



Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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cordially invite

to the

Forum on Japan-ASEAN & Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership

October 29, 2004 • 1:30 p.m.
Camellia/Dahlia Rooms, Dusit Hotel Nikko
Makati City

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In 2002, heads of State/Government of Brunei Darussalam, Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of Indonesia, Lao People's Republic, Malaysia, Union of Myanmar, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Singapore, Kingdom of Thailand, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and Japan signed a Joint Declaration on Japan-ASEAN Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

This declaration seeks to implement measures for the realization of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership (CEP), including elements of a possible Free Trade Area (FTA) which should be completed within ten (10) year period, and to establish a committee to consider and draft a framework for the realization of the CEP between Japan and ASEAN ("Japan-ASEAN CEP").

The Japan-ASEAN CEP seeks to:

- strengthen economic integration between Japan and ASEAN through the creation of CEP;
- enhance the competitiveness of Japan and ASEAN in the world market through strengthened partnership and linkages;
- progressively liberalize and facilitate trade in goods and services as well as create a transparent and liberal investment regime;
- explore new areas and develop appropriate measures for further co-operation and economic integration; and
- facilitate the more effective economic integration of the newer ASEAN Member States and bridge the development gap among the ASEAN Member State.

The framework for this partnership has been signed last year and consultations are now being conducted on the areas of facilitation and co-operation. Work programs are currently being developed for the expeditious implementation of measures or activities in the following areas: trade related procedures, business environment, intellectual property right (IPR) and other areas of co-operation such as energy, information communications technology (ICT), human resources development (HRD), small and medium enterprises (SME), tourism and hospitality, transportation and logistics, standards and conformance and mutual recognition agreement.

Consistent with the declaration signed in 2002, the Philippine government has initiated the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) which will include a possible free-trade agreement and other components covering services, investment, human resources development and other forms of cooperation.

Latest developments on the implementation of the Japan-ASEAN CEP and Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) will be discussed in this forum organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) in partnership with the Pacific Resource Exchange Center (PREX). This forum will also highlight the opportunities for SMEs under this partnership.

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