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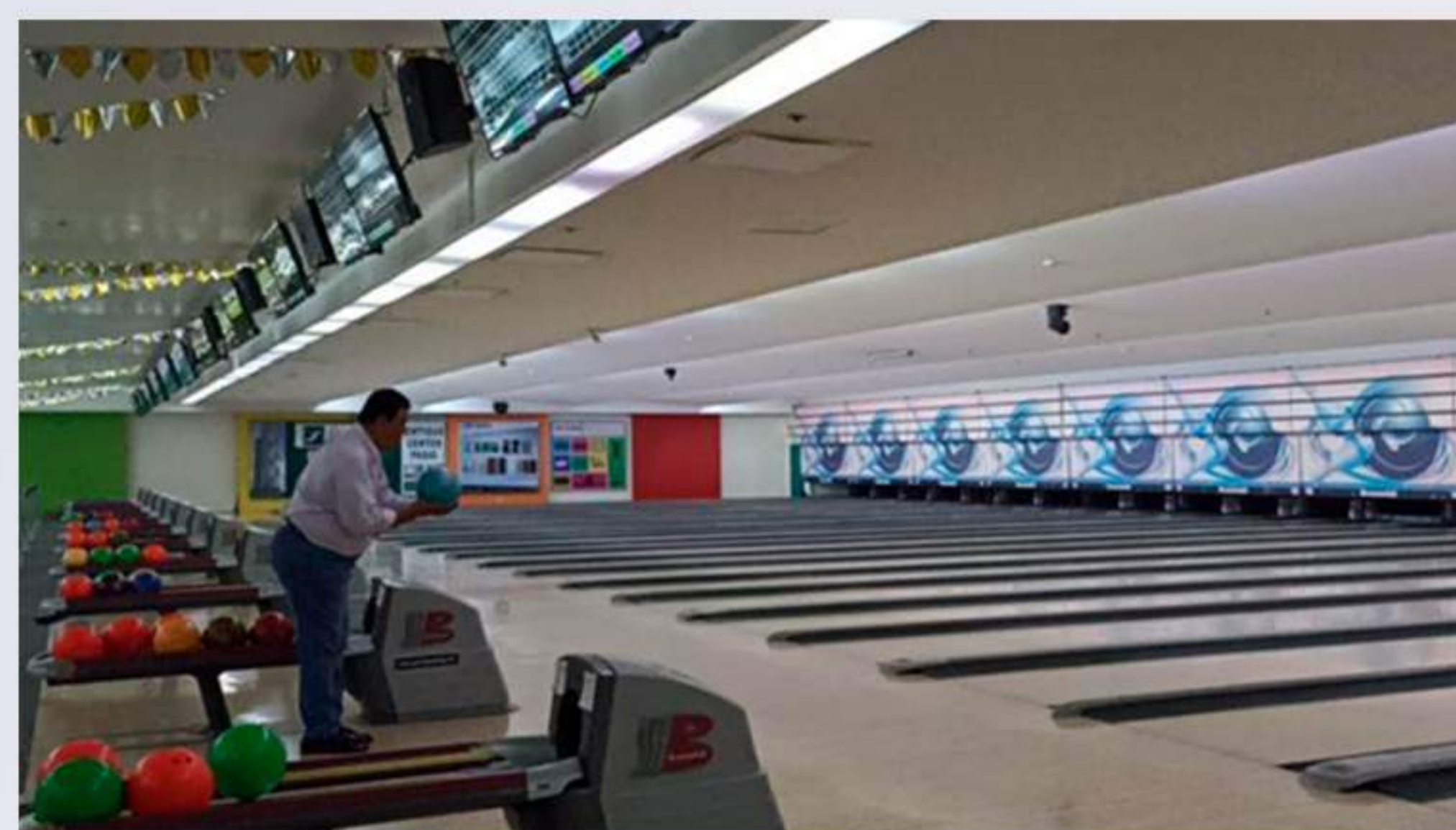
STRIKING AHEAD: 12th SPIK BOWLING TOURNAMENT 2024

The 12th SPIK Bowling Tournament of 2024 at E-Lanes Bowling Center in San Juan City was a grand affair, bringing together the best of the chemical industry in a spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition. This annual event serves as a refreshing escape from the rigors of corporate life, allowing bowling aficionados to showcase their skills while fostering unity and teamwork.



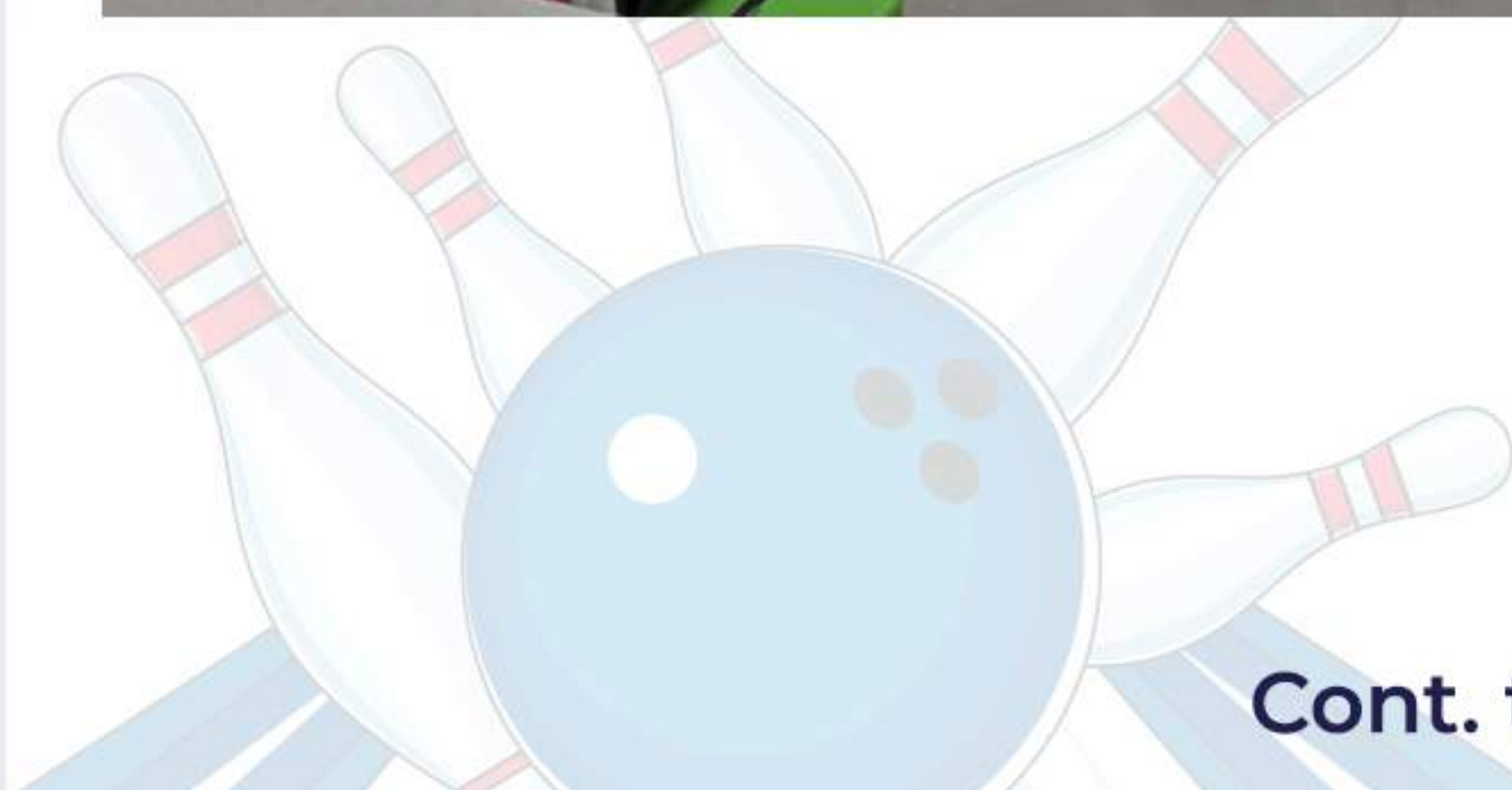
The tournament kicked off to a rousing start as the Executive Director Engr. Jeffrey G. Mijares, representing the esteemed President, graciously welcomed everyone. His heartfelt acknowledgment of the prestigious sponsors resonated throughout the

venue, emphasizing the invaluable contribution the benefactors had made to the event. SPIK's gratitude for their unwavering support and generosity were tangible, setting the stage for a competition fueled by camaraderie and a shared love for the sport, all made possible by the sponsors' active engagement and commitment.



The atmosphere was electric as Engr. Dennis G. Tirthdas, the esteemed Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, made his grand entrance to officially commence the tournament. With a ceremonial flourish, he rolled the gleaming bowling ball down the lane, setting

the stage for an epic competition. The resounding crack of pins colliding echoed through the alley as the ball curved gracefully into the strike zone. A round of applause erupted, signaling the start of an unforgettable evening filled with camaraderie, fierce rivalries, and the thunderous rhythm of rolling balls. The bowlers took their cues, eager to conquer the lanes in the wake of Engr. Tirthdas' auspicious opening act.



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The SPIK bowling tournament boasted a spectacular showdown of 15 teams hailing from 11 distinct member companies. This high-spirited tournament served as a riveting testament to the camaraderie and competitive zeal that thrives within the corporate community. Each team brought their A-game to the gleaming lanes, their eyes glinting with determination and excitement. This corporate clash not only showcased their bowling prowess but also reinforced the bonds of sportsmanship and friendship.

The generous sponsorship of **All Waste Services, Inc., Pigmentex, Inc., Mabuhay Vinyl Corporation, Henkel Philippines, Inc., and Suntra International Trading, Co., Inc.**, brought to life an event where sustainability and creativity danced hand in hand, leaving a vibrant footprint of eco-consciousness and joy in the hearts of all who attended. Each company's commitment to the cause shimmered like the myriad hues of their products, blending seamlessly into a masterpiece of corporate social responsibility that painted a brighter future for our planet.



The nail-biting finale had everyone on the edge of their seats as Mabuhay Vinyl Corporation Team A and Pacific Paint (Boysen) Philippines, Inc. Team A ended in a dramatic tie with

905 pinfalls each. The Ways and Means Committee Chairman and the Executive Director decided on a sudden death playoff to determine the champion. **The Mabuhay Vinyl Corporation Team A emerged as the triumphant champions**, claiming victory with an outstanding performance that left the audience in awe.



The competitive team of **Pacific (Boysen) Philippines, Inc.** secured the prestigious title of First Runner-Up, showcasing their exceptional skills and determination.



In a close and exhilarating race for the podium, **Mabuhay Vinyl Corporation Team B** managed to clinch the Second Runner-Up position, proving their mettle in the face of intense



Ms. Michelle Solis from RI Chemicals Corporation wowed everyone with her prowess, earning the esteemed title of Highest Score Female. Her performance was a testament to her dedication and resilience, setting a benchmark for future female participants.



Meanwhile, **Mr. Jerry Cham** of Pacific Paint (Boysen) Philippines, Inc. dominated the male category, achieving the Highest Score Male award. His masterful execution and unyielding spirit captivated the judges and spectators alike, solidifying his place as a formidable contender.

The event concluded with a round of applause and the awarding of certificates and trophies. The camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed by all participants were truly emblematic of the SPIK spirit. The Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Director Dennis Tirthdas, ended the day with an invigorating speech, hinting at the much-anticipated Annual Golf Tournament in October at the Manila Golf and Country Club.

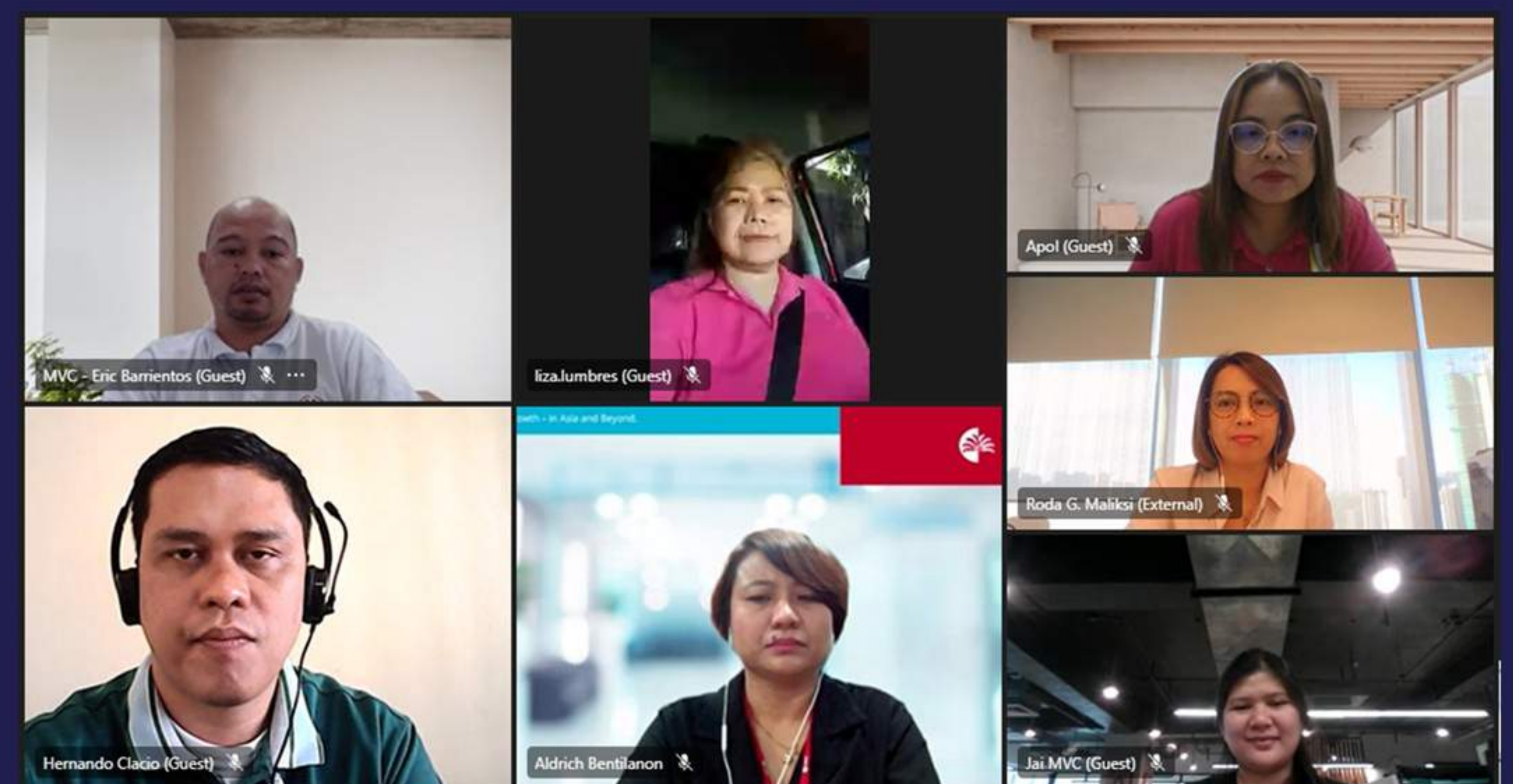
This year's SPIK Bowling Tournament was not just about winning or losing, but about the shared experience of coming together, the joy of competition, and the celebration of a strong and vibrant industry. The day was a testament to the fact that even in the most intense battles, friendships are made, and memories are created that last a lifetime.

SPIK Webinar Unveils ICCA Responsible Care KPI Reporting: A Step Towards Transparent Chemical Industry Excellence



The Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) recently hosted a webinar focused on the innovative ICCA Responsible Care Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Reporting. This virtual event, held on July 02, 2024, drew in over 50 participants from the SPIK community, all eager to engage with the speakers, **Ms. Sarah Sherwood**, Associate Director, Responsible Care and Sustainability, and **Ms. Cherie Weible**, Senior Director, Strategy and Global Affairs, both from the American Chemistry Council (ACC). The webinar served as an enlightenment, guiding the industry through the new reporting system designed to enhance the communication of environmental, health, and safety performance metrics within the chemical sector.

The digital stage was set for an insightful discussion that aimed to empower SPIK members with the tools necessary to embrace transparency and drive continuous improvement. The ICCA Responsible Care KPI Reporting is a groundbreaking initiative that underscores the collective commitment of the chemical industry to operational excellence and sustainable growth. By embracing this global framework, SPIK members are poised to not only meet but exceed international standards, fostering a culture of responsibility and stewardship.



The session was a testament to SPIK's dedication to advancing the chemical industry's narrative, showcasing the sector's unwavering commitment to environmental protection, workplace safety, and community engagement. Through this collaborative effort, SPIK and its members are set to redefine the industry landscape with a renewed focus on sustainability and openness, paving the way for a brighter, more responsible future.

UPD Chemical Engineering Department Meets with SPIK: Shaping the Future of the Philippine Chemical Industry Through Collaborative Curriculum Development

The University of the Philippines Diliman's Department of Chemical Engineering (UPD DChE) recently hosted a strategic meeting with the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), a prominent association representing the chemical industry in the Philippines. The session was spearheaded by Dr. Julie Anne D.R. Paraggua, the UPD DChE Chair and Associate Professor, and Dr. Lawrence A. Limjuco, collaborating with SPIK's President, Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle, and Vice President for External Affairs, Engr. Albert A. Samuela, as well as Executive Director, Engr. Jeffrey G. Mijares. This significant gathering aimed to strengthen the academe-industry partnership by addressing the evolving demands of the local chemical sector. **Cont. to Page 4**

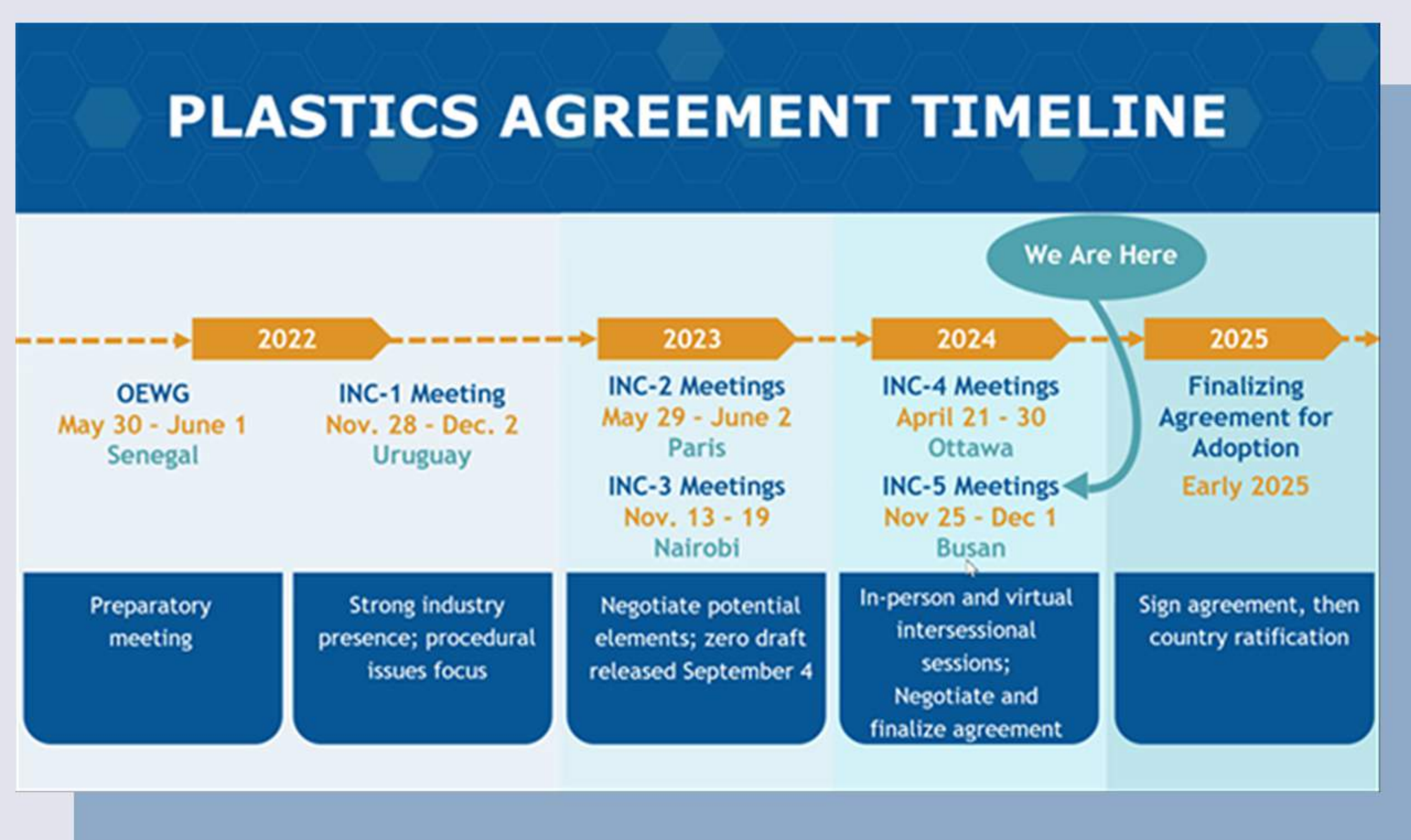


The highlight of the discussion revolved around the enhancement of the chemical engineering curriculum at UPD, ensuring that it remains in sync with the contemporary landscape of the industry. SPIK, with its wealth of industry insights, provided insights on the current challenges and concerns that the Philippine chemical industry is facing. This synergistic exchange of ideas and knowledge will serve to refine the educational framework, thereby equipping students with skills that are directly applicable and beneficial to the workforce.

This collaborative endeavor was prefaced by a Focus Group Discussion held on June 22, 2024, which convened representatives from leading companies, the academe, and government institutions. The FGD's goal was to scrutinize and bolster the pertinence of UPD DChE's degree programs—Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering—by aligning them with the expressed needs and anticipations of the nation's industrial stakeholders.

The anticipated outcome of these collaborative efforts is a transformative impact on the chemical engineering education in the country, fostering a new generation of professionals who can address and overcome the challenges of the industrial landscape. This strategic alliance promises to not only uplift the academic standards but also significantly contribute to the progress and competitiveness of the Philippine chemical industry.

ICCA Responsible Care® Leadership Group (RCLG) Holds Conference Call on Plastic Pollution and Trade Updates



On July 10, 2024, the ICCA Responsible Care® Leadership Group (RCLG) convened a significant conference call, addressing the urgent matters of global plastic pollution and trade. **Ms. Lea Dumagat** from the American Chemistry Council (ACC) led discussions on the upcoming fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC5), aiming to forge a robust international treaty to combat the escalating issue of plastic waste. She outlined the strategic preparations underway for the pivotal meeting, emphasizing the importance of collaboration in crafting effective policies. Following her, **Mr. Jason Bernstein** from ACC presented an in-depth review of the ICCA Trade CCG's progress, highlighting the Plastics Trade and Economic Framework paper that seeks to streamline sustainable practices within the industry.

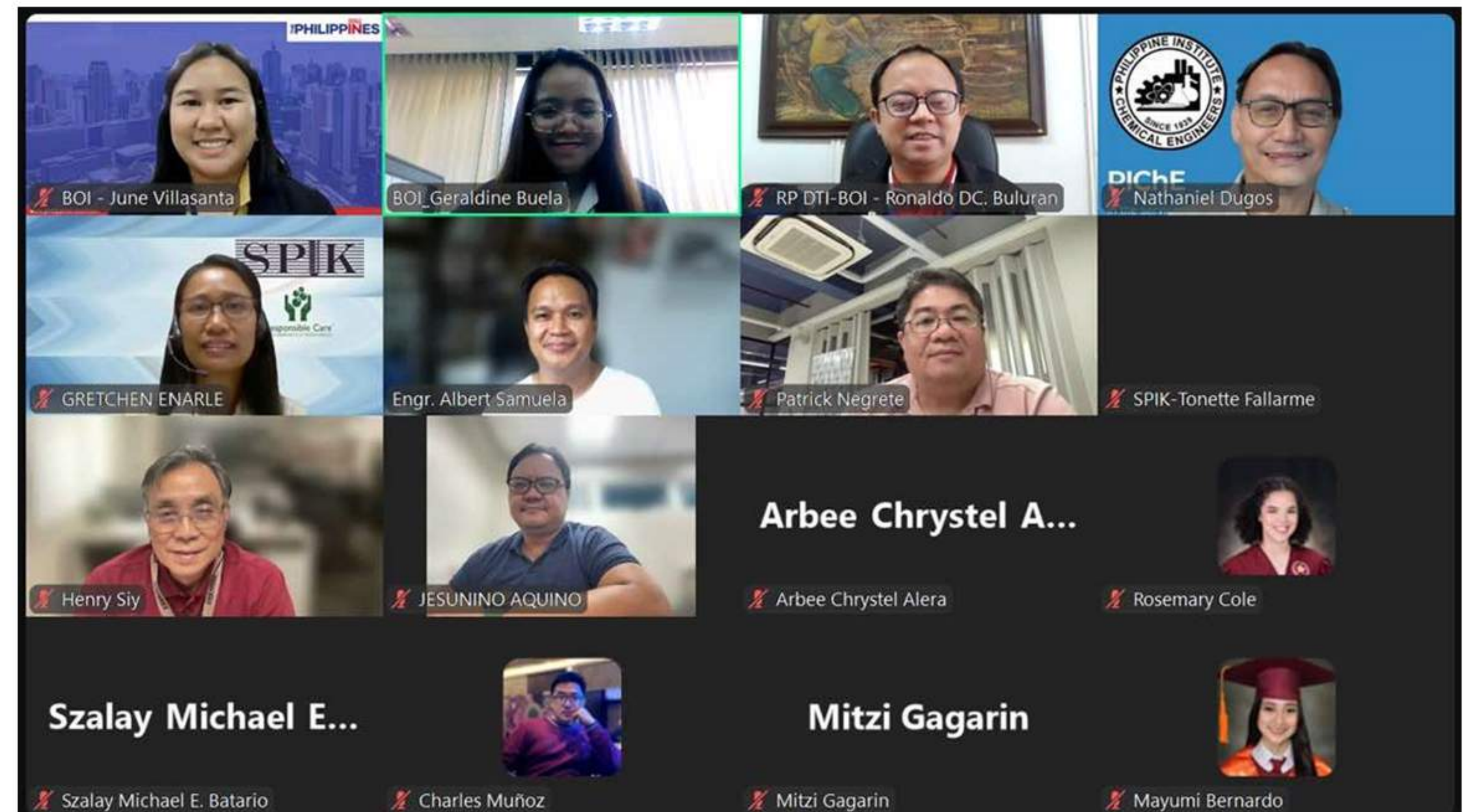
Ms. Sarah Sherwood, also from ACC, introduced an innovative KPI webtool designed to enhance transparency and facilitate data sharing among members. She walked the attendees through the new login requirements and addressed any concerns or queries, ensuring a smooth transition to the advanced platform. The conference call concluded with **Ms. Ana Ocampo** providing essential logistical details for the forthcoming September 24-25 meeting, graciously hosted by Responsabilidad Integral Colombia (RIC).

The SPIK delegation, comprised of President **Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle** and **Ms. Antonette C. Fallarme**, bringing the Philippines' perspective and commitment to the forefront of international chemical stewardship efforts. This conference call exemplified the collective commitment of RCLG members to drive environmental protection and responsible trade practices in the global chemical sector.

SWG 1 Industry-Academe of PH Chemical Industry Roadmap Gears Up for Innovation

The Small Working Group (SWG) 1 Industry-Academe of the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap held a virtual gathering on July 12, 2024, to initiate the meticulous planning for the anticipated Innovation Summit slated for October. This strategic event is poised to invigorate the collaboration between industry leaders and academic institutions, fostering a dynamic environment for knowledge exchange and technological advancement.

The session was ably steered by **Mr. Ronaldo DC Buluran**, the Acting Director of Manufacturing Industries Service, and **Engr. Albert A. Samuela**, the SPIK Vice President and SWG1 Lead. The assembly brought together esteemed representatives from various partner organizations and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), with **Dr. Nathaniel P. Dugos** President of the Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers (PChE). Notable attendees included **Engr. Jesunino Aquino**, the Dean of Chemical Engineering of Mapua Malayan Colleges of Laguna, **Mr. Henry Siy** from Chemrez Technologies, Inc., and **Engr. Patrick Negrete** representing the Philippine Coatings and Paint Association Inc. (PPCAI).



The collaborative spirit was notable as discussions focused on leveraging the collective expertise to bolster the nation's chemical sector. The Summit, set to be supported by the Board of Investments (BOI), promises to be a pivotal platform for innovation and growth. The event's coordination was expertly moderated by Ms. June Villasanta and Ms. Geraldine Buela, both Supervising Investments Specialists, ensuring a seamless and productive meeting that laid the groundwork for an insightful and impactful summit in the coming months.

SPIK Board Meeting: Celebrating Success, Fueling Innovation



The SPIK board meeting unfolded at the Sela Pods in Pasay City on July 17, 2024. Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle, the dynamic President of SPIK, orchestrated the assembly with a clear vision and contagious enthusiasm. The meeting kicked off with a presentation by Mr. CJ Munoz from Igawara Corporation Pte Ltd, casting a spotlight on the flourishing collaborations and advancements within the chemical sector.

The main stage was set for a recap of the 12th SPIK Bowling Tournament, which had taken place just

a week prior. The event had not only showcased the athletic prowess of the members but also the camaraderie and competitive spirit that pulses through the association's veins. The attendees reveled in the success of the tournament, dissecting its high points and brainstorming ways to elevate future events. The board members also delved into the ongoing SPIK advocacies, sharing insights, and mapping out strategies to further their reach and impact. Reports on Responsible Care implementation and activities provided a robust foundation for their commitment to sustainability and community welfare.

The horizon looked promising with the SERIC-led webinars and capacity building initiatives, designed to sharpen the minds and skills of the chemical industry's movers and shakers. The anticipation grew significantly as they touched upon the back-to-back events in October: the Chemical Industry Night and the eagerly awaited annual golf tournament. These occasions serve as not only a networking playground but also a testament to SPIK's dedication to fostering growth and unity within the chemical community.

SPIK and Saltegra Consulting Explore Partnership for Enhanced Process Safety Management in the Chemical Industry



On July 17, 2024, the Selah Pods Hotel in Pasay City served as the backdrop for a significant meeting between the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) and Saltegra Consulting LLC. The alliance aims to fortify the chemical industry's commitment to process safety, a critical aspect of the sector's growth and sustainability. **Engr. Reinier Jay C. Bagabay**, SPIK's Responsible Care Chairman, led the delegation, while Saltegra's **Engr. Reyson Dave Dela Cruz**, Operations Manager, and **Engr. Marian Mendoza**, Technical Marketing Engineer, represented the consulting firm.

The meeting's central agenda revolves around the potential memorandum of understanding (MOU) that could revolutionize process safety management within the chemical industry. By pooling their collective expertise, SPIK and Saltegra aim to introduce advanced strategies and best practices to mitigate risks and enhance operational efficiency. The proposed MOU is anticipated to create a robust framework for knowledge exchange and capacity building, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and innovation in chemical processes.

The meeting's agenda also included the exciting prospect of hosting a series of webinars focused on process safety. This initiative not only underscores the importance of safety within the industry but also exemplifies the shared commitment of both parties to enhance the sector's overall performance and sustainability. This strategic alliance is aligned with the objectives of the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap (PCIR), particularly its Safer Materials and Operations strategy, where Saltegra plays a significant role as a member of the Small Working Group (SWG).

The collaboration is expected to yield a blueprint for the successful implementation of advanced safety measures, thereby reinforcing the resilience of the chemical sector and contributing to the nation's economic growth. This synergistic approach is a testament to the collaborative spirit that continues to drive progress in the Philippines' industrial landscape.

SPIK Engages with Government Officials to Address Industry Challenges during Election Periods



In a strategic gathering on July 19, 2024, the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) led by President **Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle**, convened with esteemed officials from the Board of Investments and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to tackle pressing concerns. The meeting, held at the DILG Napolcom Office in Quezon City, saw the presence of Assistant Secretary for Community Participation **Elizabeth N. Lopez De Leon** and Board of Investments Executive Director, Industry Development Services **Maria Corazon Halili-Dichosa**, alongside **Mr. Ronaldo Buluran**, Acting Director of Manufacturing Industries Service.

The essential part of the discussion revolved around the inconvenient interplay between PNP-FEO (Philippine National Police-Firearms and Explosives Office) and COMELEC (Commission on Elections) regulations during election periods. The overlapping restrictions on the transport of thirty-two chemicals, categorized as PNP-controlled, were brought to the forefront. This issue entangled various sectors, causing ripples of distress across the nation's industrial landscape. The attendees expressed concerns over the unintended consequences of these regulations, which often lead to supply chain disruptions and economic repercussions.

The meeting served as a critical juncture for SPIK to advocate for a more nuanced approach that would ensure both the integrity of the electoral process and the unimpeded operation of essential industries. The atmosphere was one of collaboration and mutual understanding as the officials acknowledged the gravity of the situation and the necessity for a balanced resolution. The dialogue was marked by a shared commitment to upholding democratic principles while minimizing the negative impact on the country's economic lifeblood.

The SPIK and BOI-initiated discussion underscored the importance of public-private partnerships in navigating complex policy matters. It exemplified the association's proactive stance in fostering an environment conducive to growth and progress, ensuring that the voice of the industry is heard and considered in the halls of governance. The outcomes of this meeting are eagerly anticipated, as they could potentially shape the future of chemical regulation during election seasons.

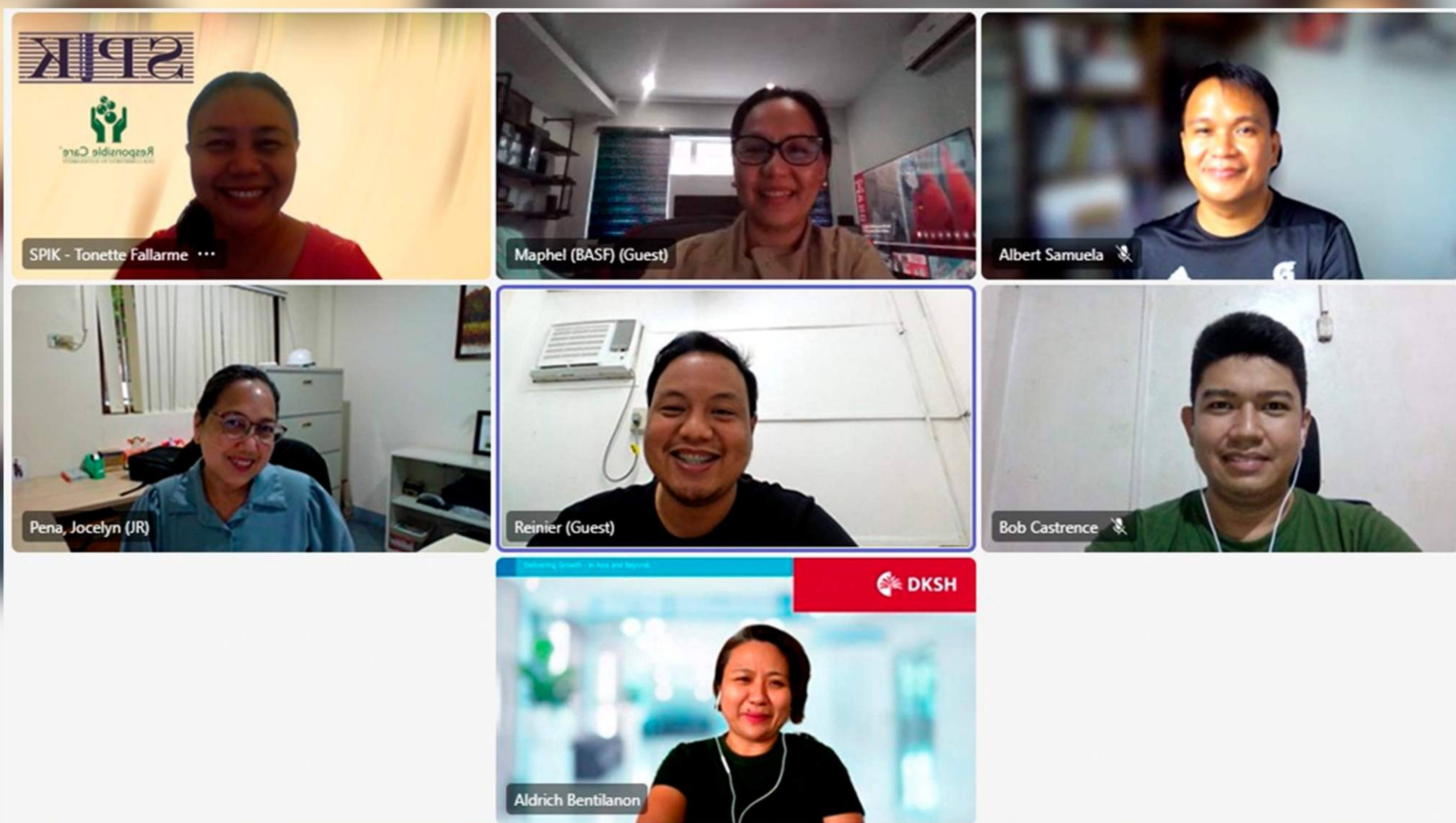
Industry Meeting on Easing Business Constraints in the Paint and Coatings Sector



A momentous gathering transpired on July 19, 2024, as the Philippine Paint and Coatings Association, Inc. (PPCAI) organized a strategic meeting under the leadership of its President, Mr. Reginald Yu, and the co-chairmanship of Mr. Ronaldo Buluran, the Acting Director of Manufacturing Industries Service at the Board of Investments (BOI). The event, a collaborative endeavor, saw the esteemed presence of Mr. Charles Sy, the President of the Philippine Stationery Association, and Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle, a key figure from the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK).

The crucial point of the assembly revolved around the critical examination of the ease of doing business within the paint and coatings industry. The discussion aimed to dissect the current landscape of challenges and opportunities, ensuring a conducive environment for the sector's growth. The knowledgeable insights and strategic support from Ms. June Villasanta and Ms. Geraldine Buela, both Supervising Management Specialists at the BOI, significantly enriched the deliberations. Together, these industry embarked on a journey to streamline operations and foster synergies, shaping a brighter future for the paint and coatings industry in the Philippines.

RC Council Meets for Upcoming Events Highlighted in Virtual Meeting



The Virtual Responsible Care Council Meeting on July 25, 2024, was a hub of environmental commitment and strategic planning. Key topics on the agenda were the upcoming Coastal Clean Up and tree planting initiatives, set to take place on September 21, 2024, as part of the Council's robust corporate social responsibility (CSR) portfolio. These events aim to foster a cleaner, greener environment and underscore the Council's dedication to preserving natural resources.

Adding to the excitement, the Council touched upon the much-anticipated Chemical Industry Night scheduled for October 10, 2024. This event is organized to celebrate the chemical industry sector's achievements, innovations, and collaborative efforts towards sustainable development. The Council members also announced an online seminar in November, in collaboration with the American Chemistry Council (ACC), to discuss the importance of Responsible Care verification. This session will serve as a platform to share best practices and enhance the collective understanding of environmental stewardship within the industry.

The meeting's collaborative spirit and forward-thinking discussions reflect the Council's steadfast resolve to lead the chemical industry into a more sustainable and socially responsible future. Through these initiatives, the Council not only sets industry benchmarks but also inspires others to join the cause.

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