Mr. Antonio's Special Envoy position is a non-government paid, non-policy making role (unlike the U.S. Ambassador or other official government positions) that seeks to promote and enhance business relations between the Philippine and American business communities by liaising between business institutions for future trade.

Mr. Antonio was selected for this position before the recent U.S. election because of his global business experience, including three decades of experience in real estate development, service as special envoy to China in 2005 and service as a founding member of the Philippine-China Business Council.