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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



IPDG ROBERTO "OBET" M. PAGDANGANAN

District Governor (RY 2015-2016)
 President, Rotary Club of Manila (RY 2012-2013)
 Former Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform
 Former Secretary, Department of Tourism
 Former President, Philippine International Trading Corporation
 Former Governor, Province of Bulacan

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Let our very own Rotarian Guru show Asia's First Rotary Club the way to Federalism as his philosophy of empowering people and communities remain his greatest Gift to the World.

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PROGRAM

RCM's 27th for Rotary Year 2016-17

Thursday, January 26, 2017, 12N, Manila Polo Club McKinley Room

OIC/Moderator : **RCM PD "Oscar" del Rosario**

Program Timetable

"A Joint Meeting of Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) and Rotary Club of Forbes Park (RCFP)"

11:30 AM	Registration and Cocktails	
12:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are Requested to be seated:	RCM PD "Oscar" del Rosario OIC/Moderator
12:30 PM	Call to order	RCM Pres. "Teddy" Ocampo; RCFP Pres. "Lito" Buñag
	Republic of the Philippines National Anthem	RCManila WF Music Chorale
	Invocation	RCM PD "Jess" Santos
	RCM Hymn	RCManila WF Music Chorale
	RCFP Hymn	RCFP Music Committee
	The Four (4) Way Test Credo	All Rotarians led RCFP IPP "Tedjie" Herbosa
12:35 PM	Introduction of Guests and Visiting Rotarians and Personalities seated at the Head Table Welcome Song	RCFP PP "John" Tiong RCManila WF Music Chorale
12:40 PM	Maligayang Bati (RCM Birthday Celebrants) Feb. 3....Rtn. "Thad" Liamzon, PAS "Addie" Topacio; Feb. 6....IPP "Ebot" Tan, PAS "Eloy" Adamos; Feb. 7....Rtn. "Dennis" Montecillo; Feb. 9....Rtn. "Cris" Acosta, STAR Rtn. "Dong-Dong" Benedicto Happy Birthday Song	RCManila WF Music Chorale

12:45 PM	Presentation of 1-Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow Pin to PDSAA “Tony” Lopa President's Time	RCM Pres. “Teddy” Ocampo RCM Pres. “Teddy” Ocampo; RCFP Pres.”Lito” Buñag
12:47 PM	Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker Address: IPDG Roberto M. “Obet” Pagdanganan Chairman, RCM Centennial Project Committee Immediate Past District Governor, RID 3810 RY 2015-16;	PP “Francis” Juico
1:15 PM	Public Forum	
1:25PM	RCM Centennial Plans and Programs	
1:40PM	Public Forum	
2:00PM	Response, Presentation of Token of Appreciation to IPDG Roberto M. “Obet” Pagdanganan and Meeting Adjournment	RCM Pres. “Teddy” Ocampo; RCFP Pres.”Lito” Buñag

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Last week, we had a very fruitful Governor's Visit as District Governor Ernesto "Ernest" Yuyek and his All Star team of District Officers were very much impressed with the magnitude of our projects which have made a significant impact in the lives of people. Likewise, equally stellar was the talk of our very own Hon. Issam Eldebs, Consul General Ad Hominem of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Republic of the Philippines and Director of the Rotary Club of Manila, as he revealed to us the sidelights on the Syrian conflict and the politics behind it.

As for update within our club, we are still in the process of gathering Manila Rotarians to attend the 60th Anniversary of our sister club, the Rotary Club of Osaka East this coming May 27, 2017. For more details, please coordinate with our Secretariat. Likewise, our World Famous Chorale received an invitation from the district recently to sing the Philippine National Anthem and the National Anthem of the United States of America during the opening of the DISCON 2017 on March 31, 2017 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila in Pasay City. In this light, I wish to exhort my fellow members of the chorale to volunteer their services for the same as this is a clear indication that the district recognizes the defining role we have in Philippine Rotary.

Updates from around the district include the attendance of CoS/IPSDG/PP Cesar Ubaldo at the Governor's Visit of the Rotary Club of Manila Maharlika at the Hotel H2O in Manila yesterday, February 1, 2017 while CoS/IPSDG/PP Cesar Ubaldo and SDG/DCoS/Dir. Albert Alday are busy with preparations for the DISCON 2017 as the committee now meets every Thursday afternoon.

Today, after Ms. Universe Mania has swept the country by storm, we welcome our very own Immediate Past District Governor Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan as he gives us a sneak peek on how the country would fare under a Federal form of government. I look forward to your cooperation as we endeavor to make our stars shine this Rotary Year 2016-2017 through meaningful projects and fellowships that will strengthen the bonds of Asia's First Rotary Club.

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER'S PROFILE



ROBERTO "OBET" M. PAGDANGANAN

ROBERTO "OBET" M. PAGDANGANAN was born in Calumpit, Bulacan on July 19, 1946. His parents are former Municipal Councilor Juan T. Pagdanganan, Jr. and Mrs. Rosalina Mamangon-Pagdanganan, a market vendor, who both inspired him to pursue higher education, despite their humble station in life.

Obet was a consistent academic scholar. He graduated as valedictorian from both Calumpit Elementary School in 1959, and at Calumpit Institute in 1963. He finished Bachelor of Chemical Engineering, summa cum laude, at the Manuel L. Quezon University, in 1968, the first and so far the only one to graduate with such honors at the MLQU School of Engineering. He also completed Masters in Business Administration at De La Salle University in 1977, and Bachelor of Laws in 1990 at MLQU. In 1995, Obet was awarded a Doctorate in Education, honoris causa, by the Bulacan State University. He had also been awarded as Most Outstanding Alumnus in all the four schools he attended.

Obet worked at Union Chemicals (Aji-no-Moto) in his senior year as chemical engineering student. Upon graduation, he was hired as a management trainee at Philippine Refining Corporation, now Unilever, Philippines, where he eventually held senior management positions in technical and marketing divisions. While with Unilever, Obet completed an Industrial Marketing course at Ashridge Management College in England and International Management Seminar at Unilever Training Center also in England.

Obet's successful career at Unilever was abruptly ended when he was appointed OIC Governor of the Province of Bulacan after the EDSA Revolution in 1986. In January, 1988, he was elected unopposed as Provincial Governor and reelected twice with overwhelming mandates, serving until February, 1998. He was also elected by his peers as National President for three consecutive terms of the League of Provinces, and as the founding Chairman of the League of Leagues, later renamed as Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines.

Obet eventually served in four Cabinet level positions under former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo: as Presidential Adviser on Cooperatives and Chairman of Cooperative Development Authority, Secretary of Agrarian Reforms, Secretary of Tourism, and later, as concurrent Chairman/President of Philippine International Trading Corporation and PITC Pharmaceutical Inc., where he launched the "Botica ng Bayan" program to promote generics and lower the cost of medicines.

Obet was also a two-term National President of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and a member emeritus of its National Executive Board. He has authored three books on Cooperatives and has taught engineering and MBA, MPA subjects at MLQU, PLM, DLSU and PUP. He still teaches at the PUP Open University and hosts a weekly public service radio program at DWIZ. He is presently Chairman of Medicines Transparency Alliance, (Philippines), Inc., which advocates access to affordable, quality medicines and universal healthcare for all Filipinos.

Obet served in 2015-2016 as District Governor of Rotary International District 3810, which covers the cities of Manila and Pasay, and the provinces of Cavite and Mindoro Occidental. He is a past President of the Rotary Club of Manila and a major donor (first level) to The Rotary Foundation.

Obet is married to the former Susana Oblefias of Sariaya, Quezon, also a chemical engineer and former professor at MLQU School of Engineering. They have been blessed with two children, Eya and Raymond, and three grandchildren, Roxanne, Mika and Enzo. Eya, an ex-pat Marketing Executive now based in Singapore, is married to businessman Michael Allan E. Sicat, a civil engineer. Raymond, on the other hand, perished in an accident on January 20, 2007, while saving the lives of two young men riding in an unlit tricycle at the fast lane of MacArthur Highway in Malolos, Bulacan.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK GUEST SPEAKERS

February 9, 2017, 12N, Manila Polo Club McKinley Room



Brigadier General Charito B. Plaza, AFPR

Director-General,
Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)

February 16, 2017, 12N, Manila Polo Club McKinley Room



His Excellency Sung Kim

Ambassador of United States of America
to the Republic of the Philippines

February 23, 2017, 12N, Manila Polo Club McKinley Room



Rtn. Fidel V. Ramos

Honorary Member, RC Manila
Former President, Republic of the Philippines

THE WEEK THAT WAS...



Pres. "Teddy" Ocampo calls the Rotary Club of Manila's 27th meeting to order.



DE/AS "Caloy" Reyes as OIC/Moderator directs the program of activities.



STAR Rtn. "Gani" Macatoman delivers an ecumenical prayer.



SAA “Lance” Masters leads fellow Rotarians in renewing its commitment to the Rotary Credo through the recitation of the four (4) way test.



STAR Rtn. “Karl” Leung introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.



Pres. “Teddy” Ocampo presents club bannerettes to first-time visiting Rotarians **President Hayato Yazaki**, **Rtn. Kazuharu Miyazawa**, **RC Chino, Nagano, Japan**, together with **PD “Nick” Locsin**.

District Governor Ernesto Yuyek, in his Governor's Visit to the Rotary Club of Manila, extolled the achievements of the First Rotary Club in Asia while redefining its role in district affairs as the club worthy of emulation by others in the district.



Pres. "Teddy" Ocampo for the presentation to DG "Ernest" Yuyek of RCM's check for the District Governor's Fund received by DES Ellen Landicho.



Pres. "Teddy" Ocampo for his "President's Time" and requesting PDG "Obet" Pagdanganan for brief remarks.



PDG “Obet” Pagdanganan formally presents to DG “Ernest” Yuyek the District Resolutions passed during DISCON 2016 and the formal turnover of the District Election Steel Box witnessing the turnover are Pres. “Teddy” Ocampo and RCM Board Legal Adviser “Amading” Valdez.



Pres. “Teddy” Ocampo and PVP “Manny” Dy lead the “Mabuhay Toast” in celebration of Chinese New Year with red wine and tikoy as gifts to everyone courtesy of PVP “Manny” Dy.



Rtn. **"Joe" Assad** does the honour and pleasure of introducing **Hon. Issam Eldebs**, Consul General of the Syrian Arab Republic; RCM Director, RYs 2010-12; 2015-17, as guest of honor and speaker.



Hon. Issam Eldebs, Consul General Ad Hominem of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Republic of the Philippines and Director of the Rotary Club of Manila, enlightened his fellow Manila Rotarians, Visiting Rotarians and guests on the root causes of the war in Syria and the underlying stories behind it.



An interactive open forum followed suit right after the speech of **Consul General Issam Eldebs**. Participants were: Rtn. Joe de Venecia, Rtn. Ricky Trinidad and Rtn. Tong Payumo.



Consul General Issam Eldebs, Pres. "Teddy" Ocampo and DG "Ernest" Yuyek in a posterity photo.



Post meeting posterity photo with L-R: SDG/PP "Frank" Evaristo, IPDS Dolly Uanang, Pres. "Teddy" Ocampo, PDG "Obet" Pagdanganan, STAR Rtn. "Romy" Nones, and DGN "Rudy" Bediones.

D3810 GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO RCM



Pres. “Teddy” Ocampo leads the RCM Board of Directors and Officers in reporting to **DG “Ernest” Yuyek** and **Team Members: DES Eillen Landicho, SDG Bernie Sagsagat, AG Susan de Jesus**, the club’s project and activities covering July-Dec. 2016 during the ***Official District Governor’s Visit to RCM***. Seen in photo are : **VPE/VP “Babe” Romualdez, Dir. Susing Pineda, Dir. “Albert” Alday, Dir. “Issam” Eldebs, Dir. “Art” Lopez, Sec. “Ning” Lopez, Treas. “Chito” Tagaysay, SAA “Lance” Masters, DE/AS “Caloy” Reyes, SDG/PP “Frank” Evaristo, COS/PP “Cesar” Ubaldo.**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Rotary Club of Manila led by Pres. “Teddy” Ocampo facilitated the **KUMANO ROTARY CLUB (KRC)** three-year sponsorship of baseball equipment for the out-of-school beneficiaries of the Rizal Institute Canlubang Foundation (RICF) in Laguna. The annual donation is worth Php 200,000. Photo shows **Pres. “Teddy” Ocampo** welcoming its benefactor, **KUMANO ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS** led by **Pres. Hayato Yazaki, Rtn. Kazuhara Miyazawa**, in a coordination meeting held at the RCManila Secretariat Office last January 30, 2017, Monday.



SAA Lance Masters met **Rtn. Robert Aagre** a member of the Nimmonsburg New York (USA) Rotary Club of RID 7170 last Friday, January 27, 2017 at the RCM Office. **Rtn. Aagre** turned over to RCM thru **SAA Lance Masters** 29 new cotton hospital smocks, some blue, some pink for Philippine Red Cross or a teaching hospital for students.

January 23, 2017

Happy New Year to all RCM Members!

Please be advised that we have received an invitation from our sister club, the Rotary Club of Osaka East (RCOE) for us to participate in the celebration of their Club's 60th anniversary. The anniversary will be celebrated on May 27, 2017. No other details or plans have yet been discussed but there is a possibility that there may be other occasions to meet and bond with RC Osaka East's members a day or two before May 27, 2017. Please see invitation below.

May we request all who are interested to participate in this event to confirm your intentions by sending an email to Ms. Anna Toledo. To avoid any miscommunications please expect a reply from Ms. Anna Toledo to confirm that you will be attending.

Please note that RCOE advises us that only fifteen (15) seats are allotted for RCM in the formal celebrations. That being said, spouses are definitely welcome to join the group. If more than fifteen members attend, wives can still avail of the shopping, cuisine and sights in and around Osaka. All these are outstanding as Osaka is one of Japan's largest and most popular cities. Our hosts have shown their warm hospitality many times over.

The following members have already signified their intentions to attend this event : (1) Pres Teddy Ocampo, (2) Spouse Baby Ocampo; (3) Dir Susing Pineda; (4) Spouse Marites Pineda; (5) Dir Art Lopez; (6) Spouse Letty Lopez; (7) PDG Vince Carlos; (8) Spouse Tina Carlos; (9) PD Nick Locsin; (10) Spouse Lucille Locsin; (11) Rtn Mike Ozaeta. Pls send your confirmation to joint he delegation of Rotary Club of Manila.

Thank you.

Happy New Year.

PD Nick Locsin
International Relations C co-Chair

PD Edgar Lee
International Relations Chairman

DIR Sam Eldebs
Director in Charge of International Relations

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RSVP
60TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY RC OSAKA EAST May 27, 2017

[] Attending alone [] Attending with spouse

By: _____
Member's Signature over Printed Name

Date: _____

HOUSE COMMITTEE

January 27, 2017

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Last November 2016, the Board in consideration of the urgency to ensure a regular venue for the weekly Thursday general membership meeting, signed the new contract with Manila Polo Club, for the club's weekly meetings and provide adequate parking spaces for the membership and guests attending the weekly luncheon meetings. The House Committee continued to explore other options and met with hotel operators, for a venue of the club's weekly meeting. However, the hotel operators cannot commit a permanent venue for the weekly Thursday meetings. In the event that the hotel management needs to use the function room booked for our Club, we will be moved to an alternative venue in the hotel, which may not be suitable for the club meeting requirements, or worst, we may have to find another venue.

Manila Polo Club agreed to consolidate all the extra costs related to the use of the venue, which is inclusive of electrical and installation cost total of Php 7,450 every week.

Under the new contract, we agreed to split the increase in two steps, in January 2017 and June 2017. With the consolidation of all extra costs, inclusive of consumable cost, the minimum cost for the use of the McKinley Room every Thursday of the week is Php 47,500.00 for a minimum guarantee of 50 pax or Php 950.00 per pax. For your information, consumable charge of McKinley Room is Php 140,000.00.

The Club pays the shortage of Php 150.00/pax for 50 persons (or Php 7,500.00) every week since November 2016. The Board noted the continuing deficit for the weekly luncheon meeting caused by subsidizing the increased consumable Meeting Cost, and realized that the Club cannot continue to fund the deficit from the approved budget of the current year caused by absences of members at the weekly Thursday luncheon meetings. Only members with confirmed severe health reasons are excused from the payment of Meeting Fee.

Please understand that we are paying primarily for the venue. The lunch is secondary. The lunch served by Manila Polo Club is below their cost but they have assured us to improve their food service based on the price we are paying.

In order to adequately fund the weekly luncheon meeting, the Board unanimously approved the following during its regular monthly meeting last January 19, 2017 - Effective February 16, 2017, Meeting fee to be adjusted from Php 800.00 to Php 1,200 (inclusive of the projected increase for June 2017);

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Dir. Arthur M Lopez
Chairman, House Committee

Noted by: Pres Teodoro J Ocampo



REMINDER

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

*Just a gentle reminder to all who, **TODATE**, have not yet settled their Annual Membership Dues for RY July 2016 thru June 2017. Your cooperation in updating your account would be truly appreciated.*

***Hector O. Tagaysay**
Club Treasurer
Rotary Club of Manila
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Fax # 5271885*

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



Son and Dad

PDG VINCE CARLOS

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What did the gangster's son tell his dad when he failed his examination?

"Dad, they questioned me for 3 hours, but I told them nothing!!"

What's the difference between people who pray in church and those who pray in casinos? The ones in the casinos are serious.

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When I was young I used to pray for a bike, then I realized that God doesn't work that way, so I stole a bike and prayed for forgiveness.

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A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did all of my intelligence come from?" His father replied: "Well, son, you must have gotten it from your mother, because I still have mine."

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John's teacher sent a note home to his mother, saying: "John seems to be a very bright boy, but spends too much of his time thinking about girls." The mother wrote back the next day: "If you find a solution, please advise. I have the same problem with his father!"

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The Altar Boy

'Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl.'

The priest asks, 'Is that you, little Joey Pagano?'

'Yes, Father, it is.'

'And who was the girl you were with?'

'I can't tell you, Father, I don't want to ruin her reputation.'

'Well, Joey, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Minetti?'

'I cannot say.'

'Was it Teresa Mazzarelli?'

'I'll never tell.'

'Was it Nina Capelli?'

'I'm sorry, but I cannot name her.'

'Was it Cathy Piriano?'

'My lips are sealed.'

'Was it Rosa DiAngelo, then?'

'Please, Father, I cannot tell you.'

The priest sighs in frustration. 'You're very tight lipped, and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for 4 months. Now you go and behave yourself.'

Joey walks back to his pew, and his friend Franco slides over and whispers, 'What'd you get?'

'Four months' vacation and five good leads.'

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The Old Golfer

An old golfer came in from a round of golf at a new course and headed into the grill room. As he passed through the swinging doors he saw a sign hanging over the bar:

COLD BEER:	\$2.00
HAMBURGER:	\$2.25
CHEESEBURGER:	\$2.50
CHICKEN SANDWICH:	\$3.50
HAND JOB:	\$50.00

Checking his wallet to be sure he had enough cash, the old golfer walked up to the bar and beckoned to the exceptionally attractive female bartender who was serving drinks to a couple of sun-wrinkled golfers. She glided down behind the bar to the old golfer.

"Yes?" she inquired with a wide, knowing smile, "May I help you?"

The old golfer leaned over the bar and whispered, "I was wondering, young lady," he said softly, "are you the one who gives the hand-jobs?"

She looked into his eyes with that wide smile and purred: "Yes sir, I sure am."

The old golfer leaned even closer into her left ear and said softly, "Well, wash your hands real good because I want a cheeseburger."

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Deer Camp

The guys were all at a deer camp. No one wanted to room with Bob, because he snored so badly.

They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns. The first guy slept with Bob and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot.

They said, 'Man, what happened to you? He said, 'Bob snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night. '

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing - hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They said, 'Man, what happened to you? You look awful!'

He said, 'Man, that Bob shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night.'

The third night was Pete's turn. Pete was a big burly ex-Navy man; a man's man. The next morning he came to breakfast bright eyed and bushy tailed. 'Good morning,' he said.

They couldn't believe it! They said, 'Man, what happened?' He said, 'Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Bob into bed, patted him on the butt, and kissed him good night. Bob sat up and watched me all night.'

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PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION AND CHILD CARE



EYE FLOATERS

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

When you see small spots that drift through your field of vision, these are referred to as eye floaters.

What are eye floaters?

Floater are bits of cellular debris floating within the eye. They are noticeable when you look at something bright, like for example a white paper or the blue sky. They however don't interfere with your sight and thus you tend to ignore them.

What are the symptoms?

Because they cast shadows over the retina, you will see some dots that move slowly before the eyes. When you try to focus on them, they tend to dash away. They may come in different shapes, like black or gray dots, squiggling lines, threadlike strands, cobwebs, circles or ring-like shapes.

What causes floaters?

As you age the protein fibers (collagen) that make up your vitreous (the back of your eye) shrink down to little shreds that clump together. The shadows they cast on your retina are floaters. Floaters brought about by the collagen debris occur between age 50 and 70, although changes can happen at any age.

Medical problems that can cause floaters include: Diabetes mellitus (diabetic retinopathy), eye tumors, eye injury, crystal-like deposits in the vitreous, detached retina, torn retina, bleeding in the vitreous, and swollen vitreous or retina (caused by bacteria, fungus, virus, or autoimmune or unexplained medical conditions).

People who have migraine headache may see and experience floaters. Floaters herald (also called visual aura) the coming migraine headache. It can be perceived differently in migraine because the floaters can appear as "flashes" or flashbulb type floaters.

When should you go to your eye doctor?

If you see floaters that don't change over time, see your doctor. Visit your doctor if: You noticed a sudden increase in the number of floaters, you see flashes of light, and when you noticed a decreasing or loss of vision. If you have had a recent eye surgery and you see floaters, go and see your doctor.

Treatment

If it is benign or trivial, no medical treatment is needed. Medical conditions such as diabetes is addressed. Some cases may require surgery (like *vitrectomy*, as example).

Prevention

Ask your doctor if you need *vitamin A*. *Apple pectin* is also good for the eyes.

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