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177TH SPIK GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FUELING PROGRESS THROUGH STRATEGIC IMPORT INTEGRATION

JUN 18

Under the theme “Fueling Progress through Strategic Import Integration”, the **177th SPIK General Membership Meeting** was successfully concluded on **June 18, 2025, at The Heritage Hotel Manila**. The significant gathering drew leaders of the key industry stakeholders, including government officials and leading figures in the chemical industry to discuss the critical role imports play in building the nation’s economy and that of the industry in general.



Engr. Joel Malaluan, SPIK Director and a member of the Responsible Care Tri-cord, delivered an inspiring opening message that welcomed the SPIK members and special guests, which included Ms. Geraldine Buela from the Board of Investments (BOI).



Prof. Julius Herald B. Altiche, LCB, MCA, Chief of the Customs PEZA Clearance Office, Bureau of Customs, graced the event with an enlightening keynote address. Instinct, rich in content, learning, and skills, both in the field of customs valuation and the authoritativeness of customs clearance provides for the future course of dialogues and debates.

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The **President of SPIK, Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle** spoke to attendees, reaffirming the association's dedication to addressing the industry's joint challenges with innovative ideas and maintaining an unwavering focus on safety and the environment in the chemical sector. Her words brought to the fore SPIK's tireless commitment to its Responsible Care ethic and the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap.



It continued with an enlightening lecture on Customs Valuation and Clearance by none other than Prof. Altiche himself. His thorough explanation of declaring goods in accordance with WTO rules is crucial for supporting participants in operating efficiently in such a complex customs environment.



After Professor Altiche's enlightening talk, an open Q&A session began. Engr. Albert Samuela, SPIK Vice President of the External Affairs Committee, facilitated the Q&A, which was either generated online via a digital link (QR code) or conducted live through raised hands.



After Prof. Altiche's lecture, DIC Corporation was welcomed as an official member of the SPIK family. SPIK Director and Membership Committee Chairperson Mr. Romeo Dela Cruz officiated the ceremonial induction. DIC Corporation at this important occasion were Ms. Shyla B. Sigue (Technical Manager) and Ms. Fedelita Borja (Marketing and Sales Support Manager) who were given the certificate of membership.



In her capacity as Marketing and Sales Support Manager, Ms. Borja presented an in-depth explanation of DIC's significant contributions to the industry and explained the winning strategy that has distinguished the company from its competition.



In a touching moment at the induction ceremony, SPIK paid tribute to Engr. Jeffrey G. Mijares for his 8 years as Executive Director. Before the presentation of the Plaque of Appreciation to Engr. Enarle delivered a heartfelt and emotional speech that thanked -Engr. Mijares' remarkable accomplishments and long-standing support for the work of both the SPIK organization and the chemical industry. Warm applause filled the room as Engr. Mijares graciously accepted the honor of indicating his resignation from the prestigious position. His influence on and contribution to the association was evident, and he will be remembered by all who had the good fortune to work with him.



The acknowledgment was followed by an invigorating presentation by Mr. Mark Tan, the Marketing and Sales Support Manager of Jupiter Systems Inc., as he showcased how the highly innovative products and offerings of the company will meet the needs and the objectives of the SPIK community Members. "Jupiter Systems is committed to providing SPIK members with the products and solutions they need to innovate and succeed," he said.



Mr. Jose P. Raquel Santos, SPIK Director, and Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, rounded off the ceremony, offering a thoughtful reflection on the importance of teamwork and solidarity in addressing the issues and opportunities brought about by importation and regulatory harmonization. It was a powerful message that encapsulated the collaborative and forward-thinking sentiment of the day.



The 177th General Meeting was a day filled with interest and education, featuring the right mix of information and interaction. The discussion here and the valuable knowledge gained will be instrumental in shaping the future of the chemical industry, pushing it toward a sustainable development path and an environmentally friendly approach.

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SPIK and UPLB TTBDO Converge for Enhanced Industry-Academe Collaboration and Innovation in Chemical Sector



An online event held on June 3, 2025, brought together key figures from the chemical industry and the academe to discuss strategies for enhancing collaboration and innovation. The event was attended by Engr. Albert Samuela, External Vice President of the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), Ms. June Villasanta, and Ms. Geraldine Buela from the Board of Investments DTI and Dr. Emil Cabrera, Ms Eunice Algar and Ms Elai Briones of the UPLB Technology Transfer and Business Development Office (TTBDO).

The primary objective of the meeting was to leverage the extensive experience of the UPLB TTBD0 in commercializing innovation and facilitating collaboration between the chemical industry

and academic institutions. This initiative is part of the broader efforts of the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap working group, which operates under the ASCEND (Accelerating Schools and Chemical Industry Engagements for Nurturing Development) program.

During the event, participants discussed the development of a comprehensive playbook that would include recommended processes and tools to effectively facilitate collaborative projects and engagements between the chemical industry and the academe. The playbook aims to streamline the process of innovation commercialization and foster a more robust partnership between these two sectors.

Engr. Albert Samuela emphasized the importance of this collaboration, stating, "The synergy between the chemical industry and academic institutions is crucial for driving innovation and development. By working together, we can create a more dynamic and competitive chemical industry in the Philippines."

Ms. June Villasanta and **Ms. Geraldine Buela** highlighted the role of the Board of Investments DTI in supporting such initiatives and ensuring that the necessary resources and support are available to facilitate these collaborations.

The event concluded with a commitment from all parties to continue working together to achieve the goals outlined in the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap and to ensure the successful implementation of the ASCEND program.

This online event marks a significant step forward in strengthening the ties between the chemical industry and the academe, paving the way for more innovative and collaborative projects in the future.

JUN 4

PCIR Subworking Group's June Meeting Focuses on Business-Ease Initiatives and Chemical Industry Regulation Updates



The PCIR Sub-Working Group on Ease of Doing Business meeting was held last June 04, 2025 at the Board of Investments (BOI), Makati City with representatives from the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), Association of Petrochemical Manufacturers of the Philippines (APMP), and BOI present. Among the important items taken up were the status of the priority projects such as the detailed line by line review of the proposed amendments to the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of PNP Controlled Chemicals. This review seeks to simplify the rules and strengthen the competitiveness of the Philippine chemicals industry.

Additionally, the FDA Household Urban Hazardous Substances (HUHS) status was also discussed as it relates to compliance needs of the industry. The team also covered the issues of the 100% mandatory declaration for composition on Safety Data Sheets (SDS) during the importation process.

The gathering of business and government leaders further demonstrated their commitment to promoting a favorable business environment conducive and supportive to the growth and development of the chemical industry, but at the same time ensuring the preservation of safety and health standards. More dialogues and collaboration are on the way to make policies and regulations more appropriate and the industry more efficient and competitive.

JUN 9

SPIK Prepares for the RCS and OACEIS Training



This training opportunity on July 23, 2025, is important for stakeholders to increase familiarity with the updated regulations and operational procedures.

This preparatory meeting, attended by SPIK President **Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle**, **Engr. Jai Rocamora** and **Ms. Antonette Fallarme**, helped to set the objectives and agenda of the training to served as a guide for its attendees. This preliminary gathering was essential to outline the training process and ensure a conducive learning environment for attendees.

The SPIK Working Group members held a preparatory meeting of June 09, 2025, remotely organized presided by its Responsible Care Chairperson, **Engr. Reinier Bagabay**, last June 09, 2025, to establish the foundation for the upcoming RCS and OACEIS Training.

The SPIK Working Group's participation shows how public and private systems can work together to enforce regulations and establish a safer and more secure chemical environment in the Philippines.

JUN 11

Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap TWG Convenes for 5th Meeting



The 5th TWG Meeting for the PCIR was held on June 11, at the BOI in Makati. This meeting was jointly presided by government co-chair BOI Executive Director Maria Corazon Dichosa and industry co-chair SPIK President Engr. Gretchen Enarle bringing together key figures from the Association of Petrochemical Manufacturers of the Philippines (APMP), Fertilizer Industry Association of the Philippines (FIAP), Progressive Association of the Philippine Ink Makers, Inc. (PAPIM), and Adamson University.



Engr. Albert Samuela of SPIK provided updates on the progress of SWG1 Industry-Academe Collaboration, including the completion of a project Playbook and planned industry-academe matching and roadshows. Meanwhile, Engr. Gretchen Enarle also reported to the group an update on the progress of SWG3's Ease of Doing Business, particularly on the prioritized law/policy amendments, including FDA HUHS, Comelec Gun Ban Resolution, and PNP Controlled Chemicals IRR review.

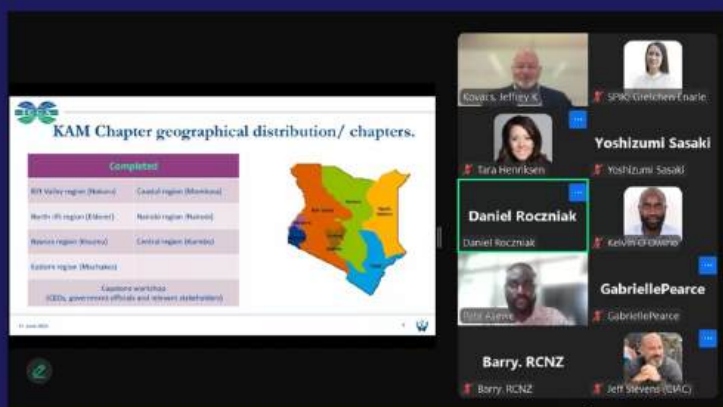
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The meeting generated meaningful discussion and cooperation towards growth and sustainability of the Philippine chemical industry. It was the commitment to continually drive the goals of the roadmap, and in doing so securing a better future for the industry through execution of strategic policy and extensive engagement across all relevant stakeholders.

SPIK Attends the Responsible Care Leadership Group (RCLG) Meeting

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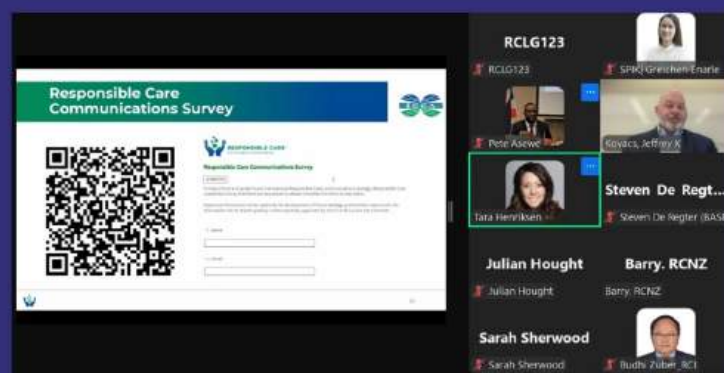
A virtual meeting took place on June 11th, 2025 by the Responsible Care Leadership Group (RCLG), chaired by Mr. Jeff Kovacs of ExxonMobil and chairperson of RCLG. Highlights of the meeting included progress reports of the Responsible Care activities in Kenya, provided by Mr. Dan Roczniak of the American Chemistry Council (ACC) and Mr. Barry Dyer of Responsible Care New Zealand (RCNZ).

Announcements of the upcoming Asia-Pacific Responsible Care Conference (APRCC) and RCLG meeting taking place in Bali, Indonesia, in October were made by Mr. Budhi Zuber of Responsible Care Indonesia (RCI).



Additionally, the revised KPI reporting cycle and the role of the Mutual Assistance Tool were discussed by Ms. Sarah Sherwood of ACC while Ms. Kelly Montes de Oca also shared the communication survey results. Eighteen responses from industry associations and organizations including SPIK participated in the said survey.

Mr Kovacs wrapped up the meeting with a summary of key points of the ICCA Board that provided a platform for closer cooperation and progress on Responsible Care worldwide.



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SPIK Holds Successful 6th Monthly Board Meeting: Key Updates and Strategies



The Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) recently held its 6th Monthly Board Meeting at the Heritage Hotel in Pasay City. The event brought together the industry leaders for dialogue and strategic brainstorming for the advancement of the industry.



Committee reports included current activities and important issues relating to member engagement and advocacy. During the meeting, an updates on the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap were presented, indicating the institute vision and goals for the year. This is an aggressive plan that will help us remove the barriers

such as environmental stewardship, workforce preparedness and regulatory compliance that SPIK will need to successfully champion the growth of industry.



The members had voiced their confidence in the chemical industry in the Philippines, given the collaborative mindset and innovative ways of working employed by SPIK. The collective work of the board demonstrates a true dedication to creating a dynamic and competitive atmosphere of growth for our chemical companies and to help grow the nation's economy. The meeting ended with the determination of the objectives for the next month meeting, strengthening the fact that SPIK is a significant player in the future perspectives of the local chemical industry environment.

JUN 20

Adamson Center for Executive Studies (ACES) Unveils Sustainable Future Initiatives



The **Adamson Center for Executive Studies (ACES)** made a colorful evening at the Co Po Ty Hall come alive on **June 20, 2025**, to celebrate its grand official launch. **'Leading with Purpose: Innovating for a Sustainable Future'** was an appropriate theme, as it aligns with the center's mission to develop innovative leadership for a sustainable future.



The night began with a welcome from the excellent Fr. Daniel Franklin E. Pilario, CM, President of Adamson University, for a thought-provoking reflection on and a forward-looking discussion about the mission.



In her empowering message, Dr. Rosula Reyes, PhD, Vice President for Academic Affairs replied by giving a detailed statement and how the university resonates the intentions of the center.



This was succeeded by an insight session by Mr. Victor Fernando Ocampo, a seasoned futurist, on the future of executive education and its relevance for sustainable development.



Another milestone included the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with strategic partners to collaborate on sustainable projects.

The activity ended with a message of thanks from Mr. Marcelino Navera Lizaso Jr., Director, ACES, emphasizing the center as the leading architect of tomorrow's leaders. The event was attended by special guests from the government, educators, and partners including the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), represented by its President, Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle, solidifying the industry-academic partnership even more.



SPIK President, **Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle** with **Fr. Daniel Franklin E. Pilario, CM**, President of Adamson University,

DOST-ITDI Convenes 19th Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting

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Yet another milestone in enhancing partnership among key players in the local manufacturing sector, after the 19th IAC meeting held at DKSH Office. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Anabelle V. Briones, DOST ITDI Director and was highlighted by presentations conducted by Dr. Virginia M. Robledo from the Packaging Institute of the Philippines (PIP) and Mr. Danny Ngo of the Philippine Plastic Industry Association (PIIA).



Executive Director Maria Corazon Dichosa of the Board of Investments (BOI), Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle, the President of Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), as well as the representatives from the Pollution Control Association of the Philippines (PCAPI), the Philippine Plastic Industry Association (PIIA), the Packaging Institute of the Philippines (PIP), and DOST were also present. The meeting's purpose was to plan for the industry's progression and how to align with the Department of Science and Technology's programs. Dr. Briones also invited the IAC Members to the forthcoming 124th Founding Anniversary of DOST, which will be held at City of Dreams Manila.



The IAC expressed its gratitude to DKSH Philippines and Engr. Aldrich Bentalanon for the generous provision of the meeting venue. Through this gathering of industry leaders and government officials, the Philippines demonstrates its firm commitment to innovation and sustainable growth.



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