2024 Aviation Summit

2-3 October 2024, Manila Ballroom - Marriott Hotel Manila, Pasay City, Philippines

Event Overview

The Philippine aviation industry depicts a dynamic and resilient sector that has weathered several hurdles over the years. Domestic travel has reached pre-pandemic levels by the end of 2023, while international travel recovery will occur sometime in 2026. Furthermore, Asia Pacific is seen to lead in traffic growth in the next 20 years. To cater to the growing demand for air travel, the government has already laid the foundation for airport rehabilitation and congestion improvement. The Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) has been privatized and will be operated by a private consortium by September 2024. Nonetheless, headwinds that come with progress need to be addressed to attract more investment and assure long-term economic growth.

Infrastructure development, safety concerns, regulatory framework, and the need for competent human capital, among others, are all pivotal areas that require collective attention to promote continued advancement in the industry. Recognizing Philippine aviation as a main catalyst for trade and investment, overcoming current challenges and riding on the momentum will require strong interventions from all players in the aviation sector. Likewise, it is imperative for industry stakeholders to align aviation policies with international standards as well as forge partnerships with ancillary sectors.

As we fly forward, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) and the Asian Business Aviation Association (AsBAA), in partnership with the Department of Transportation (DOTr), are once again joining forces in organizing the **2024 Aviation Summit** with the theme **"Climbing Towards Sustainable, Safe, Smart Philippine Aviation**." Building on the gains of the 2023 installment, this year's Summit intends to draw deeper awareness of aviation's critical role in Philippine economic progress and push for advocacies that promote growth, sustainability, efficiency, and safety within the sector both internationally and domestically.

To catalyze the transformation of the Philippine aviation sector into a frontrunner among Asian counterparts by 2028, a critical imperative emerges: the urgent overhaul of existing laws and regulations. Beyond mere airline operations, the dynamic areas of business and general aviation are poised to play pivotal roles in the country's development trajectory and its support industries. Achieving competitiveness commensurate with regional peers will foster increased investment across aviation education, maintenance and repair organizations, fleet modernization and upgrades, and operational enhancements, all aimed at ensuring the safe and efficient utilization of airspace and physical infrastructures.

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2024 Aviation Summit: Day 1

Climbing Towards Sustainable, Safe, Smart Philippine Aviation

2 October 2024, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (GMT+8), Manila Ballroom - Marriott Hotel Manila, Pasay City, Philippines

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	**Registration**
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM	**National Anthem and Invocation**
9:10 AM - 9:15 AM	**Welcome Remarks** Mr. Paulo Duarte ECCP President
Opening Session	
9:15 AM - 9:35 AM	**Keynote Speech: Elevating the Philippine Air Transport System to Global Standards** Hon. Jaime J. Bautista Secretary Department of Transportation
9:35 AM - 9:45 AM	**Aviation's Key Role in the EU-PH Economic Relations** H.E. Massimo Santoro Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines
Session 1: Navigating the Future of Philippine Aviation	
9:45 AM - 10:05 AM	**Keynote Speech: Legislative Updates in Philippine Aviation** Hon. Grace Poe Chairperson, Committee on Finance Senate of the Philippines
10:05 AM - 10:20 AM	**State of the Global, Regional, and Philippine Aviation Industry** Yuli Thompson Area Manager for Southeast Asia International Air Transport Association (IATA)

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10:20 AM - 10:35 AM	**Philippine Aviation Industry Outlook** Mike Szücs Chief Executive Officer Cebu Pacific Air
10:35 AM - 10:50 AM	**Growth Prospects and Potential Challenges in Global and Asian Business Aviation** Kurt Edwards Director General International Business Aviation Council (IBAC)
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	**Coffee Break**
11:00 AM - 11:10 AM	**Facilitating Aviation Financing and Leasing in the Philippines through Ratification of the Cape Town Convention** Jeffrey Wool ***(video-recorded presentation)*** Secretary General Aviation Working Group
11:10 AM - 11:50 AM	**Panel Discussion and Open Forum** Yuli Thompson Area Manager for Southeast Asia International Air Transport Association Kurt Edwards Director General International Business Aviation Council Mike Szücs Chief Executive Officer Cebu Pacific Air Philipp Dupuis Minister Counsellor and Head of the Economic and Trade Section Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines **Moderator**: Atty. Manolito Manalo, ECCP Aviation Committee and AsBAA Philippine Chapter Co-Chairperson
11:50 AM - 1:10 PM	**Networking Lunch**

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Session 2: Cross-Sectoral Perspective for a Turbulence-Free Aviation	
1:10 PM - 1:25 PM	**Soaring Together: Future Proofing PH Aviation** Felix Lopez Chief Human Resources Officer Cebu Pacific Air
1:25 PM - 1:40 PM	**Aerospace and Aviation: Skyways to Progress** Dr. Joel Joseph S. Marciano, Jr. Director General Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)
1:55 PM - 2:10 PM	**Role of Aviation in Crisis Management and National Defense** Hon. Joselito B. Ramos Assistant Secretary for Logistics, Acquisitions, and Self-Reliant Defense Posture Department of National Defense
2:10 PM - 2:25 PM	**Coffee Break**
2:25 PM - 2:40 PM	**Harnessing Philippine Resources for Sustainable Aviation Fuel Pathways** Mr. Ditmar Gorges Managing Partner SAFasia Inc.
2:40 PM - 2:55 PM	**Role of Aerospace in Balancing Growth and Green in the Aviation Industry** Jessica Yom Government Relations Director for RTX Pratt & Whitney
2:55 PM - 3:10 PM	**Innovations in Aircraft Design and Technology for Fuel Efficiency** Anand Stanley President Airbus Asia Pacific
3:10 PM - 3:25 PM	**Coffee break**
3:25 PM - 4:25 PM	**Panel Discussion and Open Forum**

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4:25 PM - 4:30 PM	**Closing Remarks** Jenny Lau AsBAA Chairwoman

2024 Aviation Summit: Day 2

"Climbing Towards Sustainable, Safe, Smart Philippine Aviation"

3 October 2024, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (GMT+8), Manila Ballroom - Marriott Hotel Manila, Pasay City, Philippines

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	**Registration**
9:00 AM - 9:05 AM	**National Anthem and Invocation**
9:05 AM - 9:10 AM	**Welcome Remarks** Mr. Max Motschmann AsBAA Board of Governors Member and Philippine Chapter Founder
Session 1: Improving International and Domestic Connectivity in the Philippines	
9:10 AM - 9:30 AM	**Keynote Speech: Enhancing Airports in the Philippines and Investment Opportunities in Philippine Aviation** Hon. Roberto C.O. Lim Undersecretary for Aviation and Airports Department of Transportation (DOTr)
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	**The Future of the Main Gateway: Key Projects in NAIA's Rehabilitation** Angelito A. Alvarez General Manager New NAIA Infrastructure Corp.
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	**Importance of Public-Private Partnerships in Philippine Aviation** Hon. Cynthia Hernandez Executive Director Public-Private Partnerships Center
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	**Coffee Break**
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	**Strategic Investment Opportunities in CIAC's Seven Flagship Projects for Developers and Investors** Ms. Melissa D. Feliciano EnP, MNSA Chief Strategist and Urban Planner

	Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC)
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	**Industry Recommendations for Smarter and More Efficient Philippine Airports** Ilya Gutlin Chief Executive Officer AKiDO Global
10:45 AM - 11:50 AM	**Panel Discussion and Open Forum** Hon. Roberto Lim Undersecretary for Aviation and Airports Department of Transportation Angelito A. Alvarez General Manager New NAIA Infrastructure Corp. Hon. Cynthia Hernandez Executive Director Public-Private Partnerships Center Ms. Melissa D. Feliciano EnP, MNSA Chief Strategist and Urban Planner Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC) Ilya Gutlin Chief Executive Officer AKiDO Global Hon. Vivian Santos Deputy Director General for Operations Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) Edgar Allan Nepomuceno Chairperson Airline Operators Council - Manila **Moderator:** Samuel David, Country Manager for the Philippines, International Air Transport Association
11:50 AM - 1:00 PM	**Networking Lunch**
Session 2: Ensuring Safe and Secure Air Traffic	

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1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	**Philippine Aviation Economic Regulatory Landscape** Atty. Carmelo L. Arcilla Executive Director Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB)
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	**Advancing Effective Safety Risk Management in Philippine Aviation** Captain Florendo Jose C. Aquino III Acting Assistant Director General II, Flight Standards Inspectorate Service (FSIS) Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	**Cybersecurity in Aviation: Protecting Critical Infrastructure from Emerging Threats** Hon. Francisco Ashley Acedillo Board Director Philippine Institute of Cybersecurity Professionals
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	**Coffee Break**
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	**Certification of Local MROs and Meeting the Requirements and Demands of the Future** Shevantha Weerasekera VP / Senior Advisor Engineering & Fleet Management Cebu Pacific Air
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	**Air Traffic Operation and CNS/ATM Best Practices** Daniel Cruz Lead Expert on Air Traffic Management (ATM) and Air Navigation Services (ANS) - SCOPE APP Project European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	**Panel Discussion** Atty. Carmelo L. Arcilla Executive Director Civil Aeronautics Board Hon. Francisco Ashley Acedillo Board Director Philippine Institute of Cybersecurity Professionals

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3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	**Coffee break**
Synthesis	
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	**The Strategic Role of Aviation in Advancing International Trade and Logistics for Economic Progress** Hon. Mary Jean T. Pacheco Undersecretary for E-Commerce Group Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	**Keynote message: Strengthening the Aviation Sector as a Driver of Economic Growth** Hon. Frederick Go Special Assistant to the President for Investment and Economic Affairs (SAPIEA) Office of the President
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	**Closing Keynote Message** Mr. Benoît de Saint-Exupéry Executive Vice President - Sales, Commercial Aircraft Airbus
Networking Night 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	

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Master of Ceremonies:

Ms. Lois Calderon
News Anchor and Executive Producer
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