



MR. DUSK LIM

Dusk Lim is an experienced sales leader with nearly 20 years of experience in the Asia Pacific region, dedicated to providing businesses with innovative solutions to address significant challenges. With ten years of expertise specifically in serving Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) professionals, his goal is to ensure that GRC functions are integrated into an organisation's journey towards AI and digital transformation. Currently, Dusk is the Head of Specialist Sales for Asia Pacific, where he leads a team committed to advancing GRC innovation, helping organisations better clarify risks and elevate governance.

Presentation Title: "GRC and the Digital Economy: From Cyber Risk Transparency to Innovation Opportunity"

MR. CON NIKOLAOU, MSc. FF, CFE, CFCI, CCCI



With close to 30 years of experience in credit risk, fraud risk, financial crimes control, cybercrime, cybersecurity, information governance and data protection experience, Con is well placed to provide advocacy and guidance to organizations in designing, implementing, and improving their governance, risk management, and compliance programs. Additionally, as a Vice President, International Executive Board of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI) (www.iafci.org), Con's focus is to safeguard digital landscapes and empower organizations to navigate cyber, fraud and financial crimes threats effectively.

Presentation Title: "Cyber Hygiene: Best Practices for Organisational Security"

MR. PHILIP CASANOVA, CISSP, CISM, CRISC, MBCI, ALMI



Philip is a Partner in SGV's Technology Consulting practice and currently the Cybersecurity Field of Play leader. He brings over 30 years of experience as a consultant and Chief Information Security Officer, with leadership roles in financial services across the Philippines, Asia, India, and New York.

In 2002, Philip became one of the first Certified Information Systems Security Professionals (CISSP) in the Philippines. Additionally, he is a member of the Business Continuity Institute. Currently, Philip is pursuing a Doctorate in Information Technology with a research interest on the adoption of Post-Quantum Cryptography.

Presentation Title: "Preparing for Y2Q: Quantum Safe Adoption"

This talk will provide an update on the global landscape of quantum-safe adoption, with a specific focus on the Philippines. It will explore how different countries are integrating PQC into their cybersecurity frameworks, showcasing best practices that can serve as models for others. However, the transition to PQC is not without challenges, particularly in the Philippines. The discussion will address specific hurdles organizations face, including technical complexities, regulatory compliance issues, and the need for significant investment in new technologies. Many organizations may struggle to integrate PQC into existing systems, especially those reliant on legacy infrastructure. Additionally, a lack of awareness about quantum threats among decision-makers can hinder proactive measures, leaving organizations vulnerable. The talk will also emphasize the importance of developing cryptographic agility—the ability to swiftly adapt and transition between different cryptographic algorithms as threats evolve. This flexibility is essential for maintaining robust security in the face of rapidly changing technological landscapes.



MR. STEFFEN MINKMAR, CISA, CISM

Steffen Minkmar is managing cyber resilience, ICT risk, ICT compliance, and IT audit support matters at the Asian Development Bank, an international financial institution headquartered in Manila, Philippines. He has more than 20 years of experience in the private sector and several multilateral development banks, such as the World Bank (USA) and the European Investment Bank (Luxembourg, European Union). His working experience and exposure to all three lines of defense enables him to address cybersecurity and cyber resilience challenges from different perspectives and to align them with the strategic objectives and values of the organization.

Presentation Title: "Chances and Challenges for Financial Organizations using AI"

In this session, the speaker will share insights on how generative AI is revolutionizing business processes of organizations. The talk will dive into aspects concerning financial services, and how AI is enhancing efficiency and innovation. The speaker will also speak about the need for balanced regulations to mitigate systemic risks and will provide a global view on how other organizations use and regulators encourage the secure use of AI.



MR. JEREMY JORROT

Jeremy Jorrot is a seasoned SASE Specialist for the ASEAN region at Cloudflare, with over a decade of experience in securing digital assets and optimizing cloud infrastructure. A passionate advocate for the ever-evolving world of technology, Jeremy thrives on continuous learning and adapting to the fast-paced realms of cloud computing and cybersecurity. His unique blend of technical expertise, creativity, and a relentless drive for excellence has established him as a key figure in shaping the future of secure, connected enterprises.

Presentation Title: "From Risk to Resilience: Stop Zero Day Before Day Zero"

As the attack surface continues to expand, organizations require a modernized approach to threat management. One way to achieve this is through unified risk posture management, leveraging a set of cybersecurity capabilities jointly working together to enable automated and dynamic enforcement of risk policies. A consolidated platform allows organizations to: evaluate risks across users and applications, share risk indicators with leading security solutions, and implement automated risk controls at scale.



MR. THIRD LIBREA, CPA, CISA, CRISC, CRMA

Third is the President & Chief Executive Officer of PalawanPay. As the head of PalawanPay, he is responsible for establishing and delivering the digital strategy and electronic money business of the Palawan Group of Companies and he report directly to the Board of Directors of PalawanPay. This responsibility covers leadership over all functional areas of the electronic money business — technology, product innovation, marketing, analytics, operations, regulatory compliance, human resources, and finance.

Presentation Title: "Agentic AI in PalawanPay"



MR. DENNIS CUNANAN, C|CISO, CISM, CDPSE

Dennis Cunanan, C|CISO, CISM, CDPSE, Master ISO 27001 Lead Auditor, is the Managing Director of CPSI Certifications, a certifying body focused on Artificial Intelligence Governance and Information Security Standards. With over two decades of expertise in Information Security, Cybersecurity, and Data Privacy, Dennis is recognized for his leadership in advancing global best practices in the field. Committed to the growth of the profession, Dennis serves as a Board Member of the ISACA Vancouver Chapter and represents Canada on the SCC Mirror Committee (SC27), contributing to international standards on IT security techniques.

Presentation Title: "Embedding Trust in Every Layer: The Role of ISO 27001 and ISO 42001 in Sustainable Digital Innovation"

In an era of exponential technological growth, digital trust has become the cornerstone of sustainable innovation. Organizations are under increasing pressure to innovate quickly (often with the help of artificial intelligence) while maintaining resilience, security, transparency, and ethical accountability.

This presentation explores how two critical ISO standards, ISO 27001 and the newly introduced ISO 42001, can be strategically aligned to embed trust at every layer of digital transformation. From executive oversight and governance policies to operational workflows and AI system lifecycles, this session will demonstrate how these standards serve as practical blueprints for building secure, ethical, and resilient digital ecosystems.

MR. TITUS MANUEL



Carlos "Titus" C. Manuel is a distinguished leader at the intersection of technology innovation, governance, digital transformation, and information security. With over two decades of dynamic experience, he has served as a consultant, strategist, corporate executive, and association leader across industries such as IT, finance, education, public service, and cybersecurity. Titus is renowned for building bridges between technology and people, leading organizations through digital shifts while ensuring alignment with global standards like ISO 27001, RA 10173 (Data Privacy Act), and GDPR. As an expert communicator, negotiator, and strategist, he helps enterprises and institutions navigate the complexities of business modernization, data protection, governance compliance, and operational optimization.

Presentation Title: "AI-Driven Influence: Redefining Leadership in a Digital Era"

As AI reshapes the global business and regulatory landscape, leadership must evolve—not only in decision-making, but in how it empowers people, builds trust, and navigates complexity in increasingly hybrid work environments. This 45-60-minute session explores how AI-driven strategies are redefining governance, risk management, and compliance (GRC), while simultaneously challenging and expanding traditional leadership paradigms.

With hybrid work now a permanent feature of modern enterprises, the session will also examine how AI tools can enhance productivity, transparency, and engagement across distributed teams. More importantly, it highlights AI's role as an enabler—not a replacement—and presents practical strategies to avoid job displacement through thoughtful change management, continuous upskilling, and coaching-driven development.



DR. ERIKA FILLE LEGARA, PHD

Dr. Erika Fille Legara currently serves as Managing Director and Chief AI and Data Officer at DepEd's Center for AI Research (E-CAIR). She brings unique experience working across sectors and with two governments—Singapore and the Philippines—as a scientist and strategic advisor on AI implementation and governance.

She serves on boards including publicly-listed RCBC, where she is a member of the Risk and Oversight Committee, among others. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors, a certified AI Governance Professional, and holds a Cyber Risk Governance credential, complemented by executive education from Harvard Kennedy School's "Leading Smart Policy Design" program, the London School of Economics' "Ethics of AI" program, and GESDA's Anticipatory Leadership Program in Science Diplomacy in Geneva. Dr. Legara designed and launched the country's first formal data science and AI graduate program at the Asian Institute of Management, where she holds the Aboitiz Chair in Data Science. With her background in Complexity Science, Dr. Legara works directly with various organizations, including multinational companies, to implement and operationalize AI adoption and digital transformation initiatives.



MS. JULIE REYES

Julie Reyes played a pivotal role in the evolution of Smart Money into PayMaya, eventually becoming the Group Chief Risk and Compliance Officer. Under her leadership, Maya secured multiple regulatory approvals and licenses, establishing itself as the most comprehensive financial ecosystem in the Philippines.

Presentation Title: "Harnessing AI for Financial Inclusion - The Maya Journey"



MS. MELANIE OTEYZA, CPA, CIA, CRMA, CCSA

Melanie is currently the Senior Vice President and Group Chief Audit Executive of Manila Electric Company (MERALCO). She was a former Director of Rajawali Corpora in Indonesia handling Corporate Governance and Internal Audit. She also served as a Board of Governor for the Institute of Internal Auditors Singapore and Board of Director for the Institute of Internal Auditors Philippines.

Melanie holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce Major in Accounting, Magna Cum Laude and PICPA Awardee for Academic Excellence. She was also given a full scholarship of SGV given her academic achievements. She earned her master's degree in Business Administration at University of Santo Tomas with Summa Cum Laude academic distinction. She also completed her Executive Management Leadership Program from the Asian Institute of Management with Superior Performance Award.

Presentation Title: "Embedding Cyber Trust: Internal Audit's Contribution to Digital Governance and Resilience"



MR. JAY GOMEZ, CISSP, CISM, CDPSE, CIPM

Jay is an associate director in BRG's Asia-Pacific (APAC) Cyber Forensics and eDiscovery practice based in Hong Kong. He has almost 30 years of professional experience and is a certified practitioner in cybersecurity, information technology (IT) and data privacy and protection.

Mr. Gomez focuses on providing the full spectrum of cybersecurity and data privacy advisory and consulting services. His areas of expertise range from proactive information security strategy and consulting, cybersecurity compliance, data security and loss prevention, and vulnerability and risk management; to cyber incident response, investigations, risk mitigation and post-crisis support.

Mr. Gomez has extensive experience in projects across APAC, Europe, and North and Central America. He has worked with and advised clients in a diverse range of industries, including banking and finance, broadcast and communications, energy, education, manufacturing, technology, retail, professional services and telecommunications.

Presentation Title: Executive Decision-Making in the First 72 Hours of a Cyber Incident and Post-Breach Recovery

The presentation will focus on the general guidance and decision-making process that executives or senior management need in the first 72 hours of a cyber incident and handling of post-breach recovery. It will also include practical insights and tips based on real-world scenarios and incidents handled.

MR. ELIEZER RABADON

Eliezer Rabadon is a versatile tech entrepreneur and innovator, serving as the CEO of DvCode Technologies Inc. and Co-Founder of Web3 Bulacan. With expertise in app, web, and game development, he is a Certified Smart Contract Developer and an ethical hacker recognized by Meta (Facebook). Beyond his technical pursuits, he is the President of the Rotary Club of Midtown Diliman and a contributor to Manila Bulletin Tech News and PhilSTAR Tech. He also sits on the Board of Trustees for the Blockchain Council of the Philippines, where he leads as the Education and Training Committee Chairman.

Presentation Title: "The Hidden Dangers: Cybersecurity Risks Companies Often Miss"

In today's digital-first business landscape, organizations invest heavily in cybersecurity to safeguard their assets, customer data, and reputation. However, despite substantial security measures, many companies still fall victim to cyber threats—not due to lack of effort, but because of overlooked vulnerabilities and underestimated risks. This presentation explores the lesser-known cybersecurity pitfalls that often escape standard risk assessments and security audits. By examining real-world incidents and emerging threat vectors—such as third-party integrations, shadow IT, social engineering, and misconfigured cloud services—we reveal how even the most security-conscious organizations can inadvertently leave gaps in their defenses. The session aims to equip IT leaders and business executives with actionable insights to identify, assess, and address these hidden dangers, fostering a culture of proactive and holistic cybersecurity.





MR. MANI RAJA MANICKAM

Mani Raja Manickam recently joined Precisely as the Regional Sales Director. With more than 20 years of experiences in regional sales, channel, distribution and business development, Mani will be focusing on the Precisely Integrate Solution Portfolio to support IBM infrastructure and enterprise data. Mani most recently served in Citrix, and previously held senior roles at Tech Data, Avnet, SLB - Schlumberger and others.



MS. PORTIA EDILLOR

With over 20 years in cybersecurity, Portia stands as a sentinel against the industry's most daunting threats—from data breaches to ransomware and targeted attacks. Her dual expertise as both a vendor/provider and a customer equips her with the insight to craft ironclad security frameworks and cultivate a security-first culture that permeates every facet of organizational operations.

Driven by a relentless passion for building resilient environments, Portia transforms incident response into a seamless shield, safeguarding mission-critical operations from disruption. Her strategic alignment of security protocols with business goals empowers teams to not only face cyber adversaries head-on but to turn these challenges into opportunities for growth and innovation in the marketplace, growth and business continuity.

Presentation Title: "Security as a Strategy: Elevating Cyber Maturity to Ensure Business Continuity and Competitive Advantage"

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, the presentation "Proactive Security: Elevating Cyber Maturity to Ensure Business Continuity and Competitive Advantage" delineates the urgent need for organizations to integrate proactive security measures within their business strategies. As digital transformation accelerates, high-profile breaches have eroded trust, highlighting the significant risk of innovation without resilience. This session underscores the C-suite's imperative to embrace proactive security as a foundational element for restoring and maintaining digital trust.

The presentation illustrates the "Trust Triangle" — comprising customers, regulators, and partners — to emphasize that trust must be earned through deliberate actions. A proactive cybersecurity posture shifts from mere response to strategic prevention and protection, demonstrating that the costs of prevention are vastly outweighed by those of delayed response. This is further exemplified through two contrasting case studies: a financial institution that suffered severe losses due to the lack of foresight, and a multinational manufacturer that evaded a ransomware attack through proactive threat modeling and asset visibility.



MS. JEANE BERNARDO

With over 20 years of experience, Jeane has built a diverse background in cybersecurity, business, and leadership. She has held various roles at Cisco, Hewlett-Packard, Symantec, and Sophos, evolving from technical support to leadership positions. A licensed Electronics and Communications Engineer, Jeane is known for her thoughtful approach to aligning technical realities with business goals.

Presentation Title: "Building Digital Trust Through Proactive Cyber Resilience: A Strategic Approach to Innovation and Incident Preparedness"

As digital ecosystems grow more complex, trust relies on more than just compliance. It requires resilience, innovation, and readiness. This session explores how organizations can build and maintain digital trust through proactive cybersecurity strategies that combine advisory-led security planning with effective incident response. We will share practical insights on embedding resilience and long-term sustainability into your security posture.



MR. JESUS MA. LAVA III, CPA, CIA, CISA

Third is a partner at the Assurance practice of Landicho Abela & Co. (Deloitte Philippines). He leads the Sustainability & Emerging Assurance team in the Philippines, supporting clients as they go through business transformation and help unlock enterprise value through business strategy development and alignment, organizational redesign, business process reviews, analyses and reengineering, enterprise value mapping, and IT systems design and development (automation). He also oversees internal audits, IT audits, and sustainability (ESG) advisory work.

Third has 20 years of information technology, internal audit, enterprise risk management, and business process review experience. He specializes in developing and enabling data analysis capabilities and integrating these into an organization's governance, risk management, and compliance (GRC) processes to create a data driven GRC. Besides being a CPA, Third is also a Certified Internal Auditor, ISO27 Certified Risk Manager, a Certified Information Systems Auditor, ISO31000 Certified Risk Manager, and an IIA Quality Assurance Validator. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Accountancy from the University of the Philippines - Diliman.

Presentation Title: "Sustainability in IT"



MR. JONATHAN MANTUA

Jonathan leads teams of security consultants in delivering comprehensive information security services across the Philippines and Singapore. He provides advisory support to a diverse range of clients — from small businesses to major banks — on product development with a strong emphasis on information security. He conducts IT audits, assessing policies and controls in line with PCI-DSS, GDPR, and ISO 27001 standards, performs vulnerability assessments and penetration testing (VAPT), and delivers actionable recommendations to strengthen the security posture of organizations he supports. He brings extensive experience in white-hat initiatives, with a specialization in VAPT and adherence to OWASP guidelines. Technical expertise includes PHP, Java, HTML, and network design.



MR. GLENN WILLIAM ALCALA,

Glenn has over 11 years of experience covering information security audit and implementation, IT risk-based assurance, IT consulting, and general consulting services. Two of those years he spent working in RSM Australia where he helped build the Consumer Data Right (open banking standard of Australia) security assurance program and formalized the program for IT audit in support of financial statements audit. He has handled a wide range of industries: banking, fintech and other financial services, healthcare, holdings, manufacturing, retail, distribution, energy, mining, gas and oil, tollways, and professional services.

Presentation Title: “Ctrl-Alt-Defend: AI-Augmented Security Operations for Digital Trust”

Adversaries now weaponize AI at machine speed, forcing cyber defenders to match them lest they're forced to watch trust evaporate. This session fuses insights from red teaming and pentests, AI-powered tools for managed detection & response, and ISO 27001-aligned incident response playbooks to compress detection and containment time lags while generating audit-ready evidence. Walk away with a practical blueprint that turns every security alert into a fresh deposit in your organization's digital trust account.