

**Rico Hizon**  
**BBC World News Presenter**  
**Asia Business Report and Newsday**

Moderator and Chairperson



### Professional Experience

- Rico Hizon, based in Singapore, is the only South East Asian male anchor to work for two of the world's most prestigious global news networks CNBC Business News and BBC World News.
- He is the news anchor of BBC World News' daily business and finance program Asia Business Report and general news based Newsday live from Singapore and London, every weekday morning.
- Drawing on almost 30 years of experience in broadcast journalism in The Philippines, Hong Kong and Singapore, Rico is a highly seasoned moderator, helping to interpret and understand key developments around Asia as they unfold. He also has a strong understanding of Asian business, economic, political, environmental and social issues.
- With keen interest in Asia's booming economies and geo-political issues, Rico Hizon's news programs on BBC World News are broadcast to more 400 million households worldwide.
- Rico has interviewed personalities in the financial, political and sporting worlds – from Microsoft's Bill Gates and Steve Ballmer, Air Asia's Tony Fernandes, Virgin's Sir Richard Branson, billionaire Warren Buffet and top hedge fund managers George Soros and Mark Mobius.
- Rico is a multi-award-winning broadcast journalist. He is a recipient of "The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) award for Broadcast Journalism" (The Philippines) and was also awarded the *Responsible Broadcast Journalist Award* by the Rotary Club. His global news show Newsday won the *2017 Asian Television Award for Best News Program*.
- In 2011, he was chosen one of Asia's top news anchors at the Asian Television Award and in 2009 he was awarded La Sallian Achievement Awardee for Global Journalism. In 2008, he was the Presidential Awardee for excellence in International Journalism and was recognized by the Bank of the Philippine Islands for bringing honor and recognition to the Philippines with the BPinoy Award.

### Sample assignments

- Rico is a speaker, moderator and host of international events on finance, business and politics.
- Rico Hizon has hosted several top global events, including The UN Conference on Economic and Social Change in New York, The Clinton Global Initiative in Hong Kong and New York, The World Bank and IMF Annual Meetings, The Asian Development Bank Annual Meetings, The World Economic Forum, British Chamber of Commerce Awards in Singapore and The ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in Cambodia and Myanmar, among others.
- He has moderated and chaired a range of different events including SMU Open House, Asia Forest Partnership, Asia Pacific Trading Summit, Asia Mining Congress, Frost & Sullivan Awards to name a few.

### Rico Hizon - personal information

- In 2012, Rico Hizon was accorded a Doctorate Honoris Causa in Humanities by the University of Northeastern Philippines
- He joined the BBC in 2002 where today he anchors *Asia Business Report* and *Newsday*
- Moved to Hong Kong in 1995 to join CNBC Asia and later moved to Singapore, where Rico was an anchor on *CNBC Today*, *Squawk Box*, *Market Watch* and *Power Lunch*
- From 1988 to 1995, he was a business reporter at the Manila-based GMA-7 network, responsible for covering capital markets, banking and finance, real estate, investment and corporate developments.
- Anchored the daily business programme, *Business Today*, *GMA News Live* and *Stock Market Live* from the trading floor of the Philippine Stock Exchange
- Before entering the broadcast industry, he was a lecturer at De La Salle University
- Born in The Philippines, Rico Hizon holds a degree in Broadcast Journalism from De La Salle University