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On the evening of August 16, 2024, the Discovery Primea Makati hosted a gathering of the country's manufacturing business leaders to extend a warm welcome to the newly appointed Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Ms. Cristina Aldeguer-Roque. This event co-sponsored by SPIK was organized by Mr. Roberto Batungbacal, the Executive Director of the Makati Business Club.

The lineup of guests included prominent business leaders representing diverse industries such as SPIK (Samahan sa Pilipinas ng Industriyang Kimika), PPIA (Philippine Plastics Industry Association), PPCAI (Philippine Paint and Coatings Association, Inc.), and SEIPI (Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines Foundation, Inc.). Engr. Albert Samuela, the SPIK Vice President for External Affairs, and Engr. Reinier Jay Bagabay, the Director and Responsible Care Chairman, proudly represented the SPIK at this gathering. The evening's guest of honor, Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Ms. Cristina Aldeguer-Roque, was introduced by Usec. Rafaelita "Fita" M. Aldaba of the DTI Undersecretary for Competitiveness and Innovation Group (CIG), brought with her a wealth of knowledge and a profound commitment to bolstering the nation's industrial landscape. Her presence served as a





testament to the collaborative spirit that thrives within the manufacturing community.

The reception promised to be an evening of insightful discourse and strategic networking, as the country's industry business leaders shared their visions and aspirations for the future of Philippine manufacturing. The event's agenda likely focused on exploring avenues for growth, fostering innovation, and tackling the challenges that lie ahead. The Discovery Primea Makati provided the perfect backdrop for this convergence of minds, setting the stage for a night that would surely go down in the records of the manufacturing sector's history.

As the night progressed, the resonant voices of Engr. Samuela and Engr. Bagabay echoed through the hall, speaking to the heart of the industry's core issues and outlining the vital role that SPIK would play in the DTI's new era. Their words of collaboration and support for Secretary Aldeguer-Roque's leadership were met with rousing applause, signaling the unified front that the sector is poised to present in the face of an ever-evolving global market. The event concluded with a renewed sense of camaraderie and purpose, as the attendees pledged to work hand in hand with the new DTI Secretary. manufacturing industry in the Philippines was palpable, as the room buzzed with the electricity of shared ambition and a collective commitment to excellence.

### Pollution Control Association Holds Induction Ceremony for New Leadership



The Pollution Control Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PCAPI) welcomed its newly elected Officers and Board of Trustees during the induction ceremony held at the Luxent Hotel in Quezon City on July 31, 2024. The event was graced by the presence of **Engr. Geri Geronimo Sañez**, Division Chief of the Environmental Quality Management Division at the Environmental Management Bureau, who served as the Guest of Honor and Inducting Officer. Engr. Sañez imparted words of wisdom and encouragement to the incoming leaders, emphasizing the critical role they play in shaping the nation's environmental future.

The spotlight shone on **Engr. Shirlyn Chua-Reyes**, PhD, as she was sworn in as the new President of PCAPI. With a commitment to propelling the organization's mission forward, she pledged to enhance environmental stewardship and promote sustainable practices across various sectors. Officers and trustees back Engr. Chua-Reyes, all eager to tackle the environmental concerns that await them. **Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle**, the outgoing Vice President for Internal Affairs, transitioned gracefully into an advisory role. Her four-year tenure at PCAPI's helm leaves a legacy of achievement and a solid foundation for the new administration to build upon. Notably, Engr. Enarle is the current President of the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK).

The outgoing and incoming members pledged to work together towards a cleaner and greener Philippines. Their collective passion for environmental protection echoed throughout the venue, setting the stage for a term of innovative projects and collaborative efforts. PCAPI, under its new leadership, is poised to make significant strides in advocating for sustainable policies and fostering a healthier environment for all.

#### SPIK Engages with National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP)



The Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) recently took part in a significant gathering hosted by the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) Chemical Sciences Division (X). This collaborative endeavor, held on August 9, 2024, at the Marine Sciences Institute AVR, UP Diliman and via Zoom, brought together key figures from chemistry academic units, professional societies, and industrial sectors. The purpose of the meeting was to explore opportunities that would strengthen education,

training, and research in chemical sciences nationwide, while also pushing for relevant policies and advocacies in line with the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap (PCIR).

**Dr. Gisela P. Concepcion**, the Division X Chair, warmly received SPIK and other attendees for an insightful discussion on innovative solutions tailored to the chemical industry's needs. **Dr. Fabian Dayrit**, President of the Integrated Chemists of the Philippines (ICP) and Professor at the Ateneo de Manila University's Department of Chemistry, and **Dr. Soledad Castaneda**, Member of Chemistry Board also graced the event, lending their expertise to the conversation. **Engr. Albert A. Samuela**, SPIK's Vice President for External Affairs, represented the association in this gathering.

Through this strategic alliance, SPIK and NRCP Chemical Sciences Division X are poised to foster a dynamic environment for knowledge exchange, innovation, and policy development, contributing to the advancement of the local chemical industry.

#### SPIK Responsible Care Council Convenes for Pre-International Coastal Cleanup Strategy

The SPIK Responsible Care Council convened a meeting on August 14, 2024, to plan and prepare for an upcoming environmental event. This meeting serves as the prelude to the muchanticipated International Coastal Cleanup, set to unfold in Simlong, Batangas City, on September 21, 2024. This event not only underscores SPIK's dedication to its corporate social responsibilities but also coincides with the worldwide observance of International Coastal Cleanup Month.

At the helm of this environmental event is **Engr. Bob Chaervin Castrence** from JG Summit Olefins
Corporation, who will be coordinating the
planning and execution of the event. Joining him
is **Engr. Reinier Jay C. Bagabay**, SPIK Director
and the force behind the Responsible Care
Council. His background and passion for
preserving the environment promise to boost this
initiative to success, ensuring that SPIK's green
footprint resonates loudly across the global
landscape.



SPIK collaboration with JG Summit Olefins
Corporation and the Philippine Institute of Chemical
Engineers (PIChE) Batangas Chapter through the
leadership of **Engr. Albert A. Samuela**, is a
partnership that promises an effective approach to
addressing the issues of marine and water pollution.
The association's objective is to not only clean the
coastlines but also to instil education to the
community on the importance of sustainable
practices and environmental stewardship.

### Enhancing SPIK's Responsible Care Verification Program

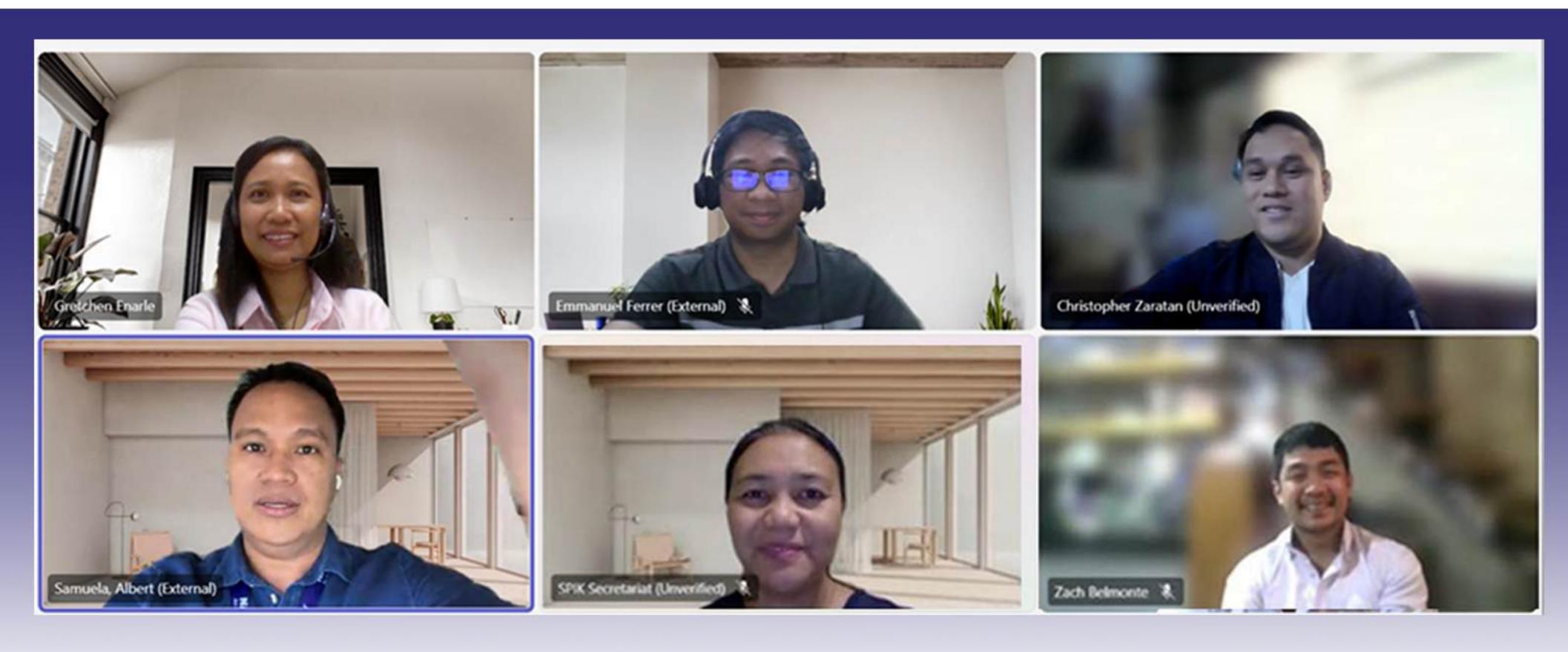


In a collaborative effort to strengthen the SPIK Responsible Care Verification Program, a meeting was held with **Mr. Dan Roczniak**, Senior Director of Responsible Care at the American Chemistry Council (ACC). The central focus of the discussion revolved around the planning of an upcoming Verifier's Training Course, a brainchild of **Engr. Reinier Jay C. Bagabay**, the SPIK Director and Responsible Care Chairperson.

Scheduled for November, this high-impact training session aims to equip a new verifier with the latest knowledge and skills to effectively assess and improve the program's efficiency. By tapping into Mr. Roczniak's vast expertise, SPIK seeks to reinforce its commitment to environmental stewardship, health, safety, and security within the chemical industry. The session's program will cover a spectrum of essential topics, ensuring that participants are well-equipped to navigate the several aspects of verification.

This strategic partnership underscores SPIK's dedication to fostering a culture of continuous improvement, aligning with global best practices, and setting new benchmarks in corporate social responsibility. The training promises to be a catalyst for growth, empowering verifiers to make a significant difference in the industry's sustainable development efforts.

### SPIK Meets with TUP to Foster Strong Industry-Academe Partnership



The Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) initiated a virtual meeting with the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) Manila on August 14, 2024. Representatives of SPIK led by its President Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle and Vice President External Affairs Engr. Albert A. Samuela, together with Engr. Christopher Zaratan of BASF Philippines, and SPIK Executive Officer Ms. Antonette Fallarme met the officers of TUP comprised of Dr. Emmanuel L. Ferrer, Head of the Civil and Allied Department, and Engr. Zachariah John Belmonte, President of the TUPMTIAA Alumni Association. The focus of the discussion revolved around the integration of SPIK's expertise into TUP's academic framework, aiming to strengthen the latter's efforts in aligning with the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap.

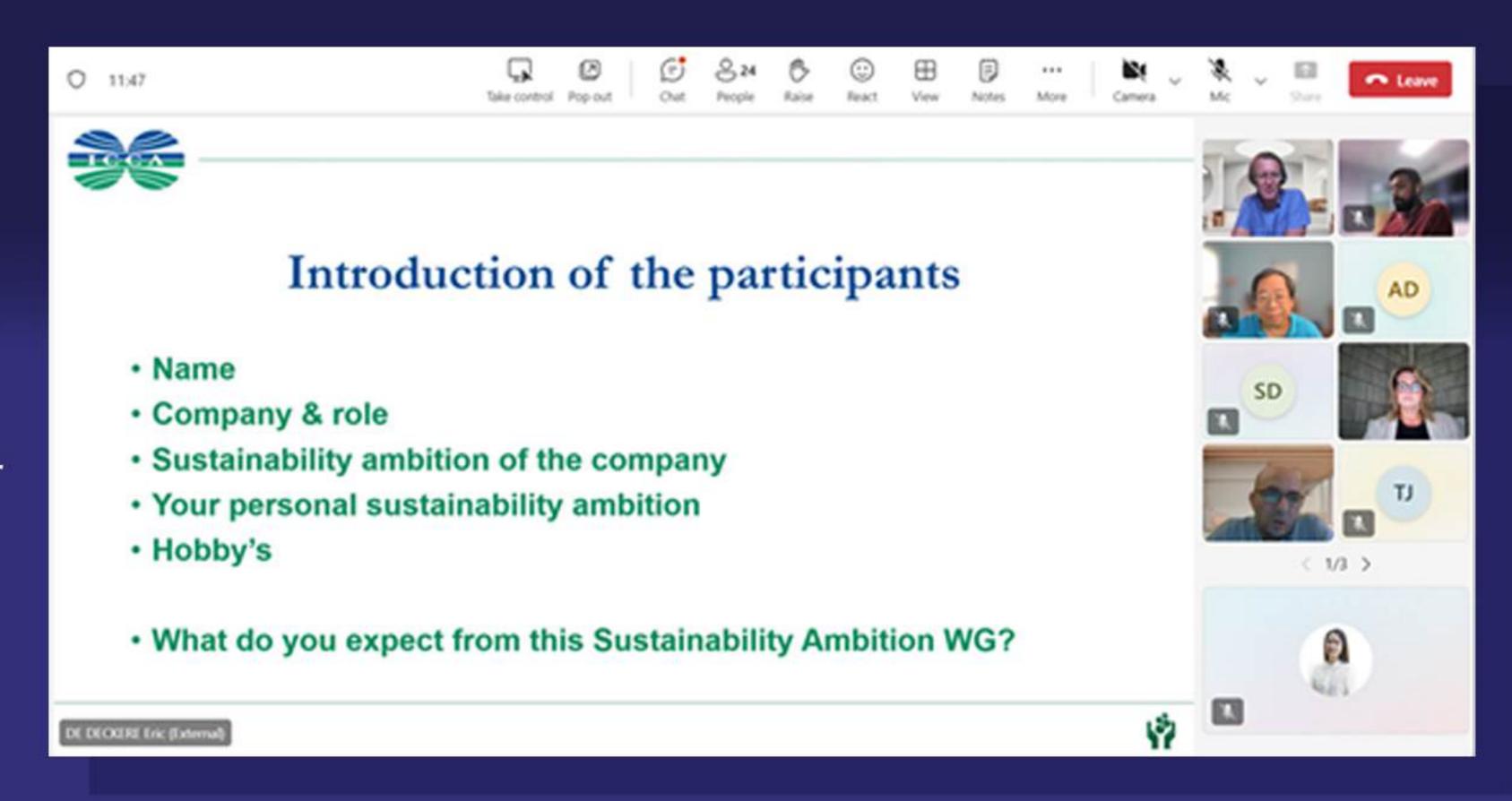
The proposed collaboration promised a partnership where SPIK would offer invaluable industry insights and resources for curriculum enhancement and research development. In return, TUP would provide ground for SPIK's members to engage with engineers through internship programs and immersive experiences.

The virtual meeting served as a channel for an impending Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would set a long-term, mutually beneficial partnership. The anticipation of this collaboration echoes with SPIK's commitment to fostering innovation and sustainable growth within the industry.

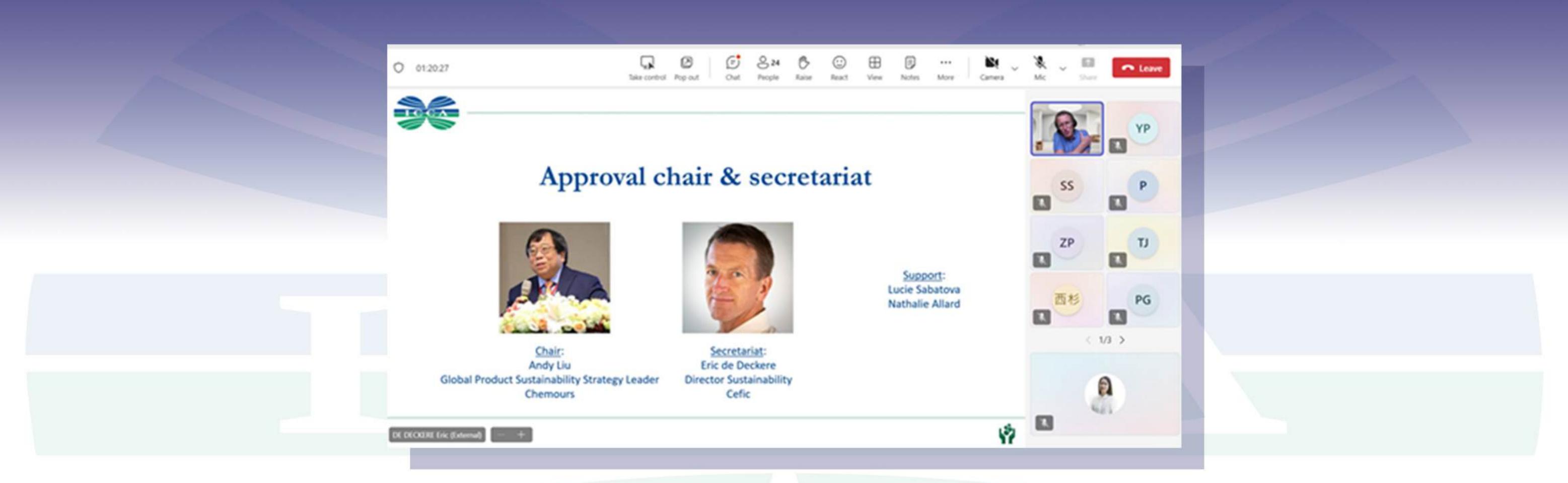
## ICCA Sustainability Working Group Unites Industry Giants to Chart a Greener Future for Chemicals

The International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) marked a significant milestone with the kick-off meeting of its Sustainability Working Group (WG) on August 16, 2024. Under the leadership of Mr. Eric de Deckere, Cefic's Director of Sustainability who also serves as the WG's Secretariat, and Mr. Andy Liu, Chemours' Global Product Sustainability Strategy Leader and the appointed Chairman, the group is set to embark on a transformative journey. Comprising a robust coalition of members from the American Chemistry Council (ACC), Cefic, the Responsible Care Leadership Group, the Chemical Industries Association of the Philippines (SPIK), the Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA), the Lanka Responsible Care Council (LRCC), and several private companies, the WG's formation is a testament to the industry's collective commitment to environmental stewardship and societal progress.

The overarching goal of the WG is to navigate the complex terrain of sustainability within the chemical sector, aligning with ICCA's ambitious third objective. By fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing, the group aims to empower companies to define and achieve their sustainability goals. This mission is intricately linked to the Global Chemical Industry's broader ambition to enhance transparency and accountability, ensuring that progress in this crucial area is not only made but also clearly communicated to a diverse range of stakeholders.

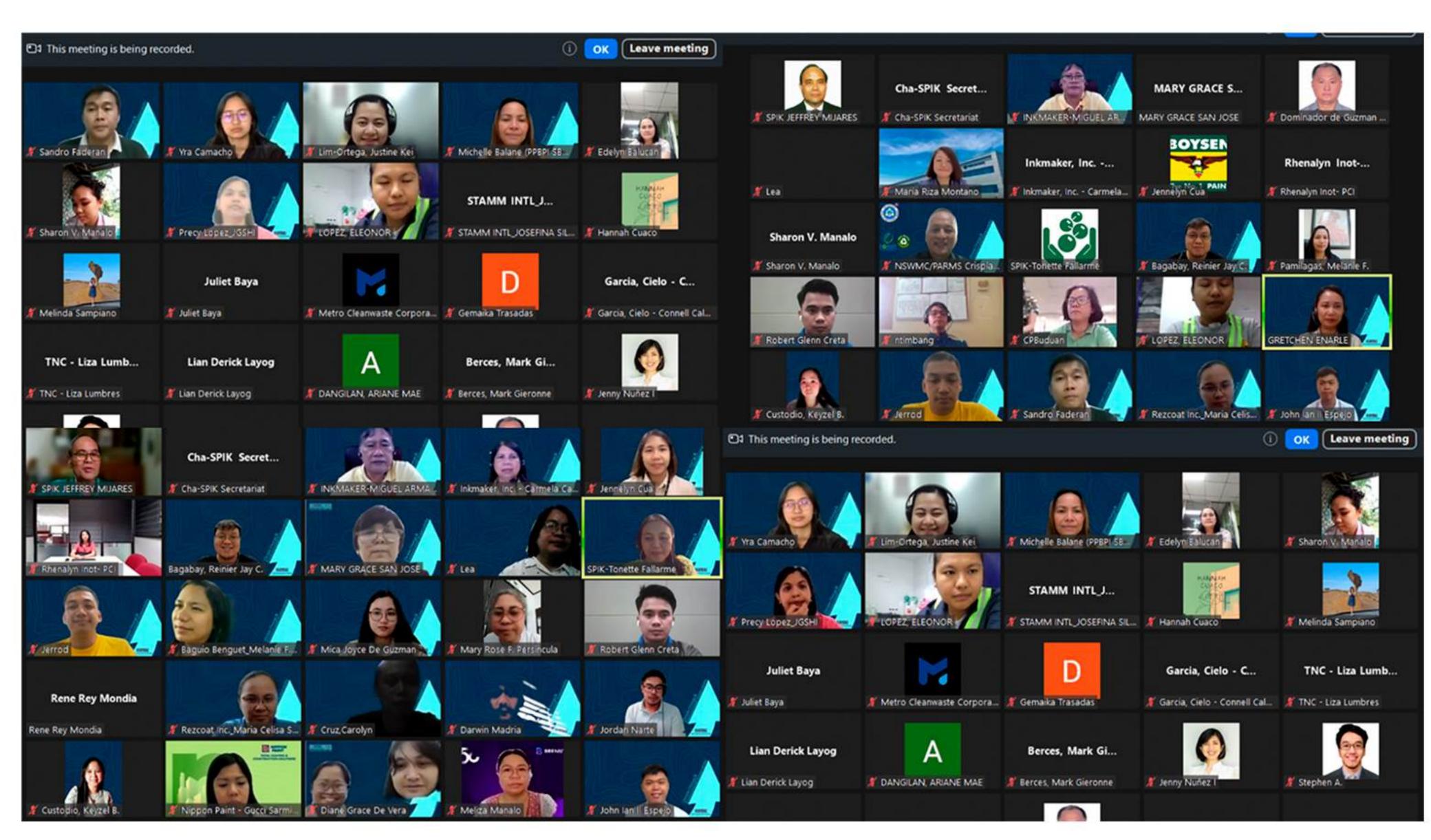


This proactive approach is reflective of the ICCA's strategic vision which emphasizes the need for a holistic view of sustainability encompassing economic, environmental, and social dimensions. By focusing on sustainability within the industry context, the WG will pave the way for solutions that address global challenges such as climate change, and pollution.



In an era where the demand for sustainable products and practices is soaring, the ICCA Sustainability Working Group's efforts are not only timely but also imperative. Through the dedicated work of its members, the WG is poised to become a catalyst for positive change, guiding the chemical industry towards a more responsible and sustainable future.

# SPIK Hosts Successful Webinar on Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability



On August 16, 2024, the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) successfully hosted the third edition of its webinar series, themed Sustain 2024: Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability. This digital gathering attracted a diverse crowd of approximately sixty enthusiastic participants, eager to delve into the critical intersection of chemistry and the environment. The event catered to a specialized audience of chemical and mechanical engineers, offering them an invaluable opportunity to acquire 3 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units. Skillfully moderated by Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle, the webinar transpired into a dynamic and enlightening session, leaving the attendees with a profound sense of intellectual fulfillment and professional growth.



The webinar commenced with an opening prayer by Ms. Antonette Fallarme, SPIK Executive Officer followed by a welcome remark by Ms. Mary Grace San Jose, the Director

of SPIK and the Lead for the SPIK Education, Research, and Innovation Committee, often revered as SERIC.



The webinar highlighted five topics, each presented by experts in their field. It began with a talk by Commissioner Crispian Lao, who holds the positions of Vice Chairman of the National Solid Waste Management Commission and Private Sector Representative for the Recycling Industry at the Office of the President of the Philippines. His presentation highlighted the pressing challenges of climate change and the industry's transition to a circular economy, emphasizing the private sector's role in championing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) initiatives.



Following this enlightening talk, **Ms. Maria Celina Anonuevo**, Senior

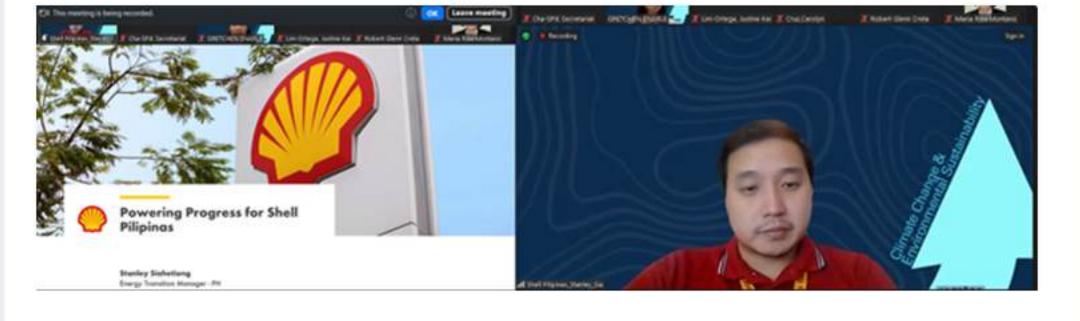
Manager at Risk Advisory – Climate
and Sustainability for Landicho Abela
& Co., delved into the details of
Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Accounting.

Ms. Anonuevo elucidated the rigorous

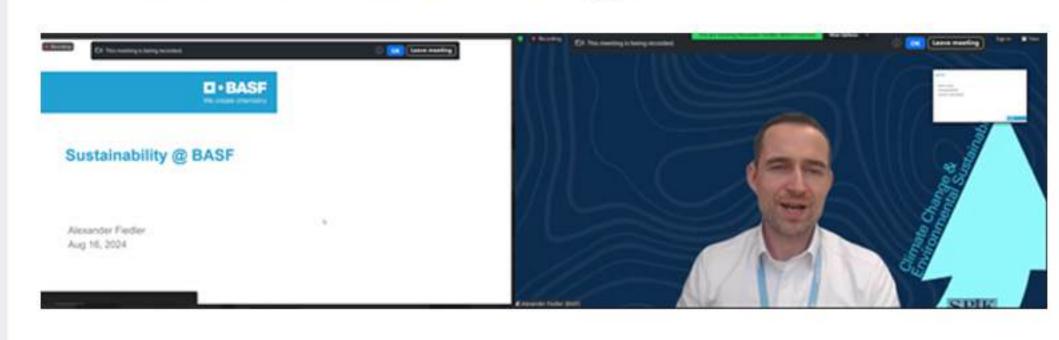
criteria that underpin GHG accounting, offering a comprehensive understanding of this critical aspect of environmental stewardship.



The third topic, Life Cycle
Assessment, was expertly presented
by **Engr. Rey L. Esguerra**, Chief of the
Environmental and Biotechnology
Division at DOST-ITDI. Engr. Esguerra
not only explained the fundamental
concepts of LCA but also provided
compelling examples of its successful
application in various industries.

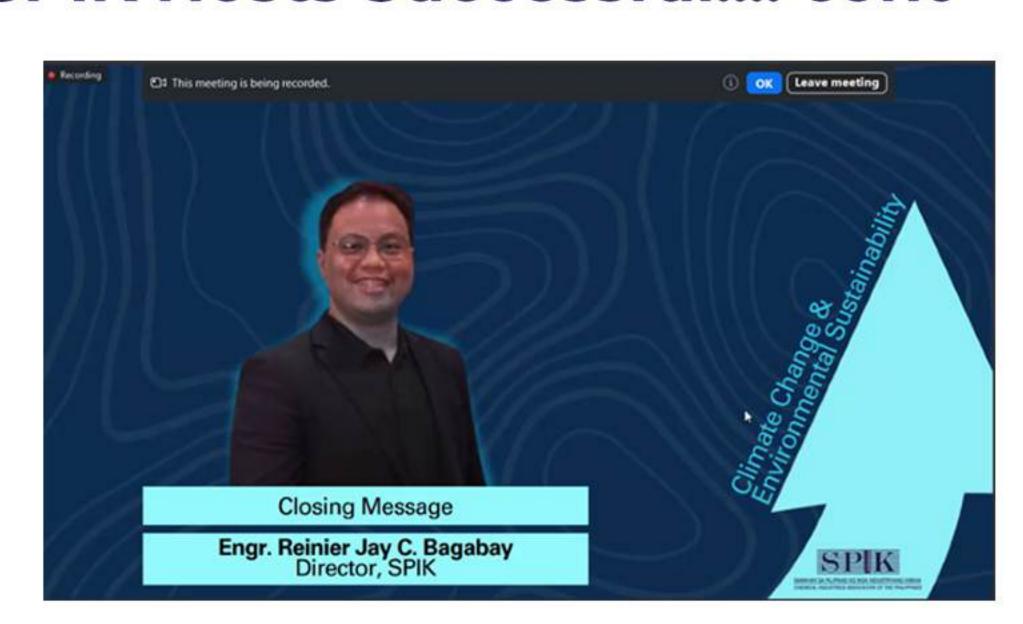


The fourth session showcased the commendable efforts of SPIK member companies. **Engr. Stanley Siahetiong,** Energy Transition Manager for Shell Pilipinas, shared his company's groundbreaking initiatives under the banner of Powering Progress. His discussion centered on Shell's ambitious Net Zero Project and the multifaceted corporate social responsibilities they have embraced to combat climate change.



Closing the online seminar was Mr. Alexander Fiedler, the Sustainable Finance Lead at BASF, who presented an enriching discussion on Sustainability at BASF. Mr. Fiedler offered an in-depth look into BASF's innovative approaches to environmental protection and sustainable practices within their operations.

#### SPIK Hosts Successful.... cont



The online seminar ended with a closing message by Engr. Reinier Jay C. Bagabay, who served as both a Director and Responsible Care Chairperson. The SPIK webinar series has consistently proven to be a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and networking. By convening industry leaders and professionals, SPIK continues to boost the chemical sector towards a greener and more sustainable future. The overwhelming success of this webinar is a testament to the association's commitment to addressing the pressing challenges of climate change and environmental sustainability.

## Enhancing Business Landscape: 2nd Ease of Doing Business Sub-Working Group Convenes in Makati



The second meeting of the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Sub-Working Group, a vital component of the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap, took place on August 19, 2024, at the Department of Trade and Industry's Board of Investments (DTI BOI) building in Makati. **Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle**, the president of the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), steered the session, with **Mr. Ronaldo DC. Buluran**, the Acting Director of Manufacturing Industries Service, BOI, lending his co-chairmanship. The meeting was attended by representatives from SPIK, the Association of Petrochemical Manufacturers of the Philippines (APMP), and the BOI, all united by a common goal: to streamline the business environment for the chemical sector.

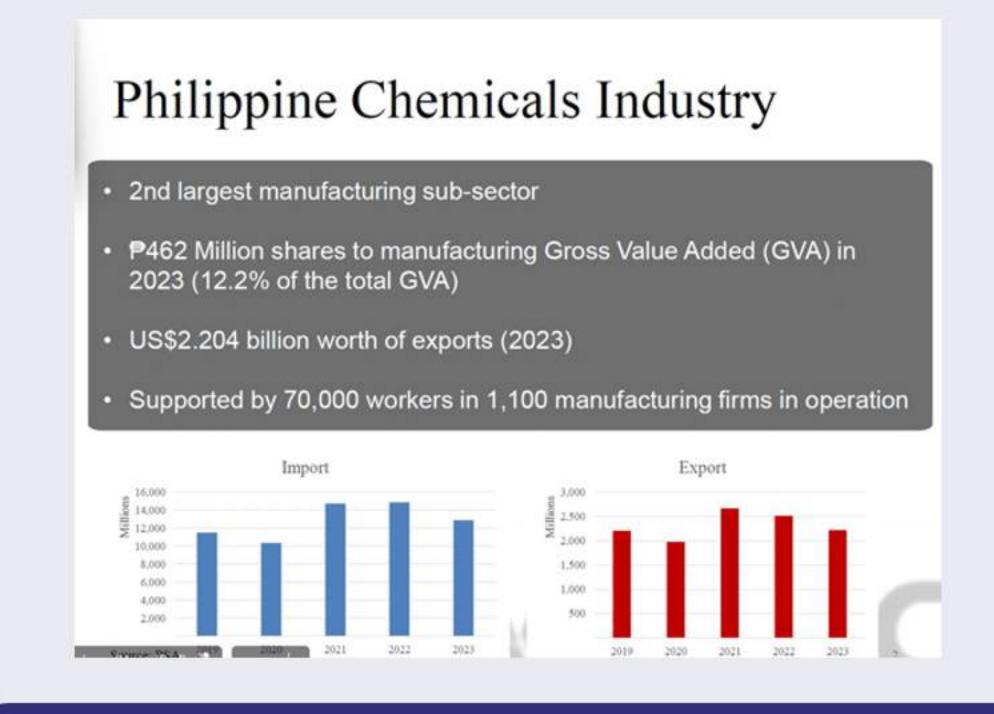
The day's agenda featured discussions, with updates on the group's efforts to improve interactions with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Philippine National Police's Firearms and Explosives Office (PNP-FEO), and the implications of the Comelec Election Gun Ban for the industry. The Sub-Working Group also discussed the crafting of a position paper for the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the pressing concern of enforcing a 100% composition rule for chemical imports.

**Ms. June Villasanta** and **Ms. Geraldine Buela**, the dedicated Investments Specialists from the Manufacturing Industries Service, BOI, ensured the meeting's seamless flow, providing essential support to the members. This meeting of leaders aimed to tackle the intricate challenges faced by the chemical industry and forge ahead with innovative solutions to bolster the nation's economic landscape. Through constructive dialogue and strategic planning, the group sought to refine policies and procedures, thereby fostering an ecosystem ripe for growth and investment in the chemical sector.

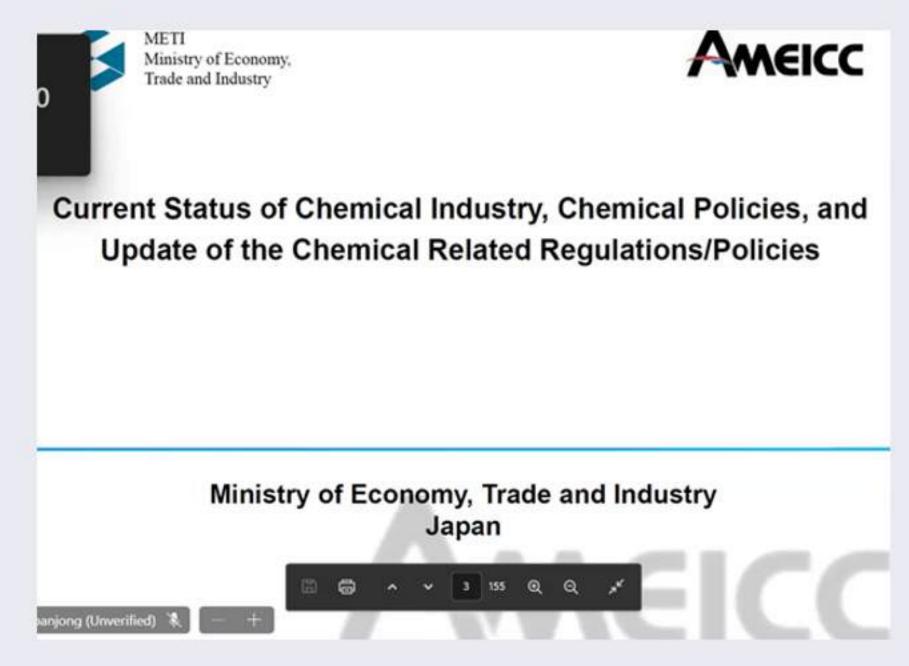
#### AMEICC Working Group on Chemical Industry Convenes 29th Meeting to Discuss Industry



The 29th AMEICC Working Group on Chemical Industry (WG-CI) assembly took place on August 20, 2024, in a virtual setting, with participants from Japan and the ASEAN region, encompassing Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The conference, co-steered by Singapore and Japan, saw Ms. Kelly Lai of Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry and Mr. Takanori Kikuchi from Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) offering the opening addresses.



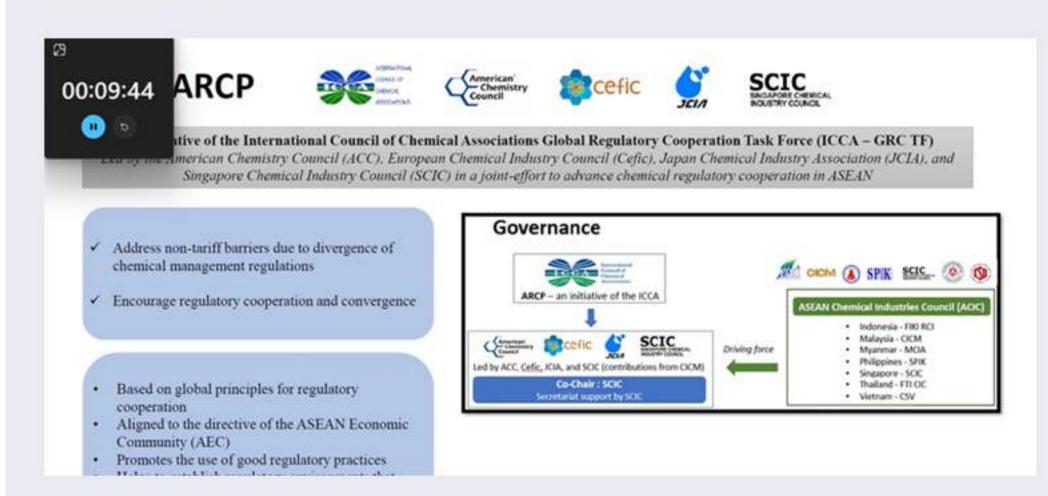
The meeting agenda was a variety of topics, with the spotlight on the current state of the chemical industry and the policies that govern it. Participants eagerly shared their countries' latest chemical regulations and policies, with Japan presenting a comprehensive update on their initiatives concerning the EU's potential restriction of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This critical dialogue touched on international frameworks such as the Stockholm Convention, underlining the importance of a united approach to environmental stewardship and regulatory compliance.



The session embraced discussions on sustainability reporting, with a sharp focus on climate change and emissions, reflecting the growing international commitment to environmental stewardship.

Moreover, delegates exchanged insights on the progress of the

ASEAN Regulatory Cooperation
Platform (ARCP) and the latest
developments within the APEC
Chemical Dialogue (APEC CD), aiming
to foster collaboration and
knowledge sharing among member
nations.



The event culminated with closing statements delivered by Ms. Lai from Singapore and Mr. Kikuchi from Japan, encapsulating the day's exchanges, and reaffirming the group's dedication to bolstering the chemical industry's sustainable growth and regulatory harmonization within the region. This collaborative endeavor underscores the collective pursuit of a greener and more transparent chemical industry landscape, aligning with global environmental agenda and fostering innovation.

## ASEAN Regulatory Co-operation Platform (ARCP) Mini Webinars 2024: Diving into the Depths of Chemical Management

#### Exclusion

Chemical substance outside of the scope (Covered already in other local legislations and specified in chemical legislation)

Jurisdiction Exclusion	Japan	Korea	China	Philippines	Australia	Taiwan
Raw material	Material for non household product production	Material for non household product production	Food/feed additive, active drug ingredients, etc.	Material for food, drug, pesticide, etc.	Materials for food, drug, pesticide, etc.	Materials for food/feed, drug, pesticide, cosmetics, etc.
Finish products	All	Non household products	Food/feed, drug, pesticide, cosmetic, fertilizer, etc.	All, if there's existing regulation	Food, drug, pesticide, etc.	All

The ASEAN Regulatory Co-operation Platform (ARCP) Mini Webinars 2024 kicked off with an interesting session titled "Knowledge Building on Chemical Management," held on August 28, 2024, using the digital conference platform MS Teams. This event brought together industry leaders and regulatory experts from the ASEAN Member States, Japan, EU to share insights and foster collaboration across the Asia-Pacific region. Among the presentations was Ms. Patricia Muñoz and Ms. Maria Chiara Detragiache's insightful discussion on the proposed EU Restriction on PFAS under REACH, providing valuable information for the chemical sector. Dr. Jeff Li from Procter &

#### ASEAN Regulatory.... cont.

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Agenda

- Stockholm Convention and its implementation in Japan
  - Stockholm Convention
  - ➤ Japanese Chemical Substances Control Law; JCSCL (Act on the Regulation of Manufacture and Evaluation of Chemical Substances)
  - ➤ Handling of By-Product by BAT principles
- PFAS control in water environment
  - > Food Safety Commission for PFOS and PFOA
  - Expert Committee on target values for water quality related to PFOS and PFOA
  - Expert Committee to Study Comprehensive Strategies for PFAS
- Introduction of FCJ

& Gamble offered a comparison of New Chemical Notification Systems across the Asia-Pacific, shedding light on the varying approaches to chemical regulation. Additionally, Helen HuangFu's presentation on "Compare & Contrast Polymer Notification Systems in the Asia-Pacific" presented a comprehensive view of the complex regulatory landscape governing polymers.

Jointly organized by the Singapore Chemical Industry Council (SCIC), American Chemistry Council (ACC), European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic), and Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA), with the backing of ASEAN Chemical Industries Council (ACIC) and the AMS of Myanmar, Laos, and Cambodia, this series of webinars aims to enhance understanding and facilitate harmonization of chemical management practices. The ARCP's commitment to knowledge sharing and regulatory cooperation sets the stage for a future of robust chemical governance in the region.



The DENR-EMB HWMS recently hosted a significant stakeholder consultation in Quezon City, aiming to amend DAO 2013-22. This environmental gathering, held at the Seda Hotel, was presided over by OIC Assistant Secretary for Environment and concurrent EMB Director Jacqueline A. Caancan. The event's primary goals were presented by Mr. Geri-Geronimo Sañez, EQMD Chief. Engr. Irvin G. Cadavona, who was recently appointed as the OIC of the Hazardous Waste Management Section and Engr. Kim Geo P. Bernal, Environmental Management Specialist II Hazardous Waste Management Section presented the proposed administrative order's salient points, which ignited a series of enlightening exchanges among the attendees.

Joining the public consultation was Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle, President of the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), alongside representatives from various government agencies, including the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Trade and Industry-Board of Investments (DTI-BOI), Bureau of Customs (BOC), Transporters and TSD facilities. This collaborative endeavor aims to strengthen the regulatory framework governing hazardous waste management, thereby safeguarding the environment and public health.

The day culminated with a closing statement from Engr. Cadavona underscoring the crucial role of public-private alliances in fostering effective environmental stewardship. The atmosphere was one of shared commitment and anticipation for the positive outcomes that these regulatory enhancements are expected to bring.

## SPIK's Responsible Care Council Gathers for Strategic Meeting



The Responsible Care Council (RCC) of the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika, Inc. (SPIK) convened at the DKSH Office in the city of Taguig on August 30, 2024. This assembly was presided by **Engr. Reinier Jay Bagabay**, who serves as the SPIK Responsible Care Chairperson. Joining him were the RC Council Members, including **Engr. Aldrich Bentilanon**, DKSH Philippines representative and one of SPIK Directors, **Engr. Joy Pena** from Dow Chemicals Philippines, Inc., **Engr. Bob Castrence** of JG Summit Olefins Corporation, **Ms. Jenny Nunez** of Diversey Philippines, and **Ms. Antonette C. Fallarme**, from the SPIK Secretariat.

The Council's agenda included vital matters aimed at fostering environmental stewardship and sustainable practices within the chemical industry. A key focus was the planning of the upcoming Coastal Clean Up, a collaborative endeavor scheduled for September 21, 2024, in line with the global observance of the International Coastal Clean Up Month. This event not only underscores SPIK's commitment to environmental protection but also serves as a testament to its members' collective efforts to preserve the country's marine ecosystems.

The gathering also embraced the opportunity to discuss the upcoming RC Verification Training, a masterclass to be conductedd by Mr. Dan Roczniak, from the American Chemistry Council. His presence promised a transformative experience, one that would equip the Council with the tools to conduct RC verification.

In addition to this, the Council members were presented with the final layout of the RC logo, which is set to serve as a visual representation of SPIK unified stance and commitment towards Responsible Care. This emblem will be a badge of honor symbolizing the member's dedication to RC. The final discussion was on the Self- Assessment Report and Key Performance Reporting, documents that would serve as testament to the unwavering pursuit of environmental excellence.



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