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CONNECTING MARKETS: PHILIPPINES AND RUSSIA EXPLORE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE, AND ENGINEERING SERVICES



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SUMMARY

The Philippine Overseas Construction Board (POCB), in partnership with Alliance of Business Structures and Entrepreneurs of Southeast Asia, conducted a webinar to promote strategic partnerships between the Philippines and Russia in construction, architecture, and engineering design and outsourcing services (AEDSO). This marks the first joint engagement following their Memorandum of Understanding, reflecting efforts to expand international collaboration in the sector.

The webinar gathered government agencies and industry stakeholders to discuss market opportunities, digital engineering trends, regulatory frameworks, and joint venture prospects. Russia was identified as a key market due to its large-scale infrastructure programs and increasing demand for advanced engineering and design capabilities.

Participating agencies, including the Board of Investments, Securities and Exchange Commission, and Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board, provided guidance on investments, regulatory requirements, and market entry. The initiative also includes plans to facilitate a Russian construction delegation visit to explore opportunities on the ground.

ACTIONABLE ADVICE

Construction, engineering, design, and other related industry firms should evaluate potential entry into the Russian market through joint ventures, subcontracting, or outsourcing arrangements, particularly in infrastructure and energy-related projects. Companies are advised to assess licensing and accreditation requirements (e.g., PCAB), as well as foreign ownership, registration, and contracting rules in both jurisdictions.

Businesses should also conduct legal and commercial due diligence on prospective partners, including compliance with applicable sanctions regimes, cross-border payment restrictions, and dispute resolution mechanisms.

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