

Making good business sense

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Anvil Business Club President John Patrick Cua, Chairman Wilson Lee Flores, Chairman Emeritus George Siy, past presidents, honorary chairmen and directors, executive officers, members, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good evening.

I am privileged to join this anniversary celebration of your prestigious and exclusive Anvil Business Club.

Let me congratulate everyone for the record success in almost three decades of extending service to Filipino businesses and enterprises.

Starting as the Association of Young Filipino-Chinese Entrepreneurs, you have topped the list of business leaders promoting traditional Confucian values. Your group had influenced excellence in various fields contributing greatly to the country's economic and social progress.

Seeing Mr. Wilson Lee Flores here of the famed 80 year-old Kamuning Bakery Café, as well as several others, helped me better understand the reason for the change of name into the Anvil Business Club.

But seriously, I admire everyone for having grown old with the Anvil Business Club and for embracing its high standards of ethics and civic consciousness in business practice. Not only does your Club provide a learning platform for young leaders in various fields, you have more importantly done a great service to the community.

As an organization of brilliant and dedicated members, Anvil Club has proven its worth and has gained the much deserved recognition.

Being so, I am certain that you are mindful of the good practices in the workplace. And this should include adherence to the strengthened Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS) law that ensures improved working conditions as well as safe and healthy workforce.

You and I know that successful businesses take care of their employees and invest in their health and well-being. Such practice, we must agree, enhances organizational performance and makes good business sense.

It is my hope that you remain partners of the government in the monumental task of giving the best we could for our people.

I wish the Anvil Business Club and all its members success in your respective businesses for many more years to come.

Mabuhay ang Anvil Business Club!