

Urban Renewal as an Economic and Social Catalyst: The Conversion and Development Efforts of Former Military Bases in the Philippines

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Networking & Registration from 3:15 pm - 3.30 pm
(guests are requested to be seated by 3:30pm) | Free Admission
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Utility spaces such as military facilities, water treatment plants and power stations serve a specific need at a period of time. As some of these spaces are superseded by newer technologies and are relocated, they offer great opportunity to be transformed and repurposed into usable social and economic drivers within the community. Mr Arnel Casanova will be sharing his experiences in transforming former military bases and properties into premier centres that have catalysed the economy. These developments, such as Clark Green City and Bonifacio Global City, are master-planned developments that incorporated principles of sustainable developments, walkability and urban greenery. He will also discuss how economic development can be used as a tool for peace and security in the context of urban development and advent of megacities.



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Speaker:



Mr Arnel CASANOVA

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Office of the Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines;
Country Representative, AECOM Philippines;
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Philippines' Base Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA)

Mr Casanova has diverse expertise focusing on public-private partnerships, real property development, urban planning, security, and peace negotiations and mediation. As the President of BCDA, he led the development of the 9,500 hectare Clark Green City, Philippines' first and only smart, green, disaster-resilient metropolis. He also took major leadership roles in numerous major property development projects and public-private partnerships that have established vibrant economic districts such as the 600 hectare Bonifacio Global City in Metro Manila and the Philippine's longest and most modern 94 kilometre tollway, the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX). Mr Casanova is currently teaching in the College of Law of the University of the Philippines and the Faculty for Social Entrepreneurship in Ateneo de Manila University.

Moderator:



Mr Michael Koh

Fellow

Centre for Liveable Cities

Michael was previously the Head of Projects and Design at SC Global, a property developer in Singapore, overseeing both overseas and in-country development projects. Prior to SC Global, Michael has 25 years of experience in the public service including 7 years as CEO of the National Heritage Board and 4 years concurrently as CEO of the National Art Gallery. He was also the former Director of Urban Planning & Design at the Urban Redevelopment Authority where he spearheaded the planning and urban design of the new mixed use Downtown at Marina Bay, revitalisation of Orchard Road as a shopping street and creation of an arts and entertainment district at Bras Basah Bugis.

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