



GUEST SPEAKER



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KABALITA

With the Rotary Four Way Test as backdrop, let us take a deeper view of our territorial waters as our very own Intellectual Property Expert and Philippine Bar Association President brings his advocacy to fore at Asia's First Rotary Club with respect to the imperatives of implementing the favorable arbitral award on the South China Sea maritime dispute.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting Rotary Year 2021-2022 Thursday, August 19, 2021, 12:30 PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

11:30 AM Registration and Zoom In
Program Moderator/Facilitator/ChikaTalk **STAR Rtn. Xavy Zialcita**

12:25 PM Presentation of Meeting Protocol/Zoom Meeting
House Rules

Part I

12:30 PM Call to Order **Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga**
Invocation and Special Prayers **STAR Rtn. Joshua Aragon**
for the healing and speedy recovery of **PP Cesar Ubaldo, PVP Lance Masters** and **Rtn. Butch Tamayo**
and for the eternal repose of the soul of **Dr. Aretas S. Alday (mother of Dir. Albert Alday)**

Philippine National Anthem	AVP
RCM Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP
The Rotarian Pledge	STAR Rtn. Lance Tan
The Four (4) Way Test	PD Phillip Ong
Acknowledgment of Visiting Rotarians and Guests	STAR Rtn. Xavy Zialcita
Welcome Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week	

August 13	Rtn. Mike Guarin
	Rtn. Marvin Taylor-Dormond
August 17	Rtn. Val Aboy
	STAR Rtn. Joey Garcia

August 18 Rtn. Boj Locsin

Maligayang Bati	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
Happy Birthday Song	AVP of Birthday Celebrants

Launching of Foodshare and Livelihood Project	PP Susing Pineda President, RCM Manila Foundation, Inc.
President's Time	Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga



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Part II

1:00 PM Introduction of Guest Speaker

PD Art Lopez

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Topic: **"The Rotary's Four-Way Test and the Imperatives of Implementing the Favorable
Arbitral Award on the South China Sea Maritime Dispute"**

Open Forum

Presentation of Certificate of
Appreciation

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

PVP Hermie Esguerra

Programs Committee Chairman

Attested by:

Sec. Reggie Yu

2:00 PM Meeting Adjournment

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER



RICO V. DOMINGO, Esquire

Rico V. Domingo is the President of the Philippine Bar Association (PBA), the oldest voluntary national organization of lawyers in the Philippines which was founded on April 8, 1891. The PBA counts among its members the *crème a la crème* of law practitioners in this jurisdiction. To spread its international footprint, the PBA recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the New State Bar Association (NYSBA) witnessed by the newly-installed Chief Justice of the Philippine Supreme Court and attended by the NYSBA President T. Andrew Brown and International Section Chairman Edward K. Lenci. Rico is the Philippine Chapter Chair and a member of the Executive Committee of the International Section of the NYSBA.

Rico is a Co-Convenor of the Alliance for Life and the Law of the Sea, or Call of the Sea, which was founded by its Convenor and President, former Senator Joey Lina, and also Past President of the Rotary Club of Makati Central. The Call of the Sea was launched on July 12, exactly on the fifth anniversary of the Arbitral Award released by the Permanent Court of Arbitration at Hague. During the launching *via* Webinar, the Call of the Sea - a multi-sectoral joint initiative of initially seventy-two (72) organizations - presented a ten (10)-point Whole-of-Country Strategy to Enforce the Award.

Rico was Past Director and Secretary of the Rotary Club of Manila (Classification: Law Practice – Continuing Legal Education), and a *Paul Harris Fellow* in 1986 with the Rotary Club of Makati North, and in 2009 with the Rotary Club of Manila where he was the Star Rotarian of the Year 2007 to 2008. Rotarian Arthur “Art” M. Lopez sponsored Rico in 2007 to be admitted to the Rotary Club of Manila.

Rico is a consistent *Iskolar ng Bayan* at the University of the Philippines, being a product of the State University's Elementary School (1964), High School (1968), College of Arts and Sciences (A.B., 1971) and College of Law (1976) from where he obtained his Bachelor of Law degree (Ll.B., equivalent to Juris Doctor). He was a member of the Editorial Board of the Philippine Law Journal, the Law Review of the U.P. College of Law. He earned his Master of Laws (Ll.M.) degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana, U.S.A., and took substantial units at the Kelly Business School leading to a Master of Business Administration (MBA). Rico undertook intensive Post-Graduate Studies at the Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. specializing in *Trade Practice of Trade Policy: Economics, Negotiations and Rules* under a combined Faculty of John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School.

PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER



Rico is admitted to the Philippine Bar (with Rolls of Attorneys Number 27470), the State of New York Bar, United States of America, and the U.S. Federal District Courts (with Attorney Registration No. 2051449), to the Intellectual Property Office, and United States Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C.

Following the 1986 EDSA Revolution, he had a brief stint in government service when he was appointed the first Chairman of the Videogram Regulatory Board (now the Optical Media Board) and General Counsel of the Film Board. He later joined the Motion Picture Export Association of America/Motion Picture Association of America as its Asia/Pacific Regional Counsel and Deputy Director for Operations headquartered in Singapore with responsibility for 21 countries including the Peoples Republic of China, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and the Philippines.

He decided to hang his own shingle in October, 1992 to pursue a multi-jurisdictional law practice through a Law Firm that bears his name. He concurrently founded a business and competitive intelligence consultancy firm which provides, among others, brand or intellectual property rights protection, risk management services and litigation support. He has litigated watershed and precedential cases up to the Philippine Supreme Court which are currently landmark jurisprudence in *Intellectual Property, Corporation and Remedial Laws*. He stands as "Philippine Law Expert" in various international litigation pending before United States and European Union Courts of Justice.

Rico was the *Team Leader* of the SRI International-Washington, D.C. Research Group and *Lead Author* of **The Main Report on Improving Adjudication Procedures for the Resolution of Intellectual Property Rights Cases in the Philippines**, the substantial findings and recommendations of which became the pedagogical blueprint of the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines (Republic Act No. 8293) enacted in 1998. He was designated *Philippine Expert* in a Philippine Judicial Reform Programme on Access to Justice funded by the European Union.

A recognized lecturer and panelist, Rico speaks in various domestic and international fora on international business transactions, cross border litigation and arbitration and intellectual property rights enforcement and protection.

PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER



An academician, Rico taught at Konrad Adenauer Asian Center for Journalism, Communication Department of the Ateneo de Manila University, and has been teaching since 2000 Constitutional Law, Media Law and Ethics, Remedial Law and Intellectual Property Law at the Ateneo School of Law and other premier Law Schools, including the U.P. Law Center. He is a Philippine Supreme Court-accredited Lecturer in its Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE). He is likewise a Lecturer and Faculty of the New York State Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education (CLE) - a rare and, perhaps, an unprecedented distinction given to a Filipino practicing lawyer and counselor in this jurisdiction, and in recognition of Rico's stature in the international legal community.

He is a certified Arbitrator of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Arbitral Tribunal, where he recently adjudicated with a former Supreme Court Chief Justice and a British Queen's Counsel a major partnership dispute involving high-profile personalities in the auditing industry.

Apart from his active membership in NYSBA's Executive Committee, Rico is likewise a member of various international organizations including the American Bar Association (ABA) and its Sections of Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law, International Law and Practice, Entertainment and Sports Industries, and Law Practice Management, the *Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriete Industrielle* (AIPPI), the International Trademark Association (INTA), the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA), the International Pacific Bar Association (IPBA), and a Trustee of the Intellectual Property Association of the Philippines (IPAP). He is the Country Group Head and Councillor of the ASEAN Intellectual Property Association (AIPA).

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings of goodwill my Fellow Rotarians of Manila!

Today marks the 143rd Anniversary of the late Manuel L. Quezon. We draw inspiration from this man who worked very hard for the Tydings-McDuffie Act (1934) which provided for full independence for the Philippines ten (10) years after the creation of a Constitution and the establishment of a Commonwealth government that would be the forerunner of an independent republic.

These days, the significance of this man's birth eludes us with the exception of the yearly holidays in Quezon City as well as the provinces of Aurora and Quezon. The template of his virtues and character are so much needed these days.

Men of his caliber are becoming more scarce as we watch history unfolding during our modern times.

Let us hope and pray that we will be able to clearly identify a true and worthy statesman in the coming elections.

Last week was a very engaging meeting with no less than the dynamic MMDA Chairman Benhur Abalos gracing our meeting. His narrative was very interesting as he gave his update on Metro Manila's plight amidst this pervasive pandemic.

This was the first time I actually sat through one of his talks and was, indeed, very impressed. He came across as really passionate and genuinely concerned about the advancement of the various Metro Manila LGU's. Let us hope that he holds out long enough to accomplish all the vital plans and programs on the MMDA plate.

Our very own Rico Domingo who now heads the Philippine Bar Association will walk us through the chilling realities of what is happening in our borders.

The pandemic remains dear brothers. Please exercise extreme care and caution even if already fully vaccinated.

Until next week!

May God bless and protect us all!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

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Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022

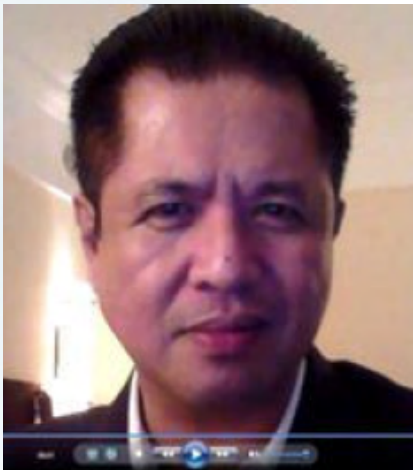
THE WEEK THAT WAS



STAR Rtn. Teddy Kalaw IV, as Program Moderator/ Facilitator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



STAR Rtn. Marius Angara delivers an Invocation and Special Prayer.



The **audiovisual presentation** of the **Philippine National Anthem**

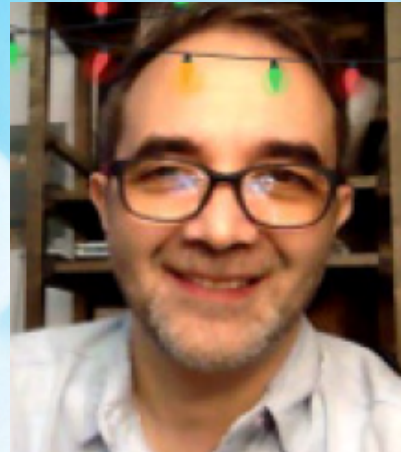


The **World Famous Music Chorale Audiovisual Presentation** of the **RCM Hymn** and the singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn**

THE WEEK THAT WAS



STAR Rtn. Stefan Schmitz recites the Rotarian Pledge as a perfect prelude in fostering and strengthening ties amongst fellow Rotarians by way of reinforcing their resolve in furtherance of Service Above Self.



STAR Rtn. Sean Rodriguez leads the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test for Manila Rotarians to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.



STAR Rtn. Teddy Kalaw IV, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges Visiting Rotarians and guests.



The **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the Welcome Song



STAR Rtn. Teddy Kalaw IV, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely: **Rtn. Edwin Hernandez**, **Rtn. Romy Nones**, **Rtn. Jappy Pascual**, **STAR Rtn L.A. Sevilla**, **Rtn. Nagi Zeitouni**, **Dir. Farid Schoucair**, **Rtn. Mathias Hallerbach** and **PDSAA Ike Stranathan**, which was followed by an audiovisual presentation of the World Famous Music Chorale singing the happy birthday song.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



President Chito Zaldarriaga delivers his message during his President's Time.



PP Jackie Rodriguez, as proposer, introduces new member, Francisco "Paco" Magsaysay.



PDG Vince Carlos conducts the charging of the new member.



President Chito Zaldarriaga administers the Oath of Membership.



PDG Obet Pagdanganan introduces **Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Benjamin "Benhur" C. Abalos Jr.**, Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Professor/Lecturer, University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG), Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), Local Government Academy (LGA), Former Mayor, City of Mandaluyong.

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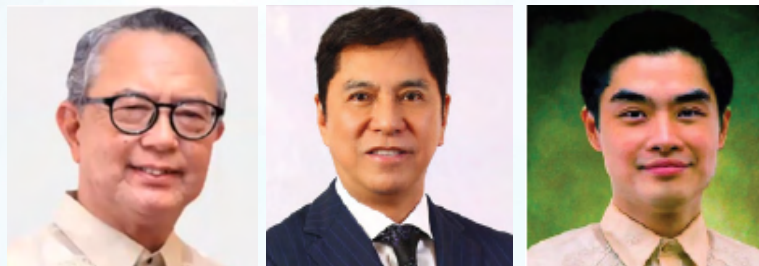


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An open forum immediately followed right after the talk and presentation of **Hon. Benjamin "Benhur" C. Abalos Jr., Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Professor/Lecturer, University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG), Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP). Local Government Academy (LGA), Former Mayor, City of Mandaluyong.** Among those who participated in the open forum were **President Chito Zaldarriaga, IPP Bobby Joseph, Dir. John Cutter, VP Henning Karcher, STAR Rtn. Teddy Kalaw IV, RCMANILA Foundation, Inc. and Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra, DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez, IPBLA/PD Amading Valdez, PD Beda Fajardo and Rotary Club of Manila Supreme 198 AKS CP/PP Bing Carrion.**

THE WEEK THAT WAS



President Chito Zaldariaga and **Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra** present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **Secretary Reggie Yu**, to **MMDA Chairman Benjamin "Benhur" C. Abalos Jr.**



President Chito Zaldarriaga delivers his closing remarks and thereafter, adjourns the meeting.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

It's time we gain awareness into the rudiments of implementing the favorable arbitral award on the South China Sea Maritime Dispute vis-a-vis The Rotary Four Way Test as our very own Philippine Bar Association President and Call of the Sea Co-Convenor PD/PS RICO DOMINGO raises the bar of vigilance in a world of encroaching realities.

Protect our borders, uphold the territorial integrity of our seas, participate and intervene, 12:30 PM, August 19.

Very truly yours,

PVP HERMINIO "HERMIE" S. ESGUERRA
Programs Committee Chairman
RY 2021-2022

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2021-2022

AUGUST 2021	August 5, 2021 His Excellency Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David,D.D.	August 12,2021 MMDA Chairman Benhur Abalos
All Members Present	67	84
Make Up	2	1
Less: Exempt from Attendance	6	4
On Leave	0	0
Total Active Members	63	81
Total # of Members	222	222
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	28%	36%
Visiting Rotarians		61
Rotaract Club of Manila/Rotary Club of DLSU-Manila	0	1
Media	0	0
Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker	1	1
Guests/Guests of RCM MEMBERS	7	29
Total Attendees	75	176

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2021-2022

(As of August 18, 2021, 11:00 AM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
85	FULLY PAID
136	UNPAID
1	PARTIALLY PAID
222	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS

NO.	NAME	OR NUMBER	AMOUNT	REMARKS
1	Abastillas, Celso E.	50579	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
2	Alday, Albert S.	50518	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
3	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.	50568	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	Ampil, Alvin	50557	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
5	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.	50535	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
6	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	50569	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	50570	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50586	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Bogovich, Jason M.	50583	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50577	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Camus, Fernando	50552	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
12	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50526	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
13	Chahwan, Rami	50539	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
14	Chien, Liang-Ta "Steve"	50531	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
15	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50542	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
16	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50527	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50538	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	50523	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
20	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50555	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
21	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50540	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
25	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	50654	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
29	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	12-Aug	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.	50655	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
34	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	50572	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50573	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50563	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
37	Henkelmann, Martin	50599	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	Hernandez, Edwin	50551	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
39	Hesse, Uwe	50581	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID

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41	Joseph, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" L.	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Karcher, Henning	50558	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
44	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50554	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50567	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50595	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50597	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
51	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50657/5065	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
54	Masters, Lance A.	50530	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
55	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
56	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50596	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50598	25,001.00	FULLY PAID
59	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	18-Aug	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	18-Aug	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50594	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
66	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
68	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50587	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Schmitz, Steffan	12-Aug	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
75	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
76	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
77	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50564	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
79	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"	50651	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
81	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
82	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/5058	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
83	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	16-Aug	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Villarica, Henry R.	50652	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL **2,105,033.00**

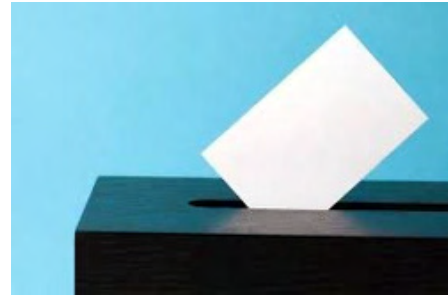
Reminder: Please secure OR within 3 days upon payment. Kindly email the copy of deposit at rcmanila@rcmanila.org or send proof of payment in viber. You may also send via fax at #527-1885.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION



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Guidelines for the Election of the Board of Directors for RY 2022-2023



August 12, 2021

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I. Guidelines Regarding the Elections:

1. In order for the elections to be valid, a quorum consisting of **“one third of the membership”**, which is equivalent to 74 members present, should be attained on election day.
2. To be eligible to vote, a member should have paid at least the first (1st) semester's membership dues and club project commitments by August 27, 2021.
3. To be eligible to vote and be voted upon, candidates should have paid the full year's membership dues and other financial commitments for club project/s on or before September 8, 2021.
4. Candidates must have at least one (1) year residency in the Rotary Club of Manila at the time of nomination. Otherwise, the nominee shall be automatically disqualified.
5. Members are required to vote for no less than five (5) candidates. Ballots with less than five (5) votes will be automatically nullified.
6. The election shall be held on **SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**.
7. The results of the elections will be announced immediately after the canvassing of the votes.

II. Mode on the Conduct of the Elections

We will be adopting the **ELECTION RUNNER** program used for the election of the Board of Directors of RY 2021-2022.

**THE ELECTION COMMITTEE
RY 2021-2022**

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Members of the Election Committee for RY 2021-2022 and Updated List of Nominees for the Board of Directors for RY 2022-2023

The Election Committee for RY 2021-2022:

Chairman	IPP Robert "Bobby" L. Joseph Jr.
Vice Chairman	PDG Vicente "Vince" J. Carlos
Members	PDG Alexander "Alex" P. Cureg
	PDG Roberto "Obet" M. Pagdanganan
	PDG Rodolfo "Rudy" P. Bediones
	PP Joaquin "Jackie" C. Rodriguez
	Rtn. Tobias "Toby" Rast

Below is the updated list of nominees as of August 13, 2021:

	NOMINEES	STATUS
1	PVP Herminio "Hermie" S. Esguerra	
2	IPD Albert "Hans" C. Palacios	
3	Dir. Albert S. Alday	Accepted
4	Dir. John Michael Cutter	
5	Club Secretary Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu	
6	DSAA Jason M. Bogovich	Accepted
7	Dir. Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R. Liamzon	
8	PD Arsenio "Nick" Z. Locsin	
9	Rtn. Antonio "Tony" S. Lopez	
10	Dir. Johnny N. Chotrani	
11	IPBLA/PD Amado "Amading" D. Valdez	
12	IPT Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo" M. Castro	
13	VP Henning Karcher	
14	Dir. Sixto "Noy" T. Benedicto,	
15	Treas. Eduardo "Jujut" V. Enriquez III	
16	AS Henry S. Go	
17	AT Paul Joseph "PJ" Garcia	
18	PD Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III	Accepted
19	Rtn. Fernando "Nando" B. Camus	Accepted

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PDG Romy M. del Rosario Rotary Information Committee Conducts Briefing of Prospective Members



The PDG Romy M. del Rosario Rotary Information Committee conducted a Rotary Briefing last August 17, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present from the committee were Chairman PDG Alex Cureg, Dir. Albert Alday, Rtn. Romy Nones, Rtn. Manny Blanco and PD Alvin Lacambacal. Present from the prospective members were Mr. Emilio G. La'O, Mr. Ronald I. Martinez and Mr. Senen T. Mangalile. Present from the sponsor side was DSAA Jason Bogovich. Also present were President Chito Zaldarriaga, AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

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Manila Rotarians Donate Food for Pandemic-Stricken Hospicio de San Jose



Manila Rotarians responded to the plea of Sister Corrie Evidente when twenty-nine (29) residents of Hospicio de San Jose tested positive for CoVid-19 while fifty-three (53) became persons under investigation (PUI), prohibiting them from leaving the vicinity, thus, preventing them from procuring fresh produce and frozen goods to feed its four hundred and fifty (450) residents. Hence, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra immediately sent a truck full of freshly harvested fruits, vegetables and Kurobuta meat from his farm in Batangas last August 15, 2021. With the aim of extending help to supply additional fresh produce, RCManila Foundation, Inc. and the Rotary Club of Manila partnered with Zagana Inc., an online farm to kitchen source for fresh produce and frozen goods, headed by STAR Rtn. Joshua Aragon. Thus, there was a turnover of tarpaulins of both the Rotary Club of Manila and the RCManila Foundation, Inc. between RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra and STAR Rtn. Joshua Aragon at Esguerra Farms and Stud, Inc. in Lipa City, Batangas.

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Appeal for Paul Harris Fellows



July 1, 2021

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

An Opportunity has now opened doors for our club to be a 100% Paul Harris Club. With only US\$ 500.00 as a beginning contribution, you can now become a Paul Harris Fellow.

We have members who have risen to donor levels that have earned them significant point values. Our fellow members led by IPP Jackie Rodriguez, PDG Alex Cureg, PVP Hermie Esguerra, PDG Rudy Bediones and PDG Obet Pagdanganan have indicated their willingness to share the points they have earned to allow Rotarians to be enrolled in the Roster of Paul Harris Fellows for only an initial contribution of US\$ 500.00 instead of the regular US\$ 1,000.00.

Contributions can easily be made by enrolling in www.rotary.org using your R.I. Identification Number. Once enrolled, you are allowed to learn Rotary, increase your circle of friendship and contribute conveniently using the website.

We, Rotarians, belong to a global family of service-oriented people who believe that our congregation is a means to share our blessings to the less fortunate communities globally. The Rotary Foundation is the funding arm of global humanitarian undertakings of Rotary International. It was formally named in 1917 and the first trustees were appointed after Rotary International President Arch Klumph proposed for the establishment of an endowment for the purpose of doing good in the world. The first grant of US\$ 500 benefitted the International Society for Crippled Children (Easter Seals). History marks the milestone projects of The Rotary Foundation such a scholarship for international graduate study, the elimination

of Polio worldwide, the initiation of a World Peace Forum, among others. Under the Rotary's 7 Areas of Service Focus, namely, Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development and lastly, Supporting the Environment, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have made themselves relevant to developing communities globally.

All these services would not have been made possible if not for the generosity of Rotarians, who voluntarily enlisted themselves to become members of The Rotary Foundation through a minimal contribution of US\$ 1,000.00.

We are currently working on Global Grants and District Grants. Your contribution will significantly improve the community living of our target beneficiaries.

For any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in the service of Rotary,

ROMEO THADDEUS R. LIAMZON
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation
Director
RY 2021-2022

Noted by:

FELIX FRANCISCO S. ZALDARRIAGA
President
RY 2021-2022

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Calling for Proposals for Global Grants for RY 2021-2022



Dear Fellow Manila Rotarians,

This is to announce a call for Global Grant Proposals for Rotary Year 2021-2022. See the fruition of your donations to The Rotary Foundation as you witness sustainable service projects unfold that would define the existence of Asia's First Rotary Club.

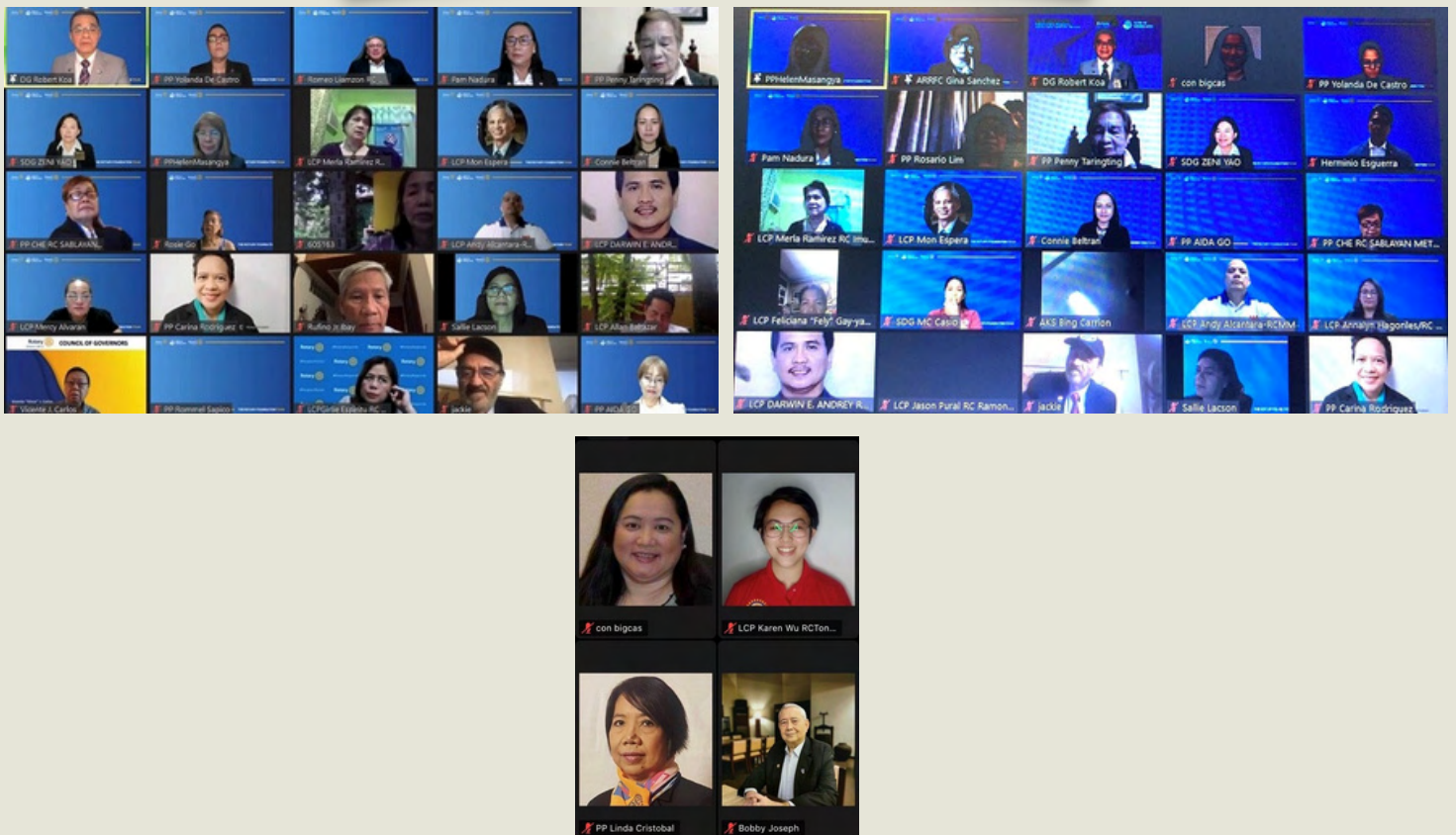
For queries, please get in touch with the Secretariat and/or the undersigned.

Yours in Rotary service,

ROMEO THADDEUS "THAD" R. LIAMZON
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation Committee
Director
RY 2021-2022

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Manila Rotarians Attend the District 3810 The Rotary Foundation Team Gathering



Manila Rotarians attended the District 3810 The Rotary Foundation Team Gathering last August 16, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PVP Hermie Esguerra, Dir. Thad Liamzon and PDG Vince Carlos.

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Date: 15 August 2021

To: LIFE CHANGING PRESIDENTS, R.I. DISTRICT 3810

From: DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROBERT G. KOA

Subject: a) Call for Nomination for District Governor Nominee (DGN) for
the Rotary Year 2024-2025, Rotary International District 3810

b) Continued Implementation of the E-Voting Format

c) Restatement of RI Election Guidelines

My Dear Life Changing Presidents,

A. Call for Nomination for DGN for Rotary Year 2024-2025

Pursuant to Section 12.040 of the By-Laws of Rotary International ("RI By-Laws"), as contained in the Rotary International 2019 Manual of Procedure, I am informing and encouraging you to please submit the nomination of your respective Clubs for District Governor Nominee ("DGN") to serve as District Governor of District 3810 for Rotary Year 2024-2025.

To be qualified as a DGN, the candidate must have all the qualifications for a Governor-nominee as laid down in Section 16.010 of the RI By-Laws, to wit:

- Be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district;
- Have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six months;
- Demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a governor in Section 16.030 of the RI By-Laws;
- Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the By-Laws; and,
- Submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.

A Club may nominate only one of its own members for DGN. The nomination shall be in the form of a Club Resolution, adopted at a regular meeting of the Club, duly certified by the Club Secretary and attested to by the club President. The Club Resolution must likewise include an attestation that:

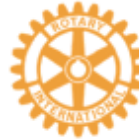
- The candidate is a member in good standing of the Club; and,

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- b. The Club is a functioning Club in the District, as defined in Section 2.010.1 of the November 2020 Rotary Code of Policies ("Rotary Code"), to wit:

- 1) It has paid its per capita dues to Rotary International;
- 2) It holds meetings regularly consistent with RI constitutional documents;
- 3) Its members subscribed to and have paid for the Philippine Rotary Magazine in accordance with Section 21.020 of the RI By-Laws;
- 4) It has been implementing service projects that address needs in the local community and/or in communities in other countries;
- 5) It receives the visit of the governor, assistant governor, or an officer of Rotary International;
- 6) It maintains appropriate liability insurance as provided in Section 72.060 of the Rotary Code;
- 7) It is acting in a manner consistent with the RI Constitution, By-Laws, and the Rotary Code;
- 8) It complies with requests from the RI Board to terminate a Rotarian's membership who admits to, is convicted of or is otherwise found to have engaged in harassment as defined in the Rotary Code;
- 9) It pays its RI membership and district dues without outside assistance;
- 10) It provides accurate membership lists on a timely basis to the general secretary (at a minimum, clubs must report their membership changes to the general secretary so they are received by 1 July and 1 January);
- 11) It resolves club disputes in an amicable manner;
- 12) It maintains cooperative relations with the district;
- 13) It cooperates with RI by not initiating or maintaining, or retaining in its membership an individual who initiates or maintains, litigation against Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation, including their directors, trustees, officers, and employees, prior to exhausting all remedies provided for in RI's constitutional documents; and;
- 14) It follows and completes the election review process established in the RI bylaws.

Moreover, as mandated by Section 12.020 of the RI By-Laws, "(t)o participate in district voting for the election of governors-nominee, a club shall have paid the required district levy for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is determined by the governor".

In addition, the Club shall submit to the District Office the biographical data of the candidate, with his/her attached 2"x2" black and white photo (in 115 copies). The biographical data shall include the following:

- a. Name of candidate; name and location of Rotary club; number of years a Rotarian; classification or former classification; name of firm or former firm; position in firm or former firm; district or zone meetings attended in last five years; current position(s) and/or assignment(s) in Rotary (elective or appointed); former position(s) and/or assignment(s) (elective or appointed);
- b. Special Rotary services and/or particular Rotary activities in which candidate has been engaged, i.e. What candidate has done to advance Rotary;
- c. Most significant honors or achievements in business, occupational, and professional activities; and,

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- d. Most significant honors or achievements in civic and public service activities.

The biographical data shall be distributed to all the club presidents in the district consonant with Section 19.030.2 of the Rotary Code.

The following should be sent to and received by the Office of the District Governor **not later than 5PM of 15 September 2021** at 50 Jose Abad Santos Street, Heroes Hills, Quezon City 1104:

- a) Club Resolution, which shall include the aforesaid attestations;
- b) Completed Governor Nominee Data Form in 115 copies, a copy of which is attached hereto
- c) Candidate's sworn declaration that he is qualified as a DGN and meets all the qualifications for a Governor-nominee as laid down in Section 16.010 of the RI By-Laws; and,
- d) Candidate's biographical data consistent with Section 19.030.2 of the Rotary Code.

B. Continued Implementation of the E-Voting Format

Pursuant to Section 2.130.4 of the Rotary Code and the Resolution of the RI Board at its September 2020 Meeting, the Philippines remain among the countries mandated to conduct electronic voting, for a three-year period, beginning 1 July 2020, with following provisions:

- a. Clubs chartered or reinstated during the Rotary year in which the selection takes place, or from January to June of the year prior to the year in which the selection takes place, will be ineligible to participate in any of the selection process;
- b. When a club ballot is necessary, the voting strength of each club will be based on the number of members on the July invoice of the year prior to the year in which the club ballot takes place, or the July invoice of the year in which the club ballot takes place, whichever is lower. (June 2021 Mtg., Bd, Dec. 193).

Kindly note that only fully paid functioning Clubs will receive ballots. Thus, it is imperative that all Clubs settle all their obligations to RI as well as all District dues, including the District Disaster Fund and at least half of the PRM fee, on or before 30 September, 2021.

Given the proximity of the e-voting date, we strongly urge all Life Changing Presidents at the soonest time possible, preferably by 22 August 2021, to provide the District their names (as they appear in the portal) and their working email addresses. These data will be sent to the office of Andrew Best, RI Supervisor for the Philippines (RISOP). RISOP will provide the District with a list of Club Presidents' email addresses for verification. So, you need to ensure that you have a working email address. Once verified, the District will return to RISOP a list of the functioning clubs as defined in Section 2.010.1 of the Rotary Code.

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C. Restatement of RI Election Guidelines

Section 13.010 of the RI By-Laws strictly prohibits all Rotarians for conducting “any effort to influence the selection process for an elective office in any manner, including campaigning, canvassing, or electioneering xxx for elective position in RI, or allow such activity, for either themselves or others”. In this regard, in compliance with the mandate of Section 17.040.1 of the Rotary Code, please be advised of the current election guidelines as found in Section 26.060.4 of the Rotary Code, to wit:

“26.060.4. Rules Regarding Campaigning, Canvassing and Electioneering. It is a fundamental principle in Rotary that the best qualified candidate should be selected for service in Rotary’s elective offices. Therefore, any effort to influence the selection process in a positive or negative manner by campaigning, canvassing, electioneering or otherwise is prohibited under the RI Bylaws. The following rules shall be followed concerning campaigning, canvassing and electioneering for any Rotarian considering election to the office of president, director, Governor, or Council representative, or the nominating committee for any such office. These rules are designed to ensure that the best qualified candidate is selected for office:

- 1) Rotarians should at all times conform to the prohibitions of the RI Bylaws concerning campaigning, canvassing or electioneering. All Rotarians should observe both the letter and the spirit of the bylaws and refrain from any activity whose purpose or effect is to influence others by promoting or soliciting support for a candidate’s or another Rotarian’s candidacy. Such activity is repugnant to the spirit of the bylaws and the principles of Rotary and will be grounds for disqualification of a candidate.
- 2) Campaigning, canvassing or electioneering is any action seeking to promote, attack, support, or oppose a candidate, either directly or indirectly, in any medium, including, but not limited to, any action seeking votes, requesting support in a forthcoming election, distribution of literature or promotional materials or other overt actions intended to promote one’s candidacy for an elected Rotary office.
- 3) The periods of candidacy for elective office begin when individual Rotarians begin to give serious consideration to submitting their names for a position covered by the RI rules for nominations and elections. Commencing at that time, candidates should be particularly careful to avoid any actions designed to publicize their names or achievements, to call attention to the applicable nominations or elections, or to give candidates an unfair advantage over other candidates for the same position.
- 4) The normal performance of duly-assigned Rotary activities would not be considered to be a violation of the policies related to campaigning, canvassing or electioneering.

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5) Contacting clubs to inform them to request their concurrence for a proposed challenge or election complaint is not prohibited provided that such contact is limited to the exchange of factual information”.

Finally, Section 17.040.1 of the Rotary Code directs all Rotarians and election candidates to:

- “1. Learn and follow both the spirit and the letter of RI’s election guidelines
2. Consult with knowledgeable Rotarians about current or new assignments which may give an appearance of campaigning
3. Not undertake personal initiatives to gain visibility, personal recognition, or favor
4. Not respond in kind to another candidate’s improper activities
5. Not communicate with or visit clubs involved in the applicable election except to fulfill necessary functions”.

Life Changing Presidents, let us work together, hand in hand, towards the selection of the best qualified DGN to serve RI District 3810.

Yours in Rotary Service,

ROBERT C. KOA
District Governor, RID 3810
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Membership Growth and Development Webinar



Rotary District 3810

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Meeting ID: 819 6662 0322 Passcode: MDC
Rotary Club of Intramuros
Host Club

The banner features the Rotary District 3810 logo and the 'SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES' slogan. The central text 'MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR' is prominently displayed. Below the title, the date, time, and Zoom details are provided. The background is decorated with colorful, stylized human figures holding hands in a circle, symbolizing unity and community.



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*PP Jackie Rodriguez and Manila Rotarians
Inspect Joint Coast Tree Planting Project with
the Rotary Club of Murphy Cubao at Baseco*



DDCC/PP Jackie Rodriguez and IPD Hans Palacios inspected the Joint Tree Planting Project with the Rotary Club of Murphy Cubao led by President Rodrigo Dulay Bonifacio and PP Ed Ferriols last August 17, 2021 at Barangay Baseco, Manila. With them were the Punong Barangay of Barangay Baseco, representatives of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). They surmised that planting of trees is very much needed.

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STAR Rtn. Martin Romualdez Ranks 6th Among 300 Representatives in the House of Representatives Public Satisfaction Survey

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Zamora, Velasco top House Public Satisfaction survey by RPMD

posted August 13, 2021 at 10:05 pm
by **Manila Standard**



The RP-Mission and Development Foundation Inc. (RPMD) has fulfilled its nationwide survey for all congressional district representatives for their overall performances.

The "House of Representatives Public Satisfaction Survey" conducted by RPMD is an independent, non-commissioned nationwide survey and performed per district in every region, with a total of 10,000 respondents. The survey was conducted from August 1 to 10 with a margin of error of 3 percent.

The Top 10 District Representatives across the Philippines is led by House Speaker Lord Allan Velasco (Marinduque, Lone District) with 85% job performance rating, followed by Zamora of San Juan City with an 80% mark.

Rep. Pablo John F. Garcia (Cebu, 3rd District) is third with 78%, while at 4th place with 74% rating is Rep. Michaela S. Violago (Nueva Ecija, 2nd District). Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan (Ilocos Sur, 2nd District) was fifth with 70% vote.

Majority Floor Leader Rep. Ferdinand Martin Romualdez (Leyte, 1st District) obtained the 6th spot at 68%, followed by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez (Cagayan de Oro City, 2nd District) at 7th with 67% rating.

In 8th place is Rep. Paolo Z. Duterte (Davao City, 1st District) while Rep. Evelina G. Escudero (Sorsogon, 1st District) got the 9th spot with 64% rating, and Rep. Rogelio D. Pacquiao (Sarangani, Lone District) with 62% was 10th.

These Top 10 Representatives in the Philippines are the distinguished performers in their regions, and should be recognized for their outstanding performance, including the House Speaker, said Dr. Paul Martinez, Executive Director of RPMD.

The regional top performers are as follows: Region 2 (Cagayan Valley) Rep. Antonio T. Albano with 61% rating; Region IV-A (Calabarzon) Rep. Abraham Tolentino with 60%; Region VI (Western Visayas) Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor with 59%; Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula) Rep. Isagani S. Amatong with 57%;

Caraga Region (Caraga Administrative Region) Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel with 55%, Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) Rep. Mark O. Go with 54%; and Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Rep. Mujiv S. Hataman with 53%.

The ratings and rankings are greatly dependent on their job performances, Martinez said.

The expectations and duties of the Members of Congress are extensive and encompass several roles -- representation, legislation, and constituent service, he added.

"It is noteworthy to commend them for performing well in their districts, especially those who ranked No. 1 in their respective regions as they were rated above 50%, and no one failed," the RPMD chief said.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. President STAR Rtn. Stefan Schmitz is Guest at INSIGHT with April Lee Tan on ANC 24/7



STAR Rtn. Stefan Schmitz, President of the German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc., was guest at INSIGHT with April Lee Tan on ANC 24/7 last August 16, 2021.

Tips for learning a language in Rotary service



— The author and other students in La Serena during his Rotary Youth Exchange to Chile.

By Connor Kane

Learning a language can be a challenge — but it doesn't have to be boring or frustrating.

One of the greatest things I gained from my year as a [Rotary Youth Exchange Student](#) in Chile in 2009-10 was a deeper love of languages and a better understanding of how to learn them. Rotary members create lasting change in communities around the world. And this often involves travel to new places and cultures and/or working in different languages from one's native tongue — either as an exchange student, in a scholarship program, or on a service project. Having benefited from my youth exchange, I wanted to pay it forward by sharing some practices I have found helpful in broadening my language skills in Spanish, Portuguese, French, and now German.

1. Don't wait

The ultimate goal is easy, confident communication with the people you are connecting with. You can reach that goal faster by building up (or improving upon) a good base in the language before you need to.

The most important thing is to build a daily habit of interacting with your target language. [Habit stacking](#), a concept written about by James Clear, involves adding a new habit to one already ingrained into your routine.

Source: www.rotary.org

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For example, “Before I brush my teeth, I will open my Spanish notebook and study for 1 minute.” Or, “After I pour my cup of coffee, I will watch one YouTube video in Polish.”

About 25 minutes a day is a realistic goal for most people. But even five minutes is better than nothing and helps reinforce what you’re learning.

2. Advance skills through your interests

If you’re just beginning to learn a language, choose one resource designed for beginners and use it daily for three months. I love the [Coffee Break Languages](#) series, which has fun, free lessons, and affordable paid options for extra materials. The [Rocket Languages](#) series is also an engaging resource available in 14 languages.

Once you’re past the beginner stage, find something you are interested in each day, and learn about it in your target language. YouTube is my favorite. If you love cooking, follow a [cooking YouTube channel](#) in your target language. If you love cycling, find a channel [all about cycling](#). Spend 25 minutes a day watching one of those videos and noting a few phrases you want to remember. You can add those phrases to an app like [Anki](#) to review later. Don’t stress — by actively watching and listening, you’re absorbing more than you think.

3. Don’t think about grammar

When you start, you might be tempted to memorize grammar rules. Don’t!

Your goal is to communicate with people — not get an “A” in the classroom. Luckily, communicating with people is also [the best way to learn](#). You will make mistakes and sound silly sometimes, but native speakers will be forgiving of the mistakes you make.

As you progress in the language, you’ll see and understand grammar in context, and it will be much clearer to you. And by also learning new vocabulary in context (“*She ate an apple*” instead of “*The Apple*”), you’ll learn grammar without realizing it.

The more you read and listen to native speakers over time, the better you will intuitively grasp the language.

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4. Start using the language

If you're in the amazing position of traveling to or living in a country where your target language is spoken, immerse yourself and start *using* the language daily.

Embrace the culture and the unfamiliar sounds of the new language. Find music, comedians, and books from your host country. Learn some of the history. Learn to cook some of the cuisine.

It might not all seem related to language learning, but it is. The more you connect with the culture, the more you'll embrace the language and its differences. You'll have a better accent and a better understanding of how people think.

Listen, read, and speak as much as possible. While you're doing this, your brain is absorbing the language. Then one day, a conversation will happen without any effort at all, and you'll be amazed at your progress.

About the author: Connor Kane is a former Rotary Youth Exchange Student. He now writes about effective language learning at usinglanguages.com

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Straight from the Horse's Mouth

by Club Secretary Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu
Managing Editor, BALITA, RY 2021-2022



OUR POSTER BOY OF TAX REFORM. "Tax reform is a once-in-a-generation opportunity." – Max Baucus

Before he was formally presented to the Senate for his confirmation as Socioeconomic Planning Secretary, Senate President Pro Tempore Ralph Recto introduced him as a "NERD, but with K-Pop looks." He qualified his statement by saying that "NERD" meant "National Economist for Recovery and Development. "In the Cabinet," he said, "he is the youngest in years, but one of the wisest in experience."

Indeed, if Secretary Karl Kendrick Tiu Chua's track record in economic policy, fiscal policy, tax administration and political economy is concerned, this young, frail-looking technocrat is an administrative heavyweight on his own. Appointed as acting chief of the National Economic Development Authority (Neda) in April 2020 after former Secretary Ernesto Pernia resigned from his post, he was later officially appointed by President Rodrigo Duterte as NEDA secretary.



A personal friend and a co-alumnus in Xavier High School, Secretary Karl has been the driving force behind the country's economic recovery measures and a "new normal" plan following the financial shocks caused by the coronavirus pandemic in the country. He was the person chiefly behind the administration's comprehensive tax reform bill which aimed to decrease personal income taxes and introduce higher consumption taxes to support the government's "Build, Build, Build" program and was described as the "poster boy of tax reform" by several media outlets and was instrumental in the passage of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Act (later, passed as the TRAIN Law).

He began his career as a systems analyst with Accenture (then called Andersen Consulting) from 2000 to 2002. In 2004, he was teaching as Assistant Professorial lecturer of Mathematics and Economics at the Ateneo de Manila University. He was then hired as a research analyst for the World Bank Group in 2005 and soon resigned from his teaching job when he was promoted as its country economist for the Philippines in 2008.

He was with the World Bank for 12 years before he was plucked to serve the Philippine Government when he was sworn in as Undersecretary for the Strategy, Economics and Results Group of the Department of Finance in September 2016. As undersecretary, he served as the administration's point person in Congress for its second tax reform agenda to lower

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corporate income taxes in the country with the Corporate Income Tax and Incentives Reform Act or CITIRA. He is also credited for the passage of legislations increasing the sin tax on tobacco and alcohol products and introducing a sugary drink tax and excise taxes on electronic cigarettes and vapes to fund the Universal health care program signed into law in February 2019.

A proud product of Xavier School who graduated as a Xavier Awardee in 1996, the highest honor that the school can give to its students, he completed his Bachelor of Science in Management Engineering from the Ateneo de Manila University in the year 2000, and later earned his Master's in Arts in Economics as well as his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of the Philippines School of Economics, in 2003 and 2011, respectively.

His work in government was certainly recognized in full; he was named one of country's prestigious “The Outstanding Young Men” honorees or TOYM for Economic Development in 2018 by the Junior Chamber International Philippines for his exceptional efforts in ensuring equitable and sustainable financing for the country's key infrastructure and human development programs through an effective tax reform agenda.

Certainly, Secretary Karl is one of this administration's brightest and most promising stars in the Cabinet. With his immeasurable talents, I am confident that he will continuously and consistently perform well in his crucial task of jumpstarting our economic recovery amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

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