

2013 ISRAELI BUSINESS DELEGATION TO THE PHILIPPINES

18-22 February 2013 Makati City, Philippines

The Philippine Embassy in Tel Aviv is pleased to organize a Business Delegation to the Philippines on behalf of the Office of the Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines and in cooperation with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI).

The Business Delegation is organized as a follow-up to the first official visit of the Philippine Vice President Jejomar C Binay to Israel in October 2012 including the meeting in the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce in Tel Aviv.

The delegation will be composed of select members of the Israeli business community representing the sectors of Tourism, Food Production, Medical Technology, Agro-Technology, Solar/Geothermal Energy, Telecommunications, Medical and Water Management, Defense/Security, and Trade of wood, fruits, vegetable and nuts.

The inclusive dates of the delegation visit are from 18 to 22 February 2013. The tentative activities of the business delegation are the following:

18 February	Business Forum, and Networking Session and Welcome Dinner
19 February	Continuation of Networking Session and Site Visits
20 February	Courtesy Calls (Departments of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Industry and Defense)
21 February	Free time/Farewell dinner
22 February	Departure (open)

Details regarding airport courtesies, local transportation, food preferences, hotel booking and other administrative arrangements will be provided by the Embassy to interested delegation participants as soon as available (flight options are provided herewith for initial reference and consideration).

The firm schedule of business meetings, list of prospective partners in the Philippines and participation form will be provided by email individually to interested parties. Value Propositions (industry profile) may be requested separately from the Philippine Embassy.

For more details, please contact the Philippine Embassy through <u>filembis@netvision.net.il</u> (subject: Business delegation 2013) or through 03 601 0506, attention Third Secretary/Vice Consul Ferdinand Flores.

The following documents are provided for the initial reference of interested parties:

- a. Primer on Doing Business in the Philippines (<u>http://boi.gov.ph/pdf/primer.pdf</u>)
- b. Basic Facts for Investors (<u>http://boi.gov.ph/pdf/basicfacts.pdf</u>)
- c. Philippine Competitiveness Trends (http://www.competitive.org.ph/files/downloads/Highlights_of_the_Philippine_Results_in_the_2012_Worl d_Competitiveness_Rankings.pdf)
- d. Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Profile (http://www.philippinechamber.com/)

Interested parties should submit a completely filled up Participant Registration Form (herewith attached) including participant's brief CV and company profile in English (pdf preferred) to <u>filembis@netvision.net.il</u> (cc: <u>ferdie202@yahoo.com</u>) on or before 03 February 2013.

Notes:

a. Delegation members will shoulder airfare and hotel accommodations during the visit.

b. Delegation members may book their hotel or seek the assistance of the Embassy in booking in a preselected hotel

c. Israeli nationals may enter and stay in the Philippines without visa for 59 days.

d. Other partners include the Israel-Asia Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, the Israeli Export Institute, the Employers' Confederation of the Philippines, the Philippine Departments of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Foreign Affairs (DFA).