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## The Philippine-British Business Council in 2015:

**Business Dialogue with the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London Alderman Alan Yarrow (13 February 2015).** The PBBC and the Makati Business Club, with partners the British Embassy in Manila, Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines, and the Management Association of the Philippines, held a dialogue with the visiting the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London Alderman Alan Yarrow and DTI Industry Promotion Group Undersecretary Ponciano Manalo Jr. on prospects for Philippine-British Business Partnerships. Philippine and British business communities exchanged views on sectors for enhanced economic partnerships, with the Lord Mayor emphasising how British companies should take advantage of the latest developments in the Philippine market and its economic liberalisation.



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**Forum on the Business Community's Response to Climate Change and Resource Scarcity (17 June 2015).** In partnership with the Makati Business Club, the British Embassy in Manila, and the European Union Delegation in Manila, the PBBC hosted a forum with Carbon Trust CEO Tom Delay on the occasion of European Climate Diplomacy Day. On behalf of Carbon Trust, a consultancy firm geared towards assisting businesses all over the world reduce their carbon footprints, Delay shared insights on the global private sector's response to climate change, their motivations and intentions, and measures to address resource scarcity.



**Philippine Infrastructure and PPP Roadshow in Hong Kong SAR (6-7 October 2015).** Organised in partnership with the British Embassy's Trade and Investment office and the British Chamber of Commerce, the 2015 roadshow is the third leg in the PBBC's series of bilateral trade and investment promotion missions outside the Philippines. The Hong Kong roadshow showcased high-value investment opportunities in the Philippines, highlighting key projects in transportation infrastructure, the Philippine public-private partnership (PPP) programme, and doing business in Philippine economic zones. The Philippine official delegation was comprised of Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima, Philippine Economic Zone Authority Director-General Lilia de Lima, Transportation and Communications Undersecretary Rene Limcaoco, and PPP Executive Director Cosette Canillao. Led by the PBBC, the business delegation was composed of representatives from Aboitiz, Banco de Oro Unibank, British Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, HSBC, ICCP Group, Standard Chartered Bank, and SGV. The delegation had the opportunity to meet with over fifty (50) Hong Kong-based British companies seeking prospective partners for their expansion into the Philippines.



**PBBC-UK Annual Trade Mission in the Philippines (9-13 November 2015).** The PBBC's London-based counterparts held a week-long trade mission in the Philippines, spanning two legs: visits to Manila and to Subic. Led by PBBC Co-Chairman Nigel Rich CBE and PBBC Energy and Power Chairman Eamonn Staunton, the thirty (30)-member British business delegation had a full programme consisting of Philippine official economic briefings, as well as engagements with various Philippine business groups and organisations—both in Manila and in Subic. PBBC-UK had a broad-based delegation, with representation in information technology, financial services, agriculture, manufacturing, logistics, and media, among others.





**PBBC 20th Founding Anniversary.** *PBBC celebrated its 20th founding anniversary on 13 November 2015 and received messages of recognition and congratulations from Philippine President Benigno S. Aquino III and British Prime Minister David Cameron. The PBBC was founded on 13 November 1995 in Manila, in the presence of Philippine Trade and Industry Secretary Rizalino Navarro and British Minister of State Lord Fraser.*

## Join the Philippine-British Business Council!

The PBBC was established in 1995 to promote trade and investments between the Philippines and the United Kingdom. The council is composed of top business executives who seek to explore business opportunities between the two countries and to promote the exchange of views on policies of mutual concern. The Makati Business Club serves as the secretariat of the PBBC.

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