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Welcome to a bilateral forum for business leaders from Austria and the Philippines. The event marks an important highlight in the Austrian-Philippine Friendship Week and takes place ahead of the planned trip of WKO Secretary General Karlheinz Kopf to Manila from 13 to 17 May 2024.

A significant milestone in Philippine-Austrian relations was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Recruitment of Qualified Professionals from the Philippines in October 2023. This memorandum lays the foundation for an increased exchange of talent and know-how between Austria and the Philippines and helps to intensify cooperation in a number of areas - business, culture, society.

The Philippines has recorded impressive growth figures in recent years, making the country an increasingly important economic partner in Asia. With a GDP increase of 7.6% in 2022 and projected 5.4% and 5.5% last year and in 2024, the Philippines is currently proving to be one of the most dynamic economies in Southeast Asia. This dynamism not only offers opportunities for the Filipino population, but also opens up a wide range of possibilities for international partnerships and investments.

In 2022, the Austrian export industry recorded the second-highest results in trade relations with the Philippines, with exports of goods amounting to EUR 170 million. Exports of electronic goods and machinery, which form the backbone of Austrian exports to the island state, were particularly significant. The electronics, machinery and ICT sectors are also the focus of the bilateral Austria-Philippines Forum. Leading Philippine companies from these sectors will travel to Vienna to meet Austrian company representatives and explore business partnerships as part of the forum.

Take advantage of this opportunity for direct B2B exchange with Filipino businesspeople! The potential for cooperation and joint business success is great - both in the exchange of talent and know-how as well as in bilateral trade and investment.

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08.00 – 08.30 **REGISTRATION & COFFEE**

08.30 – 08.45 **WELCOME AND OPENING STATEMENTS**

Karlheinz KOPF, Secretary General, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO)
H.E. Evangelina Lourdes A. BERNAS, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Austria

08.45 – 09.45 **SPOTLIGHT ON THE PHILIPPINES**

Session 1

Electronics & manufacturing in the Philippines and possible models for private sector cooperation

Dan LACHICA, President, Semi-Conductor and Electronics Industries Association of the Philippines

Perry FERRER, Chairman, Gruppo EMS

Session 2

ODM and Advanced Manufacturing Capabilities of Integrated Microelectronics Inc.

Richard GLIMMERVEEN, Global Business Head, IMI Inc.

Q & A Session

09.45 – 10.00 **COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

10.00 – 11.00 **SPOTLIGHT ON AUSTRIA**

Session 1

Overview of the Austrian economy and bilateral economic relations between Austria and the Philippines

Elisabeth WEISSENBÖCK, Head of Directorate Foreign Economic Relations, Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy

Sylvia VANA, Head of Department for Siting and Business Services, Industrial Policy, Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy

Session 2

The Austrian electrical and electronic engineering industries

Klaus BERNHARDT, Head of Research & Innovation, Energy, Trade Association for Electrical and Electronics Industry, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Paul PRESLMAYER, Consultant Research & Innovation, Trade Association for Electrical and Electronics Industry, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Q & A Session

11.00 – 12.00 **LIGHT LUNCH & NETWORKING**

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