

Hawai'i-Philippines Sister Province Symposium

Honolulu, Hawai'i – March 13, Wednesday • 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Hawaii Convention Center, Room 313A & 313B • 3rd Floor

- 1:30 p.m. Registration
- Emcees Ms. Soya Cheng Bueno
Ilocos Norte Trade & Investment Promotions Center
- Mr. Charles Degala,
Tihati Productions of Hawai'i
- 2:00 p.m. Invocation Reverend Joe Lazo
- 2:10 p.m. National & State Anthems
- United States of America
 - Republic of the Philippines
 - State of Hawai'i
- 2:25 p. m. Hawaiian Aloha *Oli* (Chant)-- Kahu Kamana'o pono Agres
- 2:30 p.m. Welcome Remarks
- DBEDT Director, James Kunane Tokioka
State of Hawai'i
- Ms. Susana Berardy
President, Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i
- 2:45 p.m. Panel A—"*Workforce Recruitment Trends: How Filipinos Continue to Support the World's Labor Pool*"
Moderator: Bennette Misalucha
Panelists: James Urbianak, Tim Mobley, Sergio Alcubila & Rhoda Yabes Alvarez
- 4:00 p.m. Panel B—"*Sharing the Essence of Hawai'i Worldwide— Its Culture & Arts, Food, Lifestyle, and Philanthropy*"
Moderator: Joe Berardy
Panelists: Christine Sabado, Joan Obra, Greg Auberry and Eddie Flores Jr.
- 5:15 p.m. Panel C—" *Public-Private Partnerships in Infrastructure Development, Sustainability and Use of Renewable Energy Sources*"
Moderator: Jeffrey Cudiamat
Panelists: Yolanda Ortega Stern, Melody Calisay, Keith Kanetani, Mylene Reyes
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner break
- 7:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker
The Honorable Matthew Marcos Manotoc, Governor of Ilocos Norte
- 7:30 p.m. Panel D—" *Tourism: Strengthening Ties that Bind Us Across Oceans*"
Moderator: Su Lazo
Panelists: Matt Ellis, Romel Dela Cruz, Chris Rabang, Xavier Ruiz
- 8:45 p.m. Concluding Remarks & Acknowledgements
Mr. Randy Cortez, Event Chair
- 9:00 p.m. End of event