



Consul General Barber De La Vega speaks on the "Philippines: Your Partner for Growth" at the Southeast Asia Trade Connect Workshop.

19 March 2013 – Philippine Consul General to Los Angeles Ma. Hellen Barber De La Vega was the keynote speaker at the Southeast Asia Trade Connect Workshop of the Port of Los Angeles held at the California State University (CSU), Fullerton, Garden Grove Campus on March 14.

Speakers at the Southeast Asia Trade Connect Workshop included experts in trade development, the Port of Los Angeles, United States (US) Department of Commerce, US Small Business Administration, Center for International Trade and Development, L.A. Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association and TDL International Law Firm.

The Workshop aimed to connect participants with expert information and services in Southeast Asia, particularly, the Philippines, Vietnam and Myanmar.

Consul General Barber De La Vega gave a general overview of the economy and investment climate of the Philippines, highlighting sectors with growing economic and financial trends. END



(Left photo, from left) Ms. Sally Starr, California State University Director for Community Outreach and International Programs; Mr. Ken Duong, TDL International Law Firm; Consul General Barber De La Vega; and Mr. Nguyen Thanh Tien, TDL International Law Firm. (Right photo) Consul General Barber De La Vega with Port of Los Angeles officials, Mr. Jim MacLeish, Director of Trade Development (right) and Mr. Norman Arikawa, Assistant Director of Trade Development (left). (Right photo) Consul General Barber De La Vega with Dr. Harry L. Norman, Associate Vice President of International Programs & Dean of Education, CSU Fullerton.