deepen their economic relationship, there are significant opportunities to build stronger connections across markets and industries. The forum will explore how businesses can leverage these opportunities while addressing shared challenges in market access, supply chains, technology, investment, and regional connectivity.

Five Strategic Areas

The 2026 forum will feature focused discussions across five key areas:

MSMEs, Trade & Investment — Unlocking new markets, investment opportunities, and partnerships while enabling MSMEs to participate more actively in regional value chains.

Agriculture & Food Security — Strengthening agricultural productivity, food supply chains, agribusiness cooperation, and climate-resilient food systems.

Tourism, Aviation & Connectivity — Exploring opportunities to improve air connectivity, tourism investment, business travel and connections between India, the Philippines and ASEAN.

Digital Economy, AI & Innovation — Examining how artificial intelligence, digital transformation and emerging technologies can drive productivity, innovation and regional competitiveness.

Pharma, Medical Innovation & Healthcare — Identifying opportunities for cooperation in pharmaceuticals, healthcare, medical technology, manufacturing and resilient healthcare supply chains.

From Dialogue to Action

The ASEAN–India Business Forum is designed to go beyond high-level discussions. It provides a platform for participants to meet potential partners, explore markets, exchange

insights and identify opportunities for collaboration.

The forum will bring together perspectives from government, business, and industry to encourage practical solutions and stronger commercial linkages. Participants will have opportunities to engage with senior decision-makers, explore emerging sectors and build relationships that can continue beyond the event.

With the Philippines serving as an important gateway to the ASEAN market, the forum also highlights the potential for greater India–Philippines business cooperation and for Indian companies to explore opportunities across the broader Southeast Asian region.

The Opportunity

The ASEAN–India Business Forum 2026 brings together the people and institutions that can help turn the region's economic potential into meaningful business opportunities.

Join us on September 23, 2026, as ASEAN and India come together to strengthen economic cooperation and build the partnerships that will shape the region's future.

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VIRASAT: DESI RELOADED – Grand Diwali Ball 2026



Date: 13 November 2026, Friday

Time: 7:00 PM onwards

Venue: Grand Marriott Ballroom, Manila Marriott Hotel

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce Philippines (FICCI) and the Filipino Indian Ladies Association (FILA) will host **VIRASAT: DESI RELOADED – Grand Diwali Ball 2026** on November 13, 2026, at the Manila Marriott Hotel. The premier celebration will bring together distinguished guests, business leaders, diplomats, and members of the Filipino-Indian community for an evening of celebration, entertainment, and meaningful connections.

The event will honor Filipino-Indian heritage while embracing a modern expression of culture through music, fashion, entertainment, and community spirit. It will also support the charitable and community-building initiatives of FICCI and FILA.

EVENT REWIND: GET THE FULL STORY



FICCI Hosts the 6th CICAC General Assembly



The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) hosted the 6th General Assembly of the Customs Industry Consultative and Advisory Council (CICAC), led by Bureau of Customs PH Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, on 6 August 2026, at the Diamond Hotel Manila. The assembly brought together the BOC, FICCI members, and key trade and logistics stakeholders for an open dialogue on customs reforms, trade facilitation, and industry concerns.

Watch the event highlights [here](#).

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AI AT WORK: THE NEW PRODUCTIVITY ECOSYSTEM

Understanding modern AI tools for research, writing, analysis, workflows, and team productivity.


TUESDAY,
04 AUG 2026

9:00 AM -
5:00 PM

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RAJ GOODMAN
FOUNDER AND CEO
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FICCI Hosts AI at Work: The New Productivity Ecosystem



The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) successfully hosted "AI at Work: The New Productivity Ecosystem" on 4 August 2026 at Makati Shangri-La, Makati City, bringing together business leaders, professionals, and entrepreneurs for a hands-on learning experience on applying artificial intelligence in the workplace.

Watch the event highlights [here](#).

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

A Forum on Energy Efficiency & Cost Optimization


TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2026 | 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

MAYUREE 1, DUSIT THANI MANILA, MAKATI CITY

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FICCI Hosts Energy Forum on Building Business Resilience Amid Global Disruption



The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Phil.) Inc. (FICCI) hosted the forum, “Powering Profit in a Volatile World: Energy Strategies Amid Global Disruption” on 23 June 2026 at Mayuree I, Dusit Thani Hotel Manila, Makati City.

Watch the event highlights [here](#).

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CROSS-CHAMBER FUTURE LEADERS MIXER

UNITING EMERGING LEADERS, INNOVATORS, AND FUTURE DECISION-MAKERS







TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2026 | 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

THE LAST CHUKKER, MANILA POLO CLUB

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FICCI NextGen Unites Young Leaders in Cross-Chamber Mixer



FICCI NextGen brings together young professionals, entrepreneurs, and emerging leaders for the Cross-Chamber Future Leaders Mixer, a dynamic networking initiative joined by participants from JCI Manila, MAP, and the ASEAN BAC Youth.

Watch the event highlights [here](#).

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NEW MEMBERS CORNER

FICCI NEW MEMBERS FROM JUNE 2026 - AUGUST 2026

Active Corporate Members



Affiliate Corporate Members



Individual Members

MR. ARRUN R. BHAVNANI

REFER-A-MEMBER PROGRAM

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 below 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.

[CLICK TO DOWNLOAD THE REFER-A-MEMBER PROGRAM FLOW](#)

INSIDE FICCI EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

A look back at FICCI's key moments from **June to August 2026**, bringing together our weekly **ICYMI**, **FICCI In Focus**, and **Member Features** in one collection of events, milestones, and member highlights.



June 1-5, 2026

June 8-12, 2026

June 15-19, 2026

June 22-26, 2026

June 29-30, 2026



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August 10-14, 2026

August 17-21, 2026

August 24-28, 2026

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