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In the photo: BSP Deputy Governor for Monetary and Economics Sector Zeno Ronald Abenoja (5th from Left); From Standard Chartered Bank (L-R): April Lobrio, Relationship Manager Financial Institution; Edward Lee, Chief Economist and Head of FX for ASEAN and South Asia; Mike Samson, SC Philippines Chief Executive Officer; Toni Bautista, Head of Financial Markets; and Jonathan Koh, Economist and FX Analyst for ASEAN.



Standard Chartered Bank hosts Global Research Briefing

Standard Chartered Bank (SC) Philippines recently hosted its Global Research Briefing at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel. Themed ‘An Uneasy Calm’, the briefing highlighted that global growth remains resilient, but is underpinned by significant transition and risk.

Growth forecast for 2026 is shaped by key shifts in drivers as many economies transition to export-led to increasingly domestic investment-led growth. Risks to the outlook remain high amid persistent trade policy and geopolitical uncertainties.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Deputy Governor for Monetary and Economics Sector Zeno Ronald Abenoja delivered the keynote presentation. Other presenters include Standard Chartered Chief Economist and Head of FX for ASEAN and South Asia Edward Lee, and Economist and FX Analyst for ASEAN Jonathan Koh who shared the bank’s house views on the global, regional, and Philippine economic outlook for the year.

In his welcome remarks, **Mike Samson, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Philippines**, said “We are pleased to be hosting this Global Economic Briefing in the Philippines at this pivotal time in global affairs – one defined by transformations in geopolitics, trade frameworks and the very institutions that have been the foundation of global cooperation for decades. I thank our Keynote Speaker BSP Deputy Governor Zeno Ronald Abenoja and our Global Research team

for sharing their views on the current economic landscape, guiding clients and partners who are looking at the horizon, reading the winds of change and seeking out ways and map-makers to help navigate through turbulent waters and seize opportunities for growth.”

Standard Chartered organizes economic briefings biannually to provide its corporate and financial institution clients with expert analysis and forecast on economic trends and policy direction.

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