## Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc.



Presentation of Barrio School to President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.

Since 1954, the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII) has been a strong partner of government in nation-building and development. It channels its efforts to unite the Filipino Chinese community, promote the growth of business, and implement social welfare projects to bring forth progress for the whole country. The Federation's 170 member organizations across the Philippines play vital roles in their respective sectors and communities. Their members are actively engaged in trading, manufacturing, service industry, and other economic activities that help fuel the country's engine of progress.

FFCCCII is a non-stock, non-profit corporation. As the largest organization of Filipino Chinese businesses, the Federation brings together under one roof chambers of commerce and trade associations from National Capital Region, Northeastern Luzon, Northwestern Luzon, Central Luzon, Southern Luzon, Bicol, Eastern Visayas, Cebu-Bohol, Occidental & Oriental Negros, Panay, Northern Mindanao, Southern Mindanao, and Southwestern Mindanao.

Seventeen Committees take charge of specific areas of concern, namely: External Affairs Committee, Trade and Industry Committee, Industrial Relations Committee, Tax and Business Advocacy Committee, Belt and Road Initiative Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Welfare Committee, Mediation Committee, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Organization and Chapter Members Development Committee, Education and Culture Committee, Social Responsibility Committee, Youth and Integration Committee, Media and Public Information Committee, Property Management and Special Projects Committee, Science and Information Technology Committee, and Government Affairs and Legislative Liaison Committee.

Over the years, FFCCCII has undertaken a broad range of activities in keeping with its deep commitment to serve the Filipino nation.

**Promotion of entrepreneurship and business growth.** The Federation actively promotes the growth of entrepreneurship by supporting projects for the development and competitiveness of micro, small and medium enterprises.

The Federation provides free seminars, and workshops on productivity improvement and other topics to encourage the setting up of more businesses and improve company performance.



"Buy Pinoy, Save Jobs" is a movement launched by FFCCCII to promote Philippine-made products and services in order to save and

create jobs; promote consumer welfare, and encourage the growth of industries.

**Trade missions.** FFCCCII conducts trade, investment and goodwill missions to other countries to gain market access at a business-to-business level. The Federation also forms partnerships and cooperation with chambers of commerce and business organizations overseas.

## **Advocacies for Growth**

Growth through Technological Innovation. Today, we live in an era where technology progresses at an overwhelming pace. From artificial intelligence (AI) to internet of things (IoT), these advancements offer tremendous opportunities for businesses but also pose significant challenges.

The technologies used and skills obtained yesterday and today might become obsolete tomorrow. Thus, having the ability to adapt and to continuously improve technology will be crucial for businesses to be productive and more competitive.

Furthermore, promoting collaboration in research and development to harness emerging

technologies will help businesses develop system efficiency, reduce operational costs, and provide new opportunities for product and service innovation.

Growth through ICT. In the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) services, the Philippines is an active player because it has an adequate pool of executives and workers for ICT services with high skill levels. Growth areas for ICT are Business Process Outsourcing, call centers, software development, engineering design, medical transcription, and others.

Growth through Agriculture. The Federation is supportive of efforts to modernize the Philippine agriculture and fishery sectors in order to increase productivity and global competitiveness, and ensure food Many Filipinos living in the security. countryside depend on agriculture directly or indirectly for their source of living. Promoting agricultural would contribute growth significantly to improvement of rural life.

The country's agriculture industry presents major investment opportunities in the following areas: rural infrastructure, food processing, transportation and distribution, financing, and biotechnology.

Growth through Tourism. FFCCCII considers the tourism industry to be a top priority because the Philippines is blessed with world-class tourism destinations, and Filipinos are friendly, hospitable and speak English very well. Tourism is a lucrative investment because of the Philippines' competitive advantage and location.

Growth through Energy Development. FFCCCII encourages investments in alternative sources of energy like wind, solar and hydro that will provide stable and affordable energy supply to local industries and consumers.



Vice President Sara Z. Duterte as Guest of Honor and Speaker at the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of FFCCCII



FFCCCII and Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to designate FFCCCII as one of its partners in promoting initiatives to improve ease of doing business in the Philippines and enhance the delivery of efficient government services.



The Manila International Container Port (MICP) convened its 6th Customs Industry Consultative and Advisory Council (CICAC) Meeting at FFCCCII in a continued effort to strengthen customs-industry cooperation.



FFCCCII turns over its donations of hygiene kits and notebooks to the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) for the child beneficiaries of 'Project Angel Tree' as part of DOLE's child labor prevention program.



FFCCCII President Victor Lim leads the Wreathlaying and Independence Day flagraising ceremony at the Dr. Jose Rizal Monument in Rizal Park, Manila



FFCCCII Energy Solutions Forum



Launching of the Philippine National Police-Joint Anti-Kidnapping Action Committee (JAKAC)



Turnover of Raincoats to Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) - Traffic Enforcement District

Tax and business advocacy. The Federation organizes public seminars on tax policies and encourages businesses to comply with tax laws.

Information about tax regulations are regularly disseminated to the public through newspaper publications, posters and printed materials.

**Industrial relations.** To disseminate information on labor laws, policies and regulations, FFCCCII conducts labor-related seminars to the public and businesses for free.

The Federation also supports the annual Job Fairs conducted by the Department of Labor and Employment to match job seekers with available jobs.

**Peace and order.** FFCCCII works in partnership with law enforcement agencies and the community in fighting criminality by promoting vigilance and cooperation.

The Federation has successfully mobilized its membership and the Filipino Chinese community in various projects promoting peace and order to ensure an environment conducive to business growth.

Overseas Chinese Service Center. An Overseas Chinese Service Center (OCSC) was established at FFCCCII to provide assistance to Chinese nationals on various matters.



FFCCCII officers with Solicitor General Darlene Marie Berberabe and petitioners who took their oath of allegiance as naturalized Filipino citizens

**Naturalization and immigration.** The Federation has assisted in facilitating several applications for the naturalization of Chinese born in the Philippines pursuant to Republic Act 9139.

It likewise assists Chinese nationals who have inquiry about their Alien Certificate of Registration I-card with the Bureau of Immigration.

Mediation. To maintain harmony in the Filipino Chinese community and prevent costly court proceedings, the Federation mediates and settle business dispute referred by member organizations.

Chinese language education. To make Filipino students and workers globally competitive, the Federation cooperates with universities in China to invite language trainers to enhance Chinese language teaching in Filipino Chinese schools.

FFCCCII has also launched a Scholarship Program for students taking up Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language.

Science and Technology. FFCCCII supports science and technology development, young Filipino inventors, and the propagation of locally developed technologies which industries may tap for possible application.

Culture and Heritage. To promote cultural understanding, FFCCCII undertakes activities during historical and special events such as Chinese New Year, Filipino Heritage Festival, Philippine Independence Day, and Filipino Chinese Friendship Day.

**Youth development.** Recognizing the role of the youth in nation-building, FFCCCII implements programs to promote youth entrepreneurship and camaraderie.



Courtesy call to Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin



Courtesy call to Secretary Maria Cristina Roque of the Department of Trade and Industry



Courtesy call to Secretary Bienvenido Laguesma of the Department of Labor and Employment



Courtesy call to Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel, Jr. of the Department of Agriculture



Courtesy call to Secretary Ma. Theresa Lazaro of the Department of Foreign Affairs



Courtesy call to Secretary Gilberto Teodoro, Jr. of the Department of National Defense



Courtesy call to Police General Nicolas Torre III, Chief, Philippine National Police



Courtesy call to Mayor Francisco "Isko" Moreno Domagoso of the City of Manila



Lighting Ceremony of Jones Bridge in Manila in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Philippines-China Diplomatic Relations. The project was spearheaded by FFCCCII.



Filipino Chinese Table Tennis Friendship Tournament organized by FFCCCII and Filipino Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation (FCAAF) in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Philippines-China Diplomatic Relations



FFCCCII "Lakad Magkaibigan" civic walk



Filipino Chinese Community's Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Philippines-China Diplomatic Relations with Senate President Francis "Chiz" Escudero as Guest of Honor and Speaker



"TikTok Video Competition: Celebrating 50 Years of Philippines-China Diplomatic Relations" Awarding Ceremony



FFCCCII Mid-Autumn Mooncake Festival

## **Social Welfare Programs**

FFCCCII has also gone above and beyond as a business organization with its strong involvement in social development. The Federation's social welfare programs have advanced the well-being of the Filipino people. "Operation: Barrio Schools." Since 1961, this ongoing flagship project of the Federation involves the donation of two-classroom school buildings to public schools across the country.



"Operation: Barrio Schools" in Dulag, Leyte

More than 6,500 units of school buildings, or a total of more than 13,000 classrooms, have been constructed from donations of FFCCCII officers and benevolent donors from the Filipino Chinese community.

Special Assistance for Education (SAFE) and FFCCCII-GT Foundation "Share A Gift of Education (SAGE)." To provide educational assistance to a greater number of bright but underprivileged students in Filipino Chinese schools, FFCCCII implements the SAFE scholarship program, and has also partnered with GT Foundation for the SAGE program.

"Libreng Gamutan" Medical and Dental Missions. Through its medical missions, FFCCCII provides medical and dental services and free medicines to indigent patients. Since the 1960s, the Federation and its local chapters have rendered these free services with the help of doctors, dentists and nurses.

Relief Operation for calamity victims

Volunteer fire brigades. In the 1960s, the Federation initiated the establishment of volunteer fire brigades to augment government firefighting efforts.

Since then, Filipino Chinese communities all over the country followed through and organized their own volunteer firefighting brigades.

Relief operations. In times of natural calamities and disasters, the Federation and its chapters are among the first to extend relief assistance in coordination with local government units. Food, clothing, medicines, and basic needs are delivered to calamity victims at the soonest time.

The Federation's programs and advocacies mirror the greater participation of its members in continuing its tradition of service to the nation.



'Libreng Gamutan' Medical Mission