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CORRESPONDENCE CHESS
FEDERATION

Mabuhay! *Welcome to the Philippines!*

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Philippine Correspondence Chess Association

A tropical beach scene with a small outrigger canoe on the sand, turquoise water, and distant mountains.

Agenda

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- **Part 2:** City & Arrival Logistics
- **Part 3:** Venue & Technical Setup
- **Part 4:** Lodging & Social Program
- **Part 5:** Local Sights & Excursions



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Part 1:

Executive Vision

Philippine Correspondence Chess Association (PCCA)

- **Official Host Federation: PCCA** (est. Sept 2020), led by President Arthur Simplina.





The Vision

- **Objective:**
Delivering a seamless, technologically advanced, and culturally rich Congress that highlights the rapid growth of correspondence chess in the Asia-Pacific region.
- **Why the Philippines?**
 - **Global ICCF Expansion:** Drives chess growth beyond Europe into the booming Asia-Pacific sector.
 - **Aviation Gateway:** Manila provides highly competitive, direct global flight routes for international delegates.
 - **Integrated 5-Star Venue:** Hilton Manila unifies lodging, dining, and legislative halls under one roof.
 - **Peak Productivity:** An all-in-one resort layout that eliminates city travel stress and maximizes operational efficiency.

Part 2:

City & Arrival Logistics



The Host City: Manila

A dynamic, globally connected metropolitan hub balancing a rich historical chess culture with modern, world-class business districts.



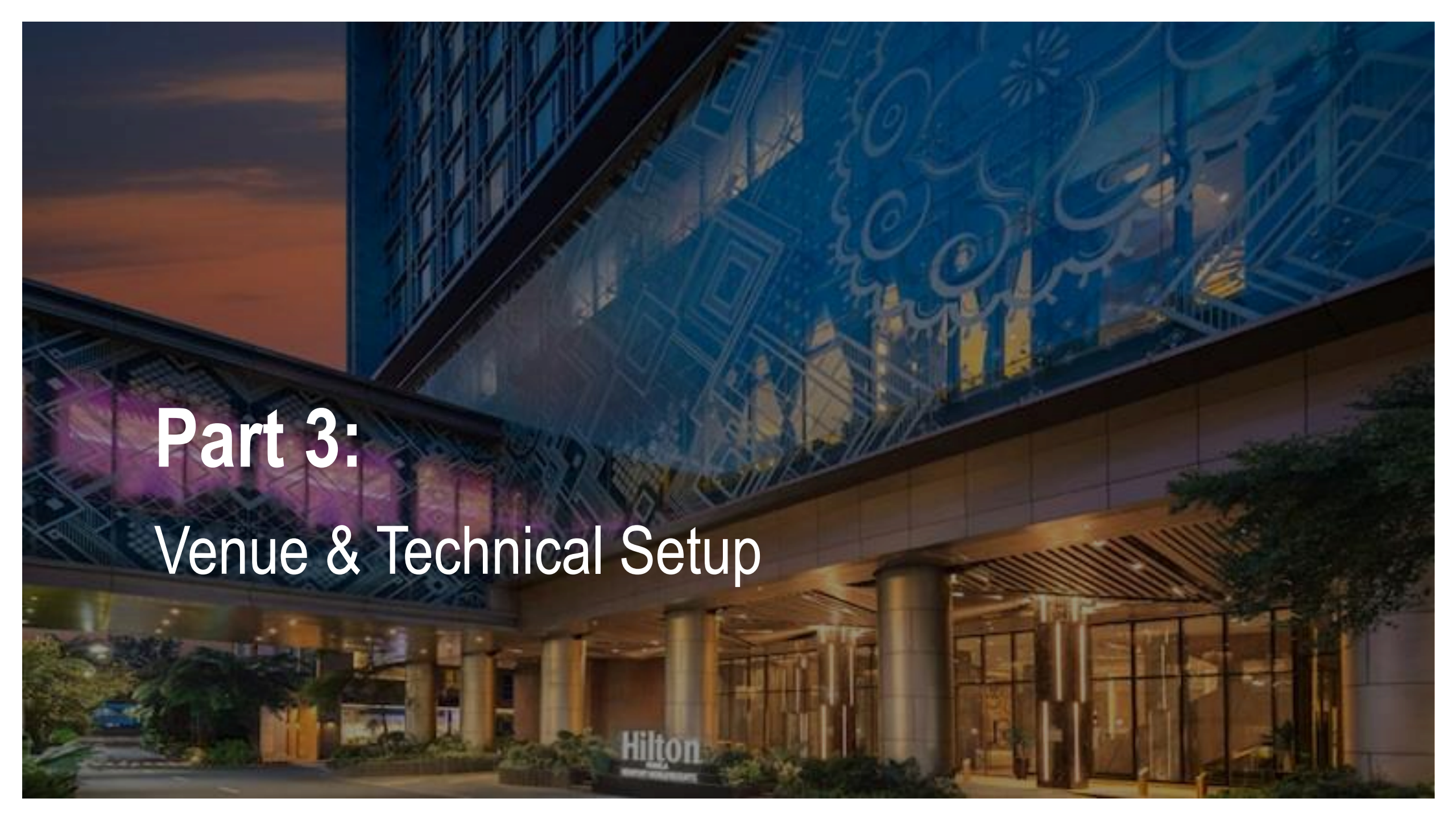
Primary Airport Hub

Served directly by **Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA)**, offering expansive non-stop and connecting international flights from Europe, the Americas, and the Asia-Pacific region.



Seamless Arrival Experience

- **Convenient Transit Corridor:** Fast, air-conditioned shuttle and private transport systems connecting the airport directly to the primary venue and official host hotels in under 30 minutes.
- **Broad Visa-Free Access:** Highly accessible for international travelers, providing automatic *30-day visa-free entry* for citizens from over 150 countries, including major ICCF delegations across Europe and the Americas.
- **Streamlined Digital Entry:** Hassle-free arrival processing utilizing the Philippines' unified *eTravel digital declaration portal* to ensure fast-tracked customs and immigration clearance upon landing.

The image shows the entrance of a Hilton hotel at night. The building features a large glass facade that reflects the city lights and a decorative blue overlay with intricate patterns. The entrance is illuminated by warm lights, and the Hilton logo is visible on a sign in the foreground. The sky is a deep orange and red, suggesting sunset or sunrise.

Part 3:

Venue & Technical Setup

Hilton Manila Newport World Resorts

Set at the heart of Newport World Resorts' vibrant entertainment district, Hilton Manila places guests steps away from a theatre, cinema, casino, and mall. The hotel is easily accessible from NAIA Terminal 3 via the air-conditioned Runway Manila Skybridge and is just 10 minutes from Makati via the Skyway, offering seamless access for both business and leisure travelers.

Total Number of Guest Rooms:
356

Food & Beverage Outlets (5)
Kusina Sea Kitchens, Hua Yuan Brasserie Chinoise, Madison Lounge & Bar, Port Bar, Pool Bar at Vega Pool

Amenities at Hotel:
Outdoor resort-style pool with swim-up bar, Executive Lounge, 24-hour Fitness Center, Meeting & Event Facilities, Concierge Services, Digital Key, and Free Parking



Manila

– at the heart of it all

Metro Manila, the vibrant capital of the Philippines, is the country's primary gateway for business, culture, and leisure. As home to key financial districts, lifestyle destinations, and entertainment hubs, the city offers a dynamic mix of modern energy and local character.

Points of Interest

- Newport Performing Arts Theater – within Newport World Resorts
- Newport Mall – within walking distance
- Resorts World Casino – within walking distance
- Rizal Park and Intramuros – approx. 8 km
- SM Mall of Asia – approx. 5 km
- Bonifacio Global City (BGC) – approx. 7 km
- Makati Central Business District – approx. 6 km

Transportation

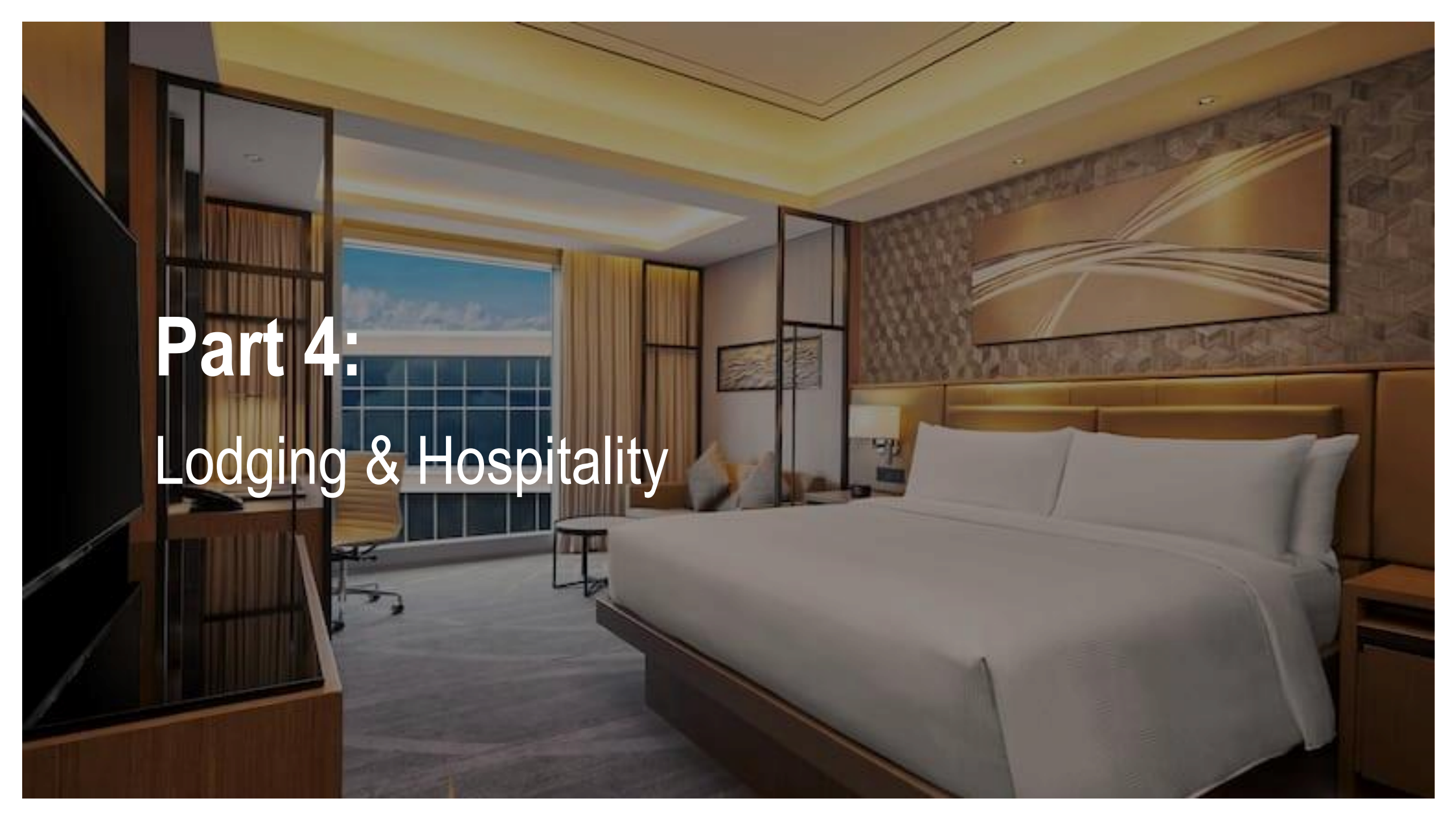
- NAIA Terminal 3: Direct access via Runway Manila skybridge
- Bonifacio Global City: Approx. 20-25 minutes by car
- Makati CBD: Approx. 10 minutes by car via the Skyway



Venue & Infrastructure

- **5-Star MICE Venue:** Hosted at **Hilton Manila Newport World Resorts**, specializing in high-end international conferences.
- **Main Plenary Hall:** Staged in the main *Ballroom* (6.1m ceilings, 600-delegate maximum capacity) for formal assemblies and voting.
- **Breakout Meeting Rooms:** Fully flexible configurations (customizable into A/B zones) to host simultaneous regional meetings.
- **Hybrid-Ready Tech:** High-speed internet redundancy enables real-time digital proxy voting and seamless remote integration.
- **Global Broadcast Capabilities:** Integrated control booths managing multi-language microphone systems and secure live streaming.
- **Centralized Layout:** Plenary halls and breakout rooms are clustered on a single event floor to maximize transition efficiency.



A modern hotel room with a large bed, a desk, and a large window. The room features a large bed with white linens and a headboard, a desk with a chair, and a large window with a view of the city. The room is decorated with a large abstract painting on the wall and a patterned headboard.

Part 4: Lodging & Hospitality

Accommodations

Experience comfort and style in our well-appointed rooms and suites, thoughtfully designed to provide a relaxing retreat. Each space combines modern amenities with elegant décor, ensuring convenience, connectivity, and a restful stay for both business and leisure travelers.

- Spacious rooms with walk-in closets
- A four-point bathroom with rain showers
- 55” smart TVs with cable channels
- Crabtree & Evelyn amenities

ROOM TYPE	SIZE (SQM)	NUMBER OF ROOMS
Hilton Guest Room	40	207
Hilton Guest Room - Pool View	40	66
Executive Room	40	42
Executive Room - Pool View	40	10
One Bedroom Suite	80	7
One Bedroom Deluxe Suite	90	11
One Bedroom Premium Suite	120	6
Two Bedroom Governor Suite	160	1
Accessible Guest Room	40	6
TOTAL		356



Meetings and Events

Versatile spaces designed for both business and social gatherings, offering modern meeting rooms, flexible layouts, and stylish event venues that combine functionality with comfort.

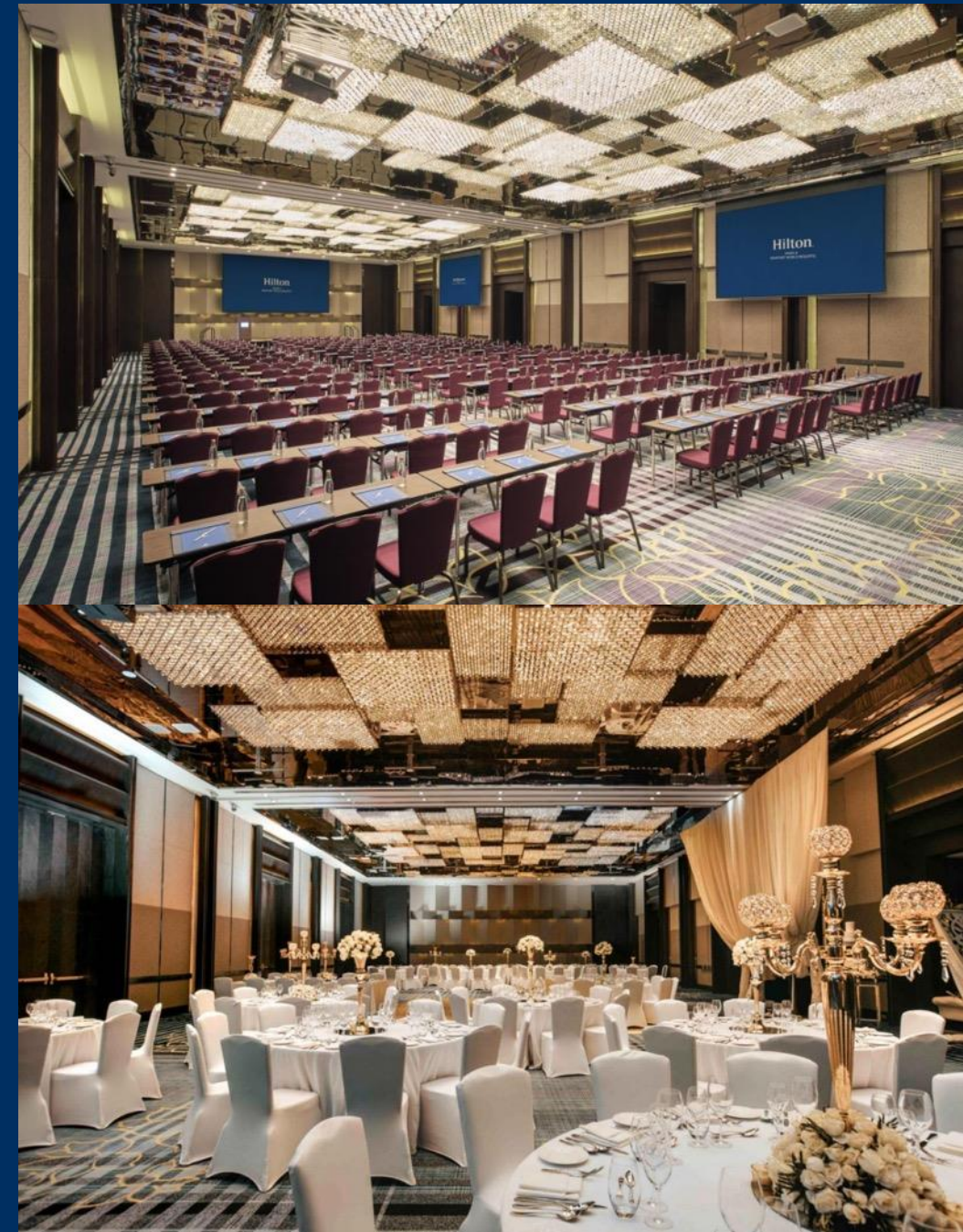
Total Event Space – Approximately 572 sq m in the largest combined configuration, with multiple versatile rooms for business meetings, conferences, and social events.

THE BALLROOM

- 572 sq m space with flexible layouts, accommodating up to 600 guests (theater), 400 (banquet), 500 (reception), and 150 (boardroom).
- Convertible to two smaller ballrooms

MEETING ROOMS

- Meeting Room 1 – 158 sq m, accommodating up to 90 banquet or 124 theater guests.
- Meeting Room 2 – 171 sq m, supporting similar capacities of 90 banquet and 124 theater layout
- Convertible to four smaller meeting spaces.



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Function Rooms	Classroom	Theatre	Banquet (10)	Reception / Cocktails	Conferen ce	Hollow- Square	U-Shape
Ballroom I	126	220	180	250	144	102	90
Ballroom II	126	220	180	250	144	102	90
Ballroom I+II	288	500	360	500	288	210	198
Meeting Room 1	75	124	90	100	72	42	39
Meeting Room 2	75	124	90	100	72	42	39
Meeting Room 1A	33	66	40	50	36	18	15
Meeting Room 1B	33	66	40	50	36	18	15
Meeting Room 2A	33	66	40	50	36	18	15
Meeting Room 2B	33	66	40	50	36	18	15
Poolside	-	-	150	250	-	-	-

Dining Outlets

Hilton Manila Newport World Resorts offers a variety of dining experiences featuring local and global favorites, refined and relaxed bars and lounges, and halal-certified options.



KUSINA SEA KITCHENS

- A vibrant venue where breakfast buffets are served. It also offers weekday dinners and weekend lunch and dinner buffets featuring Western, local, Japanese, Indian, and Halal dishes, with live seafood stations during dinner and unlimited drinks. Capacity of 250 to 300.
- 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM



HUA YUAN BRASSERIE CHINOISE

- A sophisticated Shanghainese restaurant offering an exquisite a la carte menu and Yum Cha during lunch. The restaurant features a semi-private dining space and three private dining rooms, ideal for intimate gatherings and special occasions. Capacity of 100 to 150.
- 11:30 AM – 10:30 PM



MADISON LOUNGE & BAR

- Contemporary lounge serving Grab & Go options in the morning, transforming into a stylish evening spot for cocktails, bar bites, and shared plates.
- 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM

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SPORT BAR

- Australian-style sports pub offering a relaxed setting for premium wines, craft beers, spirits, and innovative bar snacks — perfect for unwinding after meetings or socializing with friends. Capacity of 100 to 120.
- 4:00 PM – 11:00 PM



FREESTYLE POOL BAR

- Poolside bar serving refreshing cocktails, beverages, and a creative snack menu including light bites and ice cream.
- 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM



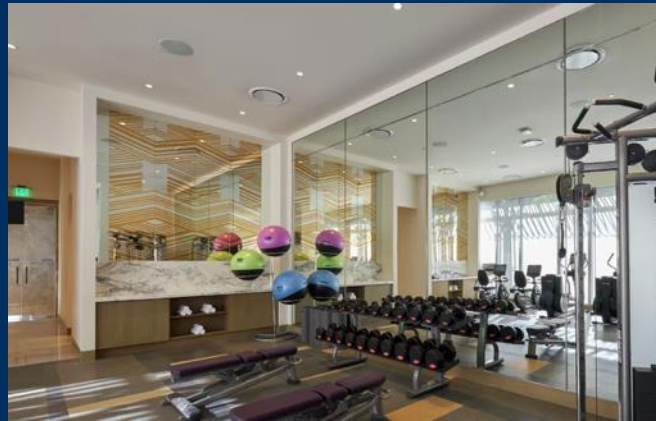
Key Hotel Facilities

Designed for relaxation, wellness, and convenience, our facilities include a refreshing pool with private cabanas, a 24-hour fitness center, and an exclusive Executive Lounge for a seamless and comfortable stay.



OUTDOOR POOL

- A refreshing outdoor pool with a serene environment for relaxation, featuring private cabanas for ultimate comfort and leisure.
- 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM



24-HOUR FITNESS CENTER

- A fully equipped fitness center featuring modern cardio and strength equipment, ideal for maintaining your workout routine at any time.
- Open 24 hours



EXECUTIVE LOUNGE

- An exclusive space for Executive Room and Suite guests, offering light refreshments, beverages, and a quiet environment for work or relaxation.
- 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Hilton Honors Point Redemption Opportunities



Room Nights

To redeem for room night reservations, please call +1-800-HILTONS (445-8667) or view all Hilton Reservations Worldwide phone numbers.



Event Credits

The customer contacts HRCC by calling 1-800-4HONORS (in the United States) or contacting [your Hilton Reservations and Customer Care](#) to redeem their Points. This is discussed further later in playbook.



Transfer Points

Hilton Honors Members can transfer Hilton Honors Points to another Hilton Honors Member through Points Pooling or 1-to-1 transfer in increments of 1,000 Points and up to 500,000 Points. Each Hilton Honors Member is limited to sending no more than five hundred thousand (500,000) Points and receiving two million (2,000,000) Points via Points Pooling or Transfers combined per calendar year. An account is limited to 6 Point transfer transaction per year.



Charitable Donations

Transfer Points into cash donations through Pointworthy.com to any 501 (c) (3) organization registered in the United States.



Airline Miles

Members may transfer (redeem) their Points to Airline Miles with one of our many global partners. The average transfer ratio is 10 Points: 1 Mile.



Car rental

Honors Members can redeem Points for qualifying car rentals with Alamo, Enterprise and National. The Primary Driver's Hilton Honors number must be provided at time of reservation or rental. The name of the member associated with the Hilton Honors number provided must match the Primary Driver's name on the rental to qualify for Points awards.



Lyft

Honors Members linked their Hilton Honors and Lyft accounts and can redeem Points for Lyft credits ranging from \$10 - \$100.



Amazon Purchases

Honors Members can link their Hilton Honors & Amazon accounts to redeem Points for products on Amazon.com (US-only). Current conversion rate is set at 500 Points for \$1. Members can make a purchase using all Points or a mix of Points and cash (credit card, gift card, credit).



Unique experiences and events

Members can use Points on the [Hilton Honors Experiences](#) platform to bid on memorable experiences.



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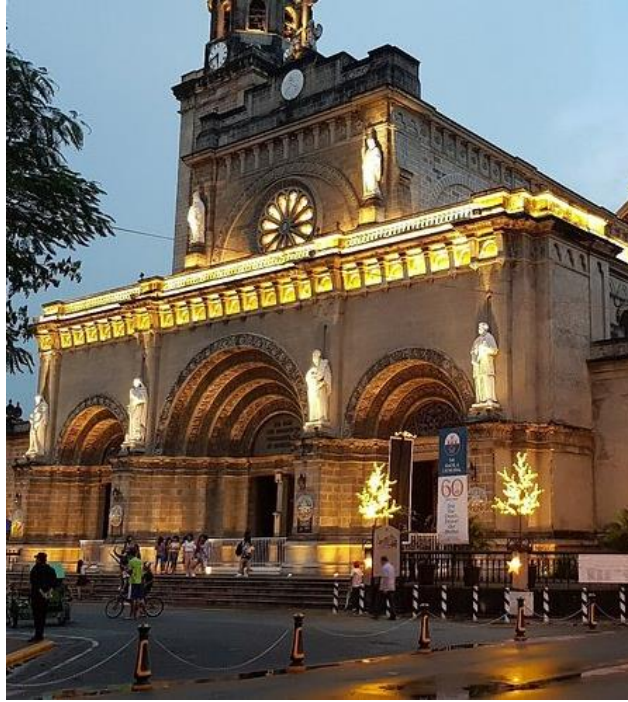
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Batangas

Puerto Galera

Part 5:

Delegate Excursions & Local Attractions

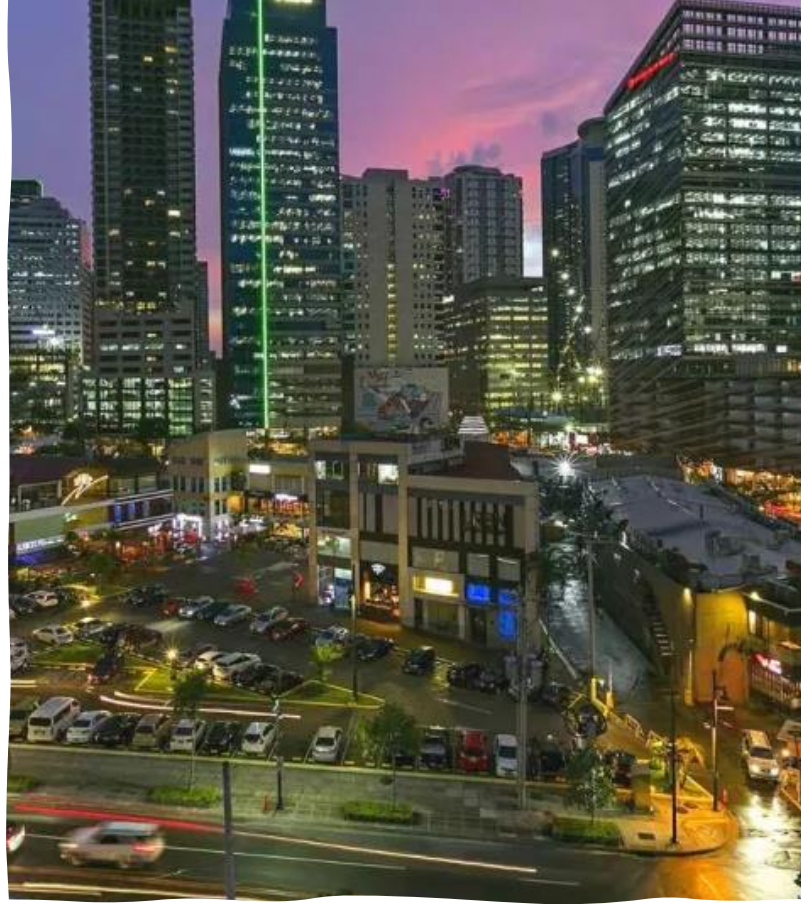


The Historic Hearth

– *Old Manila*

- **Rizal Park (Luneta):** The historical and symbolic heart of the country, located directly adjacent to Manila Bay.
- **Intramuros:** The historic Walled City, featuring ancient fortresses and stone ramparts ideal for relaxed afternoon walking tours between intense delegate meetings.
- **Binondo (Chinatown):** Recognized globally as the oldest Chinatown in the world, providing unmatched culinary food walks and cross-cultural trading history.





The Modern Pulse

Bonifacio Global City (BGC): Manila's state-of-the-art financial district. Featuring high-end pedestrian zones, manicured parks, and corporate tech centers, this highlights the highly secure, urban infrastructure backing the nation's event space.



Premium Day-Trips

Las Casas Filipinas de Azucar (Bataan):

A spectacular, 400-hectare open-air museum and beach resort. This unique destination features nearly 40 meticulously transplanted and fully reconstructed Spanish-Filipino ancestral mansions, allowing delegates to step directly into a living time capsule.



Corregidor Island:

An impactful, historic island fortress situated at the entrance of Manila Bay, providing immersive World War II memorial tram tours.

The Grand Post-Congress Destination (Optional Extension)

Vigan City (Ilocos Sur):

Highlighted as a premier domestic extension opportunity. Delegates can journey north to walk the iconic cobblestone pathways of **Calle Crisologo**, ride traditional horse-drawn carriages (*kalesas*), and marvel at the country's beautifully preserved Hispanic-Chinese-Filipino architecture.



Questions?

