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Annual Report 2021-2022

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Message from the German Embassy

The last year has been a special one: longer than expected, the pandemic has kept us busy and limited and changed the way we used to live, work and travel.

In this ongoing challenge, for many companies, enterprises and business institutions adapting to a changed environment and developing new concepts has again been the key to survive and to remain relevant – globally as well as locally.

GPCCI has again demonstrated that a wide outreach and covering a large variety of topics is possible by adapting its events and business trips to online formats. Webinars, podcasts, training sessions, virtual business trips as well as weekly updates with business relevant information on the Covid-19 situation and response of the Philippine government have continued to design a new branding and stronger profile of GPCCI.

In the past year, GPCCI has organized over 80 webinars with over 5,000 virtual participants as well as 25 trainings with over 250 certified participants. Among other activities, GPCCI also managed to carry out 2 digital business missions to the Philippines and one digital business mission to Germany.

Among other ventures, GPCCI has also been actively engaged with WBO surveys and collaboration with the government via roundtables, all of them well appreciated; GPCCI initialized over 100 press mentions and maintained constant collaboration with ANC's Market Edge.

I am grateful having the GPCCI as a reliable partner and its expertise at the embassy's side; it always has been a pleasure working together with GPCCI in these challenging times on a variety of issues, including Business and Human Rights, climate change and energy.

I congratulate the GPCCI on their new Executive Director Christopher Zimmer and commend the German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry for its committed work and inspiring events over the past year 2021/22. I am looking forward to continuing the close partnership and cooperation, as well as returning to more face-to-face events and physical business delegations.



H.E. Anke Reiffenstuel
Ambassador
German Embassy Manila



Embassy
of the Federal Republic of Germany
Manila

Message from the Philippine Embassy

The Philippine Embassy in Germany extends its felicitations to the German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GPCCI) on yet another year of progress.

GPCCI has been consistent in finding creative solutions to accomplish its mission, despite the challenges that came with navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. As we shifted into a socially distant way of life, it adopted digital means of providing services to its stakeholders, and managed to keep the community apprised of economic updates and policy changes in the country. GPCCI indeed deserves a commendation for its reassuring presence during those times of uncertainty.

Recent global events have given rise to new challenges. The conflict in Ukraine, in particular, is affecting every citizen of the world. Even the ordinary Filipino—tucked away in his homeland thousands of miles away from the tension—experiences the effects of such, in the simple yet impactful consequence of the resulting oil price increases. Among the many threats from this conflict is the threat to economic security.

Managing this new threat again requires creative solutions. In this light, I express the confidence that GPCCI will continue to do what it does best in navigating threats, taking risks, and finding unique opportunities to support the economies of both the Philippines and Germany through strengthened partnerships.

GPCCI has always played a significant role in the growth of Philippine-German economic partnership. We recognize its participation in and support of the many initiatives to strengthen bilateral cooperation, not only on trade and investment but also on other areas like labor migration, healthcare, climate change and TVET. GPCCI will undoubtedly continue to be a valued partner in our economic endeavors.

We are looking forward to the future with renewed optimism as we shift into the new normal. Republic Act 11647 was recently passed in the Philippines on March 2, 2022, amending the Foreign Investment Act of 1991. With the ease of restrictions on foreign investments in our country, this new legislative act signals the start of a new age of economic expansion, industrial development, and technological advancement.

Consequently, economic relations between Germany and the Philippines will be at an even better position than before. This year of 2022-2023, we look forward to yet another year of friendship between our two countries as we seek more opportunities for the prosperity of our peoples.



Ms. Lilibeth V. Pono
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.
Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines - Berlin



Review of the Year

President's Message

Another exciting year has passed:

We bid *Au Revoir* to Dr. Martin Henkelmann, our Executive Director from 2018-2021. Thank you, Martin, for all the hard work you have done for the Chamber – you have helped establish GPCCI as one of the key stakeholders in foreign trade promotion in the Philippines. And, we said *Willkommen* to Mr. Christopher Zimmer, our current Executive Director who assumed his role last October, we look forward to a great cooperation. I would also like to extend my thanks to Ms. Charlotte Bandelow, Head of Trade Promotion and Deputy Executive Director, for the leadership she has maintained throughout the transition of Executive Directors. Her efforts ensured that everything ran smoothly and efficiently in the Chamber.

It has been two years since I was elected to be part of the Board and as President of GPCCI. The Annual General Meeting of members for 2022 will see another election for the Board of Directors. I would like to thank the Board of 2020-2022 for their dedication as the voice of our membership. It was an honor working with you all and to have earned your trust. Of course, the development and growth that the Chamber has experienced during these two years would not be possible without the constant support and collaboration we have with you, our members, partners, and friends. This triumph is just as much yours as it was for the Chamber.

Let me elaborate why 2021 was another successful year for the Chamber with many milestones again:

GPCCI has received the Galing Pinas Ecozone Investment Partnership Award, not just in 2021 but in 2022 as well! Our ceaseless efforts of collaborating with the Philippine government have been recognized by the Philippine Economic Zone Authority's Director BGen. Charito Plaza – twice in succession. The constant dialogues that we have fostered with various representatives of the Philippine government were successful. Another milestone is the number of recently signed economic policy amendments that will enhance bilateral trade and investment. With over 120 press mentions and features in ANC's Market Edge, we can see that the perception of the Chamber as a fosterer of trade between Germany and the Philippines is acknowledged with our increased visibility.

A myriad of events has also been organized throughout the year. Over 80 timely webinars were held with an attendance of over 5,000 participants. We held 25 trainings with over 250 participants certified – quality ensured by the Chamber to support the development and knowledge transfer that will enable a skilled workforce. Travel restrictions did not stop the Chamber from acting as the bridge for trade between Germany and the Philippines. We held virtual business delegations on energy and water technologies. Connecting businesses, as one of our fields of competence, can be seen with over 130 B2B meetings and 250 conference participants in these two events alone.

"Knowledge is power" according to Francis Bacon and we agree! We support you in your businesses and through our World Business Outlook surveys for spring and fall 2021, and another one centered on sustainability, with that, we can clearly gauge and communicate what our members need. The publication of the brochure *The Philippines – Pearl of the Orient: ASEAN's Emerging Hotspot*, also acted as an encyclopedia of economic knowledge on the Philippines and showcases the country as an attractive business destination for investors.

There have been a lot of developments for GPCCI in the last year and cannot be contained within this page alone. I invite you to explore on your own our achievements through the pages of this Annual Review.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you. Our endeavors would not be a success without your patronage, trust, and collaboration.

Maraming salamat, Danke schön!



Stefan Schmitz

President

German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Outlook

Executive Director's Message

Thank you, everyone, for the warm welcome I have received.

Building on the recovery path from 2021 and with a positive first quarter for 2022, we start the year with an optimistic outlook. Germany remains to be the Philippines' largest trade and investment partner in the European Union. With the broad-based bilateral cooperation we enjoy, GPCCI is happy to support you in your business endeavors every step of the way.

Seeing the comeback of many physical events this year, such as our own Libangan-Abend last March, I am confident that more activities are coming our way. Travel to Germany has opened this year. The same goes for the Philippines and with these developments, we look forward to supporting you again with your endeavors joining trade fairs and business trips.

After the historic milestone of passing the recent economic policy amendments, we foresee an active year for investments and trade, especially, once the new Philippine government has settled after the elections in May 2022.

We want to provide more value to you and have introduced a new service in support of Asian Development Bank business opportunities. Our new ADB Liaison Officer will help bring more to the portfolio of our trade promotion services and help you expand your businesses through exciting new prospects. We invite you to reach out to us should you be interested in the opportunities offered by ADB in various industries.

We are also looking forward to expanding our portfolio of events and trainings. We are looking into new formats that will stimulate the businesses of our members and clients as well as ensure that we deliver these in a manner that is dynamic and contemporary.

Our members are the engines of our network – and just like clockwork, GPCCI is the oil that keeps the gears moving. Our work together creates an economic environment that fosters trade and investment. Your patronage ensures that our activities are successful. And so, dear members, I invite you to challenge us! We are here not only to speak on your behalf but to amplify your voices so that our community continues to prosper. A growing membership is one thing, but having our existing members happy is just as important – if not more. We are always proud to have such a diverse and active membership represented by all of you.

With the election of the new Board during the Annual General Meeting of members for 2022, I am looking forward to working with the upcoming Board of Directors in fostering German-Philippine trade relations.

We want to achieve a lot this year. As the official representation of German companies in the Philippines, a member organization, and a market entry service provider, GPCCI maintains the pursuit of these three main tasks through innovating constantly, listening to our members, and expanding our market entry services. Hand-in-hand with our members, our partners in the Philippine government and customers, and the wide network of German Chambers Abroad (AHKs), we can ensure that our knowledge and service is up-to-date and the benchmark for quality and efficiency.

Thank you, everyone, for this opportunity to serve as your Executive Director. I am excited for everything that is in store for us as we venture through another year as the German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Maraming salamat!

Christopher Zimmer
Executive Director

German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry



2021-2022 Board of Directors

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2021-2022

GPCCI IN NUMBERS

SINCE
2008

AROUND
300
MEMBERS

OVER
80
VIRTUAL EVENTS

WITH OVER
6,000
VIRTUAL EVENT ATTENDEES

70 WRAP-UPS AND
ADVISORIES

3 SURVEYS
INITIATED

OVER
120
MEDIA MENTIONS



Deutsch-Philippinische
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AROUND
60 MARKET
ENTRY
PROJECTS

2 VIRTUAL BUSINESS MISSIONS

2 INDUSTRY CONFERENCES
WITH OVER **250** VIRTUAL
ATTENDEES

OVER **130** B2B
MEETINGS ORGANIZED

25 VIRTUAL TRAININGS AND
WORKSHOPS
WITH OVER **260** CERTIFIED PARTICIPANTS

3 MAJOR
PUBLICATIONS

12 PODCAST
EPISODES

MORE THAN
120
SPECIFIC INQUIRIES ANSWERED
FOR MARKET ENTRY



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2021-2022 Event Highlights

GPCCI
Webinar

Joint
Webinar

Training/
Seminar

Networking

Business Missions/
Conference

MAY 2021	5	The Philippines Journey to 2020+1 Tokyo Olympics
	6	Digital AHK/DIHK Train-the-Trainer (AdA International Basic)
	11	Economic Outlook of Cebu and the Greater Visayas Region
	12	How to Fix a Toxic Work Culture – Accelerating Change and Innovation
	17	Energy Business Mission to Germany (Virtual)
JUNE 2021	1	Labor Market Update - Remote Working vs WFH
	4	Doing Business in the Philippines
	8	Reducing Physical Contacts While Maintaining Business Relationships
	18	Discussing Desalination: A Reliable, Sustainable and Affordable Water Supply
	23	Improving Seafarers Mental Health and Well-Being
	24	Reducing Vaccine Hesitancy
	25	Virtual Workshop: Successful Customer Communication
	29	Perspective on the Impact of Digital Economy in the Philippines
JULY 2021	30	SGC Dialogue with Dr. Shuknecht
	6	6th Joint Economic Briefing 2021
	6	From Grit to Greater Heights (An Olympic Webinar)
	6	GPCCI Energy Transition Talks 2021: An Outlook on Sustainable Solutions for the Philippine Energy Sector
	13	Unique Alternative Investments : Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, and Physical Gold in the Philippines - The Good, The Traditional and The Beyond
	22	Effective Detection of COVID-19 Through Antigen Testing
	28	1st Northern Mindanao Business Conference
	30	Harvest What You Sow - Strategic Investment Plans for Banana and Coconut Products
AUGUST 2021	20	Roundtable with AllianzPNBLife: Making a Bike-Friendly Zone Through Ride-safe Initiative
	24	DELTA: COVID-19's Latest Variant of Concern
	27	CREATE Bill Summit
	31	Guide to Visa Application and Travel Exemptions

SEPTEMBER 2021	7	Supply Chains Under Tension Brought About by the Pandemic
	9	The Future of Flight
	30	Central Visayas Business Conference 2021
	22	3-Part Virtual Series: Resilience Workshops with Anna Kotskaya
OCTOBER 2021	5	"Recover Together, Recover Stronger - Intertwining Policy and Business in the Indo-Pacific"
	7	Rapid Culture Change - Philippines
	12	Water Management on the Philippines Innovates
	19	Identifying and Managing Mental Health Issues in the Workplace
	26	Managing the Medical and Healthcare Waste During the Pandemic
	27	Hospitality and Energy: Sustainable Energy Supply and How Solar and Batteries Benefit Your Operation
NOVEMBER 2021	9	Connecting the Circle: A Race to Zero Food Waste
	10	ADB Business Opportunities Seminars
	10	Green Hydrogen in the Philippines: Current State and Future Potential
	11	Legislative Roundtable Discussion on Economic Reforms and Pandemic Recovery Measures
	16	Water Technologies Conference
	18	Managing the Impacts of the COVID-19 Crisis in Family Dynamics
	24	How to Keep Your Business Going Despite of Flood Threats
DECEMBER 2021	2	Joint Maritime Committee Virtual Networking: SEAling Business Connections
	6	Power Talks: Connecting Stakeholders for a Green Hydrogen Future
	9	Germany after the election - What companies can expect from a new government in terms of economic policy - especially with a view to Asia-Pacific
JANUARY 2022	14	2022 Philippine Economic Outlook
	18	The Philippines in 2022: Recovery, Rebuild, and Resilience
MARCH 2022	3	Libangan-Abend : German Beer Tasting Workshop
	18	1st Davao Business Conference
	22	Smart Ports: Pandemic-Proofing the Mobility of Philippine Logistics
	23-25	Sustainability Solutions Exchange



11 REASONS TO JOIN GPCCI

Apply now!

1 NETWORKING & EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

For our Members, we organize a wide range of high-quality events and webinars in cooperation with companies and our Governmental and Chamber Partners.

2 VISA SUPPORT

With our close cooperation with the German Embassy Manila, we support our Members in the clarification of business visa questions and assist Members in case of emergency.

3 TRANSLATION & INTERPRETATION

Language can be a barrier in a new country, but clarity is crucial in ensuring mutual understanding with your business partners or consumers. GPCCI arranges qualified translators or interpreters for documents and

4 ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

other translation requirements to limit, if not avoid, the chances of misunderstanding.

Our newsletters, promotional materials, internet portal and events offer great advertising opportunities. As a Member, grab the opportunity of publishing information about your company products and services.

5 EVENT MANAGEMENT

Make use of GPCCI's experience in running high-level activities to ensure that your own events are well attended by the target audience and PR coverage is maximized: launch events, opening ceremonies, marketing seminars, arrange networking, and PR events through our competent event planners.

6**GENERAL INQUIRIES & CONTACT**

We offer quick and comprehensive response to inquiries regarding aspects of Philippine market activities. We also provide contacts to experienced, trustworthy service providers such as law and accounting firms, banks, insurance brokers, as well as other German and Philippine organizations.

7**GOVERNMENT AND CHAMBER RELATIONS**

GPCCI enjoys good relations with key government offices that can assist you with your concerns. We are in close cooperation with Philippine industry associations and chambers as well as other European bilateral chambers.

8**HR SUPPORT**

Use our network and know-how to find your suitable staff! In addition, the AHK supports you with individual training programs for qualified workers. From setting up personalized in-house trainings or networking with local experts and training providers, we also adapt our training programs according to your needs.

9**MARKETING SERVICES**

There are more channels to reach your target clients today than ever before. Understanding which to use and delivering an engaging message is key. We can advise you on local press engagement, e-mail marketing, and media campaigns.

10**TRADE FAIR PARTICIPANT**

Meet customers and business partners personally! However, preparing for such an event is often time-consuming and stressful. The AHK Philippines therefore offers a simple but reliable solution for planning and implementing your trade fair presence.

Our bi-annual two-day trade show “Mabuhay Germany™” allows our Members to showcase their products and services as well as invite all visitors to experience the German culture, traditions, and food. You too can play an active role in shaping and presenting yourself to a wide audience in a festive and relaxed atmosphere.

We also participate in other trade shows both in the Philippines and Germany covering a variety of sectors.

11**CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

GPCCI engages in community activities such as upliftment and continuous educational support of underprivileged Filipinos and special aid during natural disasters. We use our connections to ensure that donations coursed through GPCCI reach the direct beneficiaries.

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- Marketing opportunity to promote own products and services.
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- Easy access to connect to GPCCI members and their representatives and generate new business opportunities.
- Free of charge service for GPCCI members.

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- Representatives of GPCCI members can redeem their discounts through this [LINK](#).
- Once you check-out, a confirmation email with the QR code of the discount you selected can be presented by contacting the participating partner.

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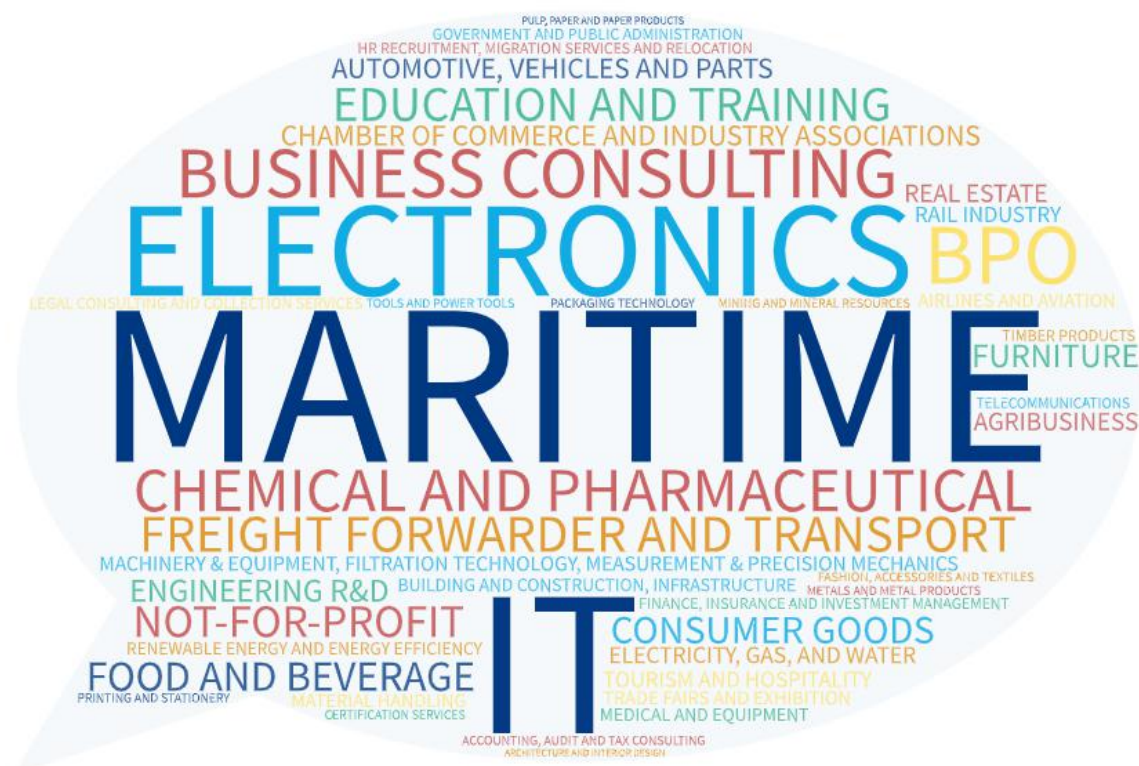
BDO is the largest bank in the Philippines in terms of total assets, loans, capital and deposits based on the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' industry rankings as of June 30, 2021.

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We find ways

MEMBERSHIP BY INDUSTRY



Accounting, Audit and Tax Consulting	5	HR Recruitment, Migration Services and Relocation	13
Agribusiness	1	IT	17
Airlines and Aviation	4	Legal Consulting and Collection Services	7
Architecture and Interior Design	1	Machinery & Equipment, Filtration Technology, Measurement & Precision Mechanics	17
Automotive, Vehicles and Parts	13	Maritime	24
Building and Construction, Infrastructure	13	Material Handling	4
BPO	4	Medical and Equipment	5
Business Consulting	16	Metals and Metal Products	3
Certification Services	1	Mining and Mineral resources	3
Chamber of Commerce and Industry Associations	16	Not-for-Profit	11
Chemical and Pharmaceutical	17	Packaging Technology	4
Consumer Goods	11	Printing and Stationery	1
Education and Training	16	Pulp, Paper and Paper Products	2
Electricity, Gas, and Water	10	Rail Industry	1
Electronics	19	Real Estate	1
Engineering R&D	6	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	13
Fashion, Accessories and Textiles	5	Telecommunications	4
Finance, Insurance and Investment Management	8	Timber Products	1
Food and Beverage	12	Tools and Power Tools	2
Freight Forwarder and Transport	17	Tourism and Hospitality	8
Furniture	2	Trade Fairs and Exhibition	6
Government and Public Administration	8		

2021-2022 New Members

CORPORATE MEMBERS



INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

Moses Mabute Jr.



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innovation

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We are a Service Provider



Your Partner for the Philippines

GPCCI assists and supports companies with their market-entry and expansion plans in the Philippines. We have our office in Manila and a strong network throughout the Philippines. Contact our consultants to see how we can help you and develop a custom-tailored solution to support your business goals.

BECOME PART OF THE FUTURE

Sustainability

We are working with our clients to bring innovation and sustainable solutions to the Philippines. Our expertise in water and environmental technologies, renewable energies, and energy efficiency supports the green economic transformation of the Philippines.



OUR SERVICES

Marketing & Sales
Trade Fair Support
Market Analysis and Research
Business Partner Development
Background Checks
Location Analysis
Sales Acceleration
HR Support

UNDERSTAND THE MARKET

Market Analysis and Studies

We provide you with the detailed information you need for your market entry or expansion and help you understand developments, competition, and pricing.



WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY



"The Energy Delegation 2021 was a great platform to showcase our solutions in the Philippine market. Thanks to the excellent organization done by GPCCI, we were able to have successful business meetings with local companies."

*Dr. Roman Brinzanik, Director New Markets,
KRAFTWERK Renewable Power Solution*



"GPCCI accommodated our requirement and followed up to connect us with Philippine companies. We couldn't have done it without their support."

Richard Chee Hian



FIND PARTNERS

Business Partner Search

We support you in identifying a suitable business partner for sales and distribution or finding a supplier to match your needs.

SERVICES

Events
Support
and Studies
Partner Search
Checks
Analysis
Operator
Port

GET CONNECTED AND GROW

Sales Accelerator

We help you to establish an office in the Philippines to build customer relations and trust. Our Office-in-Office concept offers a cost-effective and risk-free path for this.

As part of the global AHK-Network, we can also assist you with regional business development together with the other German Chambers in Asia Pacific.

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45
MARKET ENTRY
PROJECTS

3
VIRTUAL MARKET
INFORMATION EVENTS

3
VIRTUAL
DELEGATIONS

MORE THAN 1,000
ATTENDEES IN
VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS
AND CONFERENCES

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MARKET
ANALYSIS

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Chua, Sales Director,
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Asian Development Bank Business Opportunities

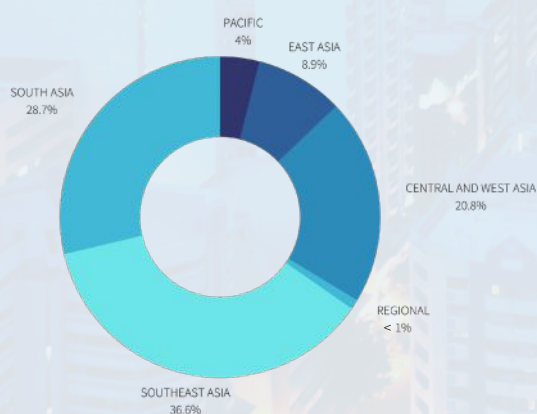
Since its establishment in 1966, the ADB has supported projects in developing countries in the Asia Pacific region to create economic and developmental impact with a goal to build infrastructure and diminish poverty. Each year, ADB provides loans, grants, and technical assistance to fund projects and activities in its developing member countries. The procurement covers goods, works, and consulting services. In 2020 alone, ADB's procurement spending reached over US\$10B, with almost US\$ 98M awarded to German contractors.

Germany is a founding member of the bank, which is headquartered in Manila, and thus holds 4.316% of total shares. The loans and grants provided accumulates in contracts in three categories; goods, works and consulting services which are mostly awarded on the basis of international competition, with the prerequisite of being from a member country such as Germany. This opens up for large business opportunities for German companies to procure projects within sectors such as energy, transportation, and urban development

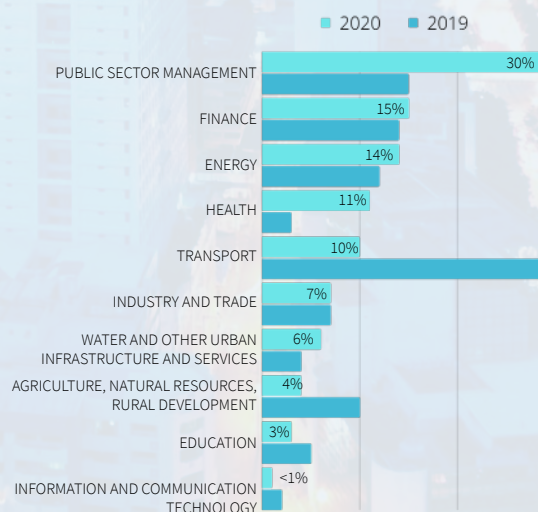
Because of German companies' leadership in competitive technology, engineering, innovation and sustainability they are fit to compete for ADB projects and tenders. ADB retained its first-place ranking among 47 development organizations in the 2020 Aid Transparency Index. However, maneuvering the guidelines in the application process can be challenging. We advise German companies to assess if their products or services are in demand in the Asia region, and successively within the ADB procurement system. A successful ADB strategy involves engaging with local stakeholder in the Asian country of operation. The AHK is present in many of the relevant locations and could be of assistance in the process of gaining access to the Asian Development Bank business opportunities.

Please contact our liaison to the ADB, Senior Procurement Officer, Ella Leborg for inquiries.

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DUAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION

GPCCI Virtual Training Portfolio Highlights

Training – in all its shapes and forms – remained an integral aspect of GPCCI's offer to our members and network. Our Virtual Training Portfolio widely expanded in 2021 and solidified the Chamber's reputation as a reliable, trusted, and professional provider of high-quality virtual trainings and workshops – executed fully with internal expertise or co-created with hand-picked coaches. Not only with new additions to our portfolio, we additionally partnered with other AHKs in the region, joining forces and expertise.

Communicating with Customers from a Distance became the New Norm

Customer-oriented communication has always been a skill that needs to be honed.

Whether you are selling, negotiating, presenting, or handling critical customers, the right communication is key in a competitive world. May it be face-to-face, by phone, email, or especially in virtual meetings, communication skills are an essential feature of your professional development. GPCCI has responded to the need for skills the times have called. We capacitated and equipped our participants via a virtual workshop executed by trainer Alexander Strecker – a well-known name in our community.

Back after Popular Demand: [Resilience Workshop Series](#)

“Resilience” is not just a Buzz Word - proven by the successful first run of our Virtual Workshop Series. Not only in the Philippines: The second run resonated equally well with the market in the region, facilitated together with AHK Myanmar as part of the new Regional AHK Virtual Training Portfolio.

Resilience comes in many facets. The surroundings in which people worked have changed and brought new challenges, leading to the need for rapid adjustment. Therefore, we have co-created with business and personal coach Anna Kotskaya a three-part series of virtual workshops. They were designed to help strengthen resilience from different perspectives.

From (re)discovering one's strengths and applying those at work and private life, planning the day efficiently based on one's energy levels to mechanisms of dealing with stress and anxiety, resilience was approached in a holistic way.

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EXAMPLE CONCEPTS

- Doing Business with Germans/ Filipinos
- Working in a Filipino-German Environment
- Life in Germany/ the Philippines
- Creating Virtual Trainings
- Virtual Presentation Skills



Batch 6 PAVE Trainees honored with Virtual Graduation

Ever since the beginning of the partnership between Porsche AG for its “Porsche Aftersales Vocational Education” (PAVE) program in 2017, GPCCI has been spearheading the implementation of new standards in the training course along with quality assurance and monitoring.



The most recent batch was struck with the challenges of the pandemic. Regardless, they were the first ones to take the final examination amidst the New Normal – with outstanding success! With GPCCI’s advocacy and implementation of strict, special safety and health measures, the trainees were able to undergo their face-to-face examinations.

Albeit long periods of remote learning and limited practical training, all 16 trainees passed with excellent results. They were honored with a virtual graduation ceremony, streamed on the Facebook page of the Don Bosco Makati – TVET Center, with a special message from her Excellency Anke Reiffenstuel, the German Ambassador to the Philippines.

The renowned DIHK/AHK Train the Trainer goes Digital for Porsche AG

In the world of training, probably no other training method is as popular and important as on-job training. The AHK Train-the-Trainer course “Ausbildung der Ausbilder” (AdA) – International Basic Version qualifies professionals across functions for this important task. Based on best practices of German dual training, the concept enables participants to prepare customized training plans, put them into action, and evaluate the learning outcomes of trainees. AdA Basic is the essential trainer qualification for everyone entrusted with training, coaching, or mentoring other employees.

What started initially face-to-face at the beginning of 2020 became digital in 2021, benefitting from the geographical freedom virtual trainings allow. Eight Porsche employees from six countries successfully underwent the Train-the-Trainer course online and gained official certification by the DIHK.

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Government Affairs

As GPCCI continues to serve as a valuable platform for policy and advocacy work, various activities and initiatives were carried out by the Chamber to ensure the continuity of businesses during last year's trying times and support their recovery this 2022.

Strong Partner in Policy and Advocacy



▲ GPCCI invited to the Malacañang

On 21 March 2022, [GPCCI Executive Director Christopher Zimmer was personally invited by President Rodrigo Duterte in Malacañang](#) to witness the signing of the amendments to the Public Service Act (Republic Act No. 11659) as well the presentation of the recently enacted Amendments to Foreign Investments Act (Republic Act No. 11647). Both laws seek to open up the Philippine economy by allowing 100% ownership in public services and SMEs which will attract more foreign investments, provide better services and create more jobs in the country.

▶ **Galing Pinas Partnership Excellence Award**

On 17 March 2022, GPCCI was awarded the [“Galing Pinas Partnership Excellence Award”](#) during the Philippine Economic Zone Authority's 27th anniversary celebration at the PEZA Auditorium in Pasay City.



Policy-related Roundtable Discussions

GPCCI featured several roundtable events in 2021 that focused on policy and advocacy-related topics such as the [Strategic Investments Priorities Plan](#), [Safety Seal Certification Program](#), [Philippine Energy Transition](#), and other Legislative Reforms.



◀ **Healthcare Recruitment Sector Special Roundtables**

In the 2nd half of 2021, GPCCI organized consecutive [roundtable discussions](#) focused on the deployment exemption of Filipino healthcare workers to address the growing demand in German healthcare sector. Our discussions featured high-level representatives from the Department of Labor and Employment such as Secretary Silvestre Bello III and Assistant Secretary Dominique Tutay, as well as the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration such as Administrator Bernard Olalia and Director Levinson Alcantara.

Greater Focus on Trade and Economy

DTI-BITR and BMWi Bilateral Talks on Philippine-German Trade Developments

On 14 October 2021, an exchange between the Department of Trade and Industry - Bureau of International Trade Relations (BITR) Director Angelo Benedictos and the German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) Deputy Director-General Dr. Andreas Nicolin took place. Discussions regarding the Philippine economic recovery and future trade and investment activities that Germany can be involved in as part of the 2020 Joint Economic Commission (JEC) took place.



AHK World Business Outlook 2021



The pandemic has greatly influenced the polarized results of the 2021 AHK World Business Outlook Surveys. [Spring 2021](#) showed the effects of lockdowns, travel restrictions, and uncertainty of businesses in the Philippines with the emergence of new COVID-19 variants around the world. Meanwhile, the [Fall 2021](#) survey showed improvement of the overall situation as the downtrend of cases allowed more business operations. In addition, the latter survey also featured topics on [global sustainability issues](#).

German-Philippine Business Insight

The first edition of the [German-Philippine Business Insight](#) narrates how the Philippines dealt with the pandemic and provides insights into how the German-Philippine business community adapted to the situation. The document also features a collection of reports from the AHK World Business Outlook surveys around the world conducted in both pre- and mid-pandemic times to evaluate how German businesses around the world handled different issues caused by the pandemic.



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Enhanced Public Presence

▼ **ANC Market Edge**



In 2021, GPCCI was featured in [ABS-CBN News Channel \(ANC\) Market Edge segment](#) in the topics of maritime, renewable energy, healthcare recruitment, wastewater initiatives, and the results of the AHK World Business Outlook Survey.

A Key Resource for Valuable Information

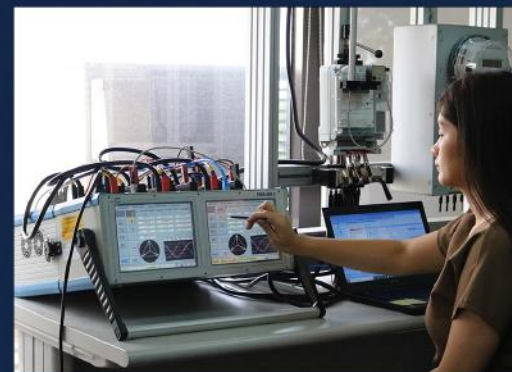
► **Analysis of Priority Economic Bills**

GPCCI provides a quick overview of the recently signed priority bills that will further attract foreign investments to the country and help its faster economic recovery. The Amendments to Retail Trade Act (Republic Act No. 11595) simplifies and eases restrictions for foreign retailers who wish to set up shop in the Philippines. The Amendments to the Foreign Investments Act (Republic Act No. 11647) provides less stringent requirements for potential foreign investors and liberalizes the practice of professions not governed by existing special laws.



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▼ Pineapples to Power – Biogas Technician Training

[According to Mr. Manuel Lipp](#), Managing Director of German biogas technology provider Lipp GmbH, the Philippines holds a huge potential to convert organic waste to energy. Lipp GmbH, in partnership with GPCCI member company [MetPower Venture Partners](#), is building the first industrial-scale biogas plants in Mindanao to process Dole Philippines' pineapple waste and convert it into biogas. The "Pineapples to Power" develoPPP project, jointly implemented since 2020, focuses on training Filipino biogas technicians, and localizing biogas knowledge and yield testing capacity in the country. A Memorandum of Agreement has been signed between Mapua University and Lipp GmbH to set up a biogas laboratory to support research and development on different waste materials. [More than 70 participants have already been trained](#) in biogas biology and technology by trainers of the German Biogas Association. Additional on-site safety training is underway as the two Dole biogas plants in Mindanao are being commissioned. This develoPPP project is 50% co-financed by the German Investment Corporation (Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft – DEG) through public funds of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).





ENERGY TRANSITION



Exploring Green Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Potential in the Philippines

Supported by the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), GPCCI is conducting a feasibility study on the potential of green hydrogen and fuel cell technology in the Philippines. In parallel, a [webinar series](#) brought together key stakeholders, including Dr. Georg Maue, Commercial Counsellor of the German Embassy, Manila and Assistant Secretary Gerardo Erguiza, Jr. of the Department of Energy, as well as companies interested and engaged in the green hydrogen production and use.

While the use of renewable energy sources is expanding in the Philippines, reliably storing this energy is an ongoing challenge that limits its use as a backup power. [According to hydrogen experts](#), fuel cell technology can be a climate-friendly alternative to diesel generators either as backup system in urban areas or to electrify off-grid areas.

Germany aims to be an innovation partner to the Philippines. As Partner in the Philippines, GPCCI supports knowledge transfer and business cooperation for environmental technologies.

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Future Movers Programme

The [Future Movers Programme](#) (FMP), a two-year initiative to upskill and right-skill internally displaced people (IDP) in post-conflict Marawi, Mindanao, officially concluded in February of 2022.

As one of four consortium partners, GPCCI focused on engaging the construction industry to identify needed skills for future construction workers. Construction Site Safety and Health Awareness was identified as a key competency, besides technical skills. In [a podcast](#), Dr. Christian Scheld, Country Director of MHE-Demag (P), an FMP partner and GPCCI member company, shared how MHE-Demag fosters and strengthens safety culture in their daily operations.

GPCCI spearheaded the development of related [learning materials](#), which were translated into the Maranao language for greater inclusion of IDPs in Marawi, the target group of the program. The materials helped teachers in 8 partner Technical Vocational Schools near Marawi to equip close to 800 trainees under the program with important skills for their personal safety in the workplace. In partnership with TÜV Rheinland Philippines, an FMP consortium partner and GPCCI member company, exam questions were developed to facilitate [TÜV's Personnel Certification](#) program. To date, close to 700 students from Marawi are certified as Construction Site Safety Associate (FMP) with TÜV Rheinland Certified Qualification, providing them with skills and credentials to join the workforce.

To support employment facilitation, GPCCI also conducted the [Train the Trainer](#) program for 24 partner companies to help create a hands-on learning environment for graduates during their potential on-the-job training or onboarding period.



This project is funded by the
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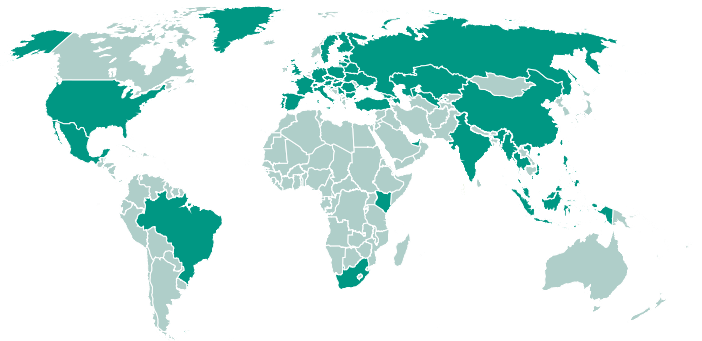
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Committee Work

Joint Maritime Committee

In 2020, the German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GPCCI), the Dutch Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines (DCCP), the Nordic Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines (NordCham) and the Philippines Norway Business Council (PNBC) convened a larger coalition called the Joint Maritime Committee that together represent the interests of a large community of maritime companies from Denmark, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden.

The group meets every month through committee meetings to address pressing maritime issues that concern employers, seafarers, and other stakeholders. It regularly invites all key players to engage in discussions and facilitate a constant dialogue strengthening the industries partnership with the government.

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
May 2021	Updates from MARINA	VAdm. Robert Empedrad <i>Administrator of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)</i>
June 2021	Maritime Security	Gulf of Guinea: Mr. Lars Salquist <i>Head of the Department for Stabilization Efforts and Operations, Danish Ministry of Defense</i> East Africa: Commodore Edward Ahlgren OBE RN <i>Deputy Commander of the Combined Maritime Forces</i> Cyber Security: Mr. Lars Benjamin Vold <i>Managing Director of the Norwegian Maritime Cyber Resilience Centre</i>
July 2021	Regular Maritime Committee Meeting	Updates on the Port Utilization in the Philippines: Atty. Max Cruz <i>General Manager of the Association of International Shipping Lines Inc.</i> Updates on EMSA: Mr. Per Arne Waloen <i>Senior Surveyor Norwegian Maritime Authority seconded as Advisor for the Philippines Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) since 2014</i> Crewing Operations in Manila: Current status and expected short-term development: Mr. Joost Mes <i>Director at Avior Marine Inc. & President at Dutch Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines</i> Air Travel Updates: Mr. Mika Kiljunen <i>Integration Director at Global Marine Travel, Asia.</i>
August 2021	Regular Maritime Committee Meeting	Rotor Sails – Concept and Experiences Mr. Gisle Kårbø Rong <i>Managing Director of Stödig Ship Management</i> Digitalization and Automation Mr. Terje Heierstad <i>Business Development Director Maritime Simulation, Kongsberg Digital</i> Fuel of the Future Mr. Nick Lurkin <i>Senior Adviser Climate and Environment, Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners</i>
September 2021	Updates from OWWA	Director Benny Reyes <i>Regional Operations Coordination Service Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA)</i>
October 2021	Updates from MARINA	VAdm. Robert Empedrad <i>Administrator of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)</i>
November 2021	Global Shipping: Sum up of 2021 and Expectations for 2022	Dr. Martin Kroeger <i>Managing Director of German Shipowners' Association</i>
January 2022	EMSA: The European Commission's Assessment and The Way Forward	VAdm. Robert Empedrad <i>Administrator of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)</i>
February 2022	Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Issues	Capt. Andrew Malpass MBE <i>President of Pandiman Philippines Inc.</i>

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To shed light on what moves different sectors in our membership and beyond, as well as giving the industries not only a voice but also let them share their experiences and inform others that might be on the same boat, we introduce our podcast GPCCI In:Sight!

Being at forefront of bilateral trade, GPCCI wants to offer value to its community by connecting businesses, providing information and sharing experiences.

Business and Society

GPCCI is convinced that a social market economy leads to more employment and prosperity, and ultimately to an inclusive economic growth. Centuries ago, the [Honorable Merchant](#) was introduced in Europe and has shown its positive impact since. It is applicable even today as companies refer to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), corporate citizenship, responsible business conduct or stakeholder management. In the best case, corporate social responsibility measures are aligned to the core business of a company and make a valuable contribution to society.

The Chamber provides a platform for a lively discussion on challenges and solutions on how to conduct business responsibly while maintaining a healthy financial bottom line. GPCCI presents the guiding principles of its work and wishes to encourage its engaged membership to communicate and share actively their programs and projects with the network. Our members curious about a potential strategic alignment may approach the Chamber any time.

United Nations Global Compact



GPCCI advocates the ten principles of the [UN Global Compact](#) and has joined the initiative. The UN Global Compact provides a universal language for corporate responsibility and provides a framework to guide all businesses regardless of size, complexity or location.

By incorporating the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact into strategies, policies, and procedures, and establishing a culture of integrity, companies are not only upholding their basic responsibilities to people and planet, but also setting the stage for long-term success.

The UN Global Compact Principles

Human Rights

- Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
- Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labor

- Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor;
- Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labor; and
- Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

- Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Anti-Corruption

- Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

▼ Corporate Social Responsibility

GPCCI has been actively involved in community and environmental efforts such as donating plants to the urban garden of Doehle Haus Manila, partnering with social company Pink Flamingo, and organizing webinars that center on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



German Chambers ASEAN Business Council

There are seven AHKs in the ASEAN region: In Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and in Vietnam. Together they cooperate as the [German Chambers ASEAN Business Council \(GCABC\)](#) to provide a dialogue platform, strengthen regional cooperation and to support regional trade and investment. That makes it even more convenient for German companies that have business partners in more than one ASEAN country.

ASEAN Snapshot 2021

The [ASEAN Snapshot 2021](#) is a handbook on current ASEAN economic development and ASEAN-Germany business relations. With a combined GDP of 2.7 trillion and a population of 630 million people, ASEAN has established itself as a global economic powerhouse. Nowadays, there are around 3,500 German companies from all industries that are located in ASEAN. With this handbook, the GCABC provide German and international FDIs an overview of the region and walk you through country by country and highlight the potential advantages each country has to offer.



Finance



Annual Review 2021-2022

Financial Report

The Chamber started 2021 with confidence and anticipation for face-to-face events on second half of 2021. Although this did not materialize due to continued economic restrictions, the Chamber is able to close once again with a positive bottom-line.

The Chamber looks back on a financially very solid year 2021, hence, GPCCI is able to strengthen its own funds. This positive and successful development bases on three factors:

First of all, a strong and vivid membership with many loyal and committed sponsors. We wholeheartedly thank our partners of 2021 which almost doubled compared to 2020: Allianz PNB, Antrak Philippines, BASF, BDO, Boehringer Ingelheim Philippines, Döhle Philippines, Eastern Telecommunications, Etaily, German Accelerator, GlueUp, Go4moreSchool, Goldmünzen, MHE-Demag, Nivea (Beiersdorf Philippines), Porsche, PPI Pazifik Power, Rödl & Partner Philippines, Saisy Professionals, SGV, Siemens Philippines, Steag, TÜV Rheinland, Truecare, and Weigand & Partners.

Secondly, the close and trustful cooperation with the DIHK and the global AHK network: Financial developments were anticipated, best practices shared among AHKs and advice and flexibility provided.

The third aspect was the strong service orientation of GPCCI's portfolio. The improvement of virtual formats to more sophisticated and friendly platforms, the continuous development and the flexibility helped to ensure important projects to be acquired and projects to continue.

Furthermore, the Chamber generated cost savings while economic restrictions continued towards the end of 2021. The virtual work set-up led to savings from travels and HR costs.

From the start of pandemic and throughout the end of 2021, the Board of Directors continued to monitor closely the liquidity and the developments of revenues and expenses. I thank the leadership team and the Financial Department of GPCCI for the excellent work done, always up-to-date throughout this challenging time.

With the global roll-out of vaccination campaigns, we have anticipated an ease of restrictions, the return of physical business activities and a strengthened bilateral trade for 2022. Therefore, more physical Chamber events and hybrid formats are to be expected which is reflected in our budget 2022. While we have regained our freedoms from the pandemic, a different challenge lies ahead with recent events. The effect of the Russian-Ukrainian war to the global economic situation may affect the operations of the Chamber as its impact is already felt now with rising oil prices. Nonetheless, GPCCI is confident to see another financially solid year despite the uncertainties. The numbers of the 1st quarter of 2022 are promising. Besides this, sponsorship plays a key role again and therefore I am very grateful for the sponsors 2022: Allianz PNB, Antrak Philippines, BASF, BDO, Boehringer Ingelheim Philippines, Continental, Eastern Telecommunications, Etaily, German Accelerator, GlueUp, Go4moreSchool, Goldmünzen, MHE-Demag, Porsche, PPI Pazifik Power, Rödl & Partner Philippines, Saisy Professionals, SGV, Steag, TÜV Rheinland, and Weigand & Partners.

Let me finish by reporting the formal aspects: The audit closing meeting with SGV was held on 18 February 2022. The audited financial statements were presented and approved by the BoD on 4 March 2022.

Danke Schön, Salamat, Thank you,



Klaus Dieter Schadewald

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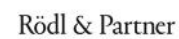
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