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'Doing Business with the Philippines'

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The honorary consul of the Philippines in Kolkata, Mr Deepak Khemka, today said "tourism is growing by the year in both India and the Philippines but eastern India's contribution has unfortunately been small."

At a session titled "Doing Business with the Philippines" organised by the Merchants' Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr Deepak Khemka, said "Philippines is a beautiful country with many of the most beautiful beaches. Tourism is growing by the year in both India and the Philippines. However, Eastern India's contribution has unfortunately been small."

Ramon S. Bagatsing Jr., Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to India, said "India and the Philippines have signed four memorandums of understanding (MoUs) regarding tourism, maritime domain and security, science and technology, and culture, during the visit of President Ram Nath Kovind in 2019. We also look forward to more programmes that will promote people-to-people interactions. We have a very skilled set of people in the Philippines."

Meanwhile, the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce also held a seminar on the same theme where Ramon S. Bagatsing Junior said, "Many Indian companies have established their bases in Vietnam and other countries, now it is time to take a second look at the Philippines. We have over a hundred thousand Indians living there for years; this is also an opportunity for those with the third or fourth generation Indians to connect with their distant relatives here."

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