



GUEST SPEAKER



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District Trainer, Rotary International District 3810

RY 2016-2017, RY 2019-2020, RY 2022-2023

Head, Curriculum and Faculty Development,

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District Governor, Rotary International District 3810, RY 2013-2014

President, Rotary Club of Hiyas ng Maynila, RY 2005-2006

KABALITA

Rotary is more than just fellowship. With an ever evolving Rotary landscape, intricacies have developed throughout the years that it has become essential for every Rotarian to understand the basics of The Rotary Foundation to get that all important global grant that would make communities soar. Let the only Cadre from the Philippines and Rotary Trainer Par Excellence enlighten Asia's First Rotary Club on the rudiments of The Rotary Foundation in a Rotary learning set to bring out the Rotarian in each of us.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2021-2022
Thursday, November 25, 2021, 12:00 PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

12:00 PM	Registration and Zoom In Program Moderator/Facilitator/Chika Talk	STAR Rtn. Teng Catalan
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 for healing and speedy recovery of PP Cesar Ubaldo, PP Babes Reyes, Dir. Thad Liamzon and PDSAA Bollie Bolton	STAR Rtn. Roy Zosa
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP
	The Four (4) Way Test	IT/IPT Karlo Castro
	Acknowledgment of Visiting Rotarians and Guests	STAR Rtn. Teng Catalan
	Welcome Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	President's Time	Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
Part II		
1:00 PM	Induction of New Members	
	Introduction of New Members by Proposers	DGND Jackie Rodriguez Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga PVP Fausto Preysler Jr. PP Boy Guevara Jr. STAR Rtn. Teddy Tee Jr.
	BERTEL INGMAR "INGGY" BERTELSEN Owner ACQUISITIUM – INSITE MEDIA Classification: Printing and Publishing – Magazine Publishing Proposer: DGND Jackie Rodriguez	
	RAOUL C. CREENCIA Managing Partner The Firm of Creencia Carillo and Velasco Classification: Law Practice – Commercial Law Proposer: Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga and Dir. Amading Valdez	



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RANDOLPH "RANDY" T. DEL VALLE

Vice President and General Manager for Shell Mobility Philippines
Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation
Classification: Petroleum Products – Gas & Service Stations
Proposer: **PVP Fausto Preysler Jr.**

RICHARD JACK EVERINGHAM

Lead Design Consultant, Asia Pacific Region
Geyer Coburn and Hutchins (GCH), USA
Classification: Architecture and Design – Landscape Design
Proposer: **PP Boy Guevara Jr.**

ROLANDO B. HORTALEZA

Chairman & CEO
Hortaleza Corporation Prime Global
Classification: Manufacturing – Food Condiments
Proposer: **STAR Rtn. Teddy Tee Jr.**

Charging of New Members

PDG Alex Cureg

Oath of Membership

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

Part III

1:15 PM Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker

PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra
Programs Committee Chairman
Ry 2021-2022

Address:

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Open Forum

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra
Programs Committee Chairman

Attested by:
VPE/Sec. Reggie Yu

2:00 PM Response and Meeting Adjournment

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

PROFILE OF GUEST SPEAKER

Karen Lee Bertholf Tamayo, OTR, MD, EdD

*Past President, Rotary Club of Hiyas ng Maynila
Past District Governor, D3810*



"Teaching is my love, Service is my passion."

Born to a Japanese American mother and an American Father, Karen migrated to the Philippines with her husband and three-year-old son in 1979 intending to stay for just one year. However, after settling in Binan, Laguna and becoming involved in the family enterprise of schools and hospitals, she is still here with her three children and six grandchildren.

An educational path focused on the health sciences, she graduated from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Occupational Therapy and minoring in Biology. Awarded a scholarship by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, she then undertook a post-graduate course as a Change Agent. After arriving in the Philippines, Karen entered the Perpetual Help College of Medicine and earned a degree in Medicine, followed by a Masters in Health Professions Education at the UP Manila and a Doctorate in Education at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila. This was followed by a scholarship for Educational Management at Harvard University in their consortium program in Haifa, Israel with thirty other students from around the world.

Before migrating to the Philippines, she worked for the New York University Medical Center as the supervisor of Clinical Education in Occupational Therapy and had the opportunity to participate in a program with the World Rehabilitation Fund, a tie-up which later benefited the Philippines. In the Philippines, while studying, she worked as a research consultant for a private non-profit group, consulted for both UP Manila and UST and for Perpetual Help in varying capacities from faculty, Executive Director of Health Sciences, Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, University Chancellor and Executive Vice President for International Affairs. Now retired, Karen teaches in the graduate school and works as a consultant for several private schools.

Her career in Rotary began as an Ann of RC San Miguel, when females were not yet admitted in Rotary. She also participated in various projects of RCM for her late father-in-law, Dr. Jose G. Tamayo, including the first 3H Grant awarded by RI. Inducted into RCHM in 2001, she soon served as the club president and eventually became the district governor in 2013.

Of the numerous activities and positions in Rotary, she has been a District Trainer twice and presently is the trainer for DGE Joyce. Long involved in the Rotary Leadership Institute as both a faculty member and a faculty trainer, she is presently the Head of Curriculum and Faculty Development for RLI.

She is a proud TRF donor and a Level 1 Major Donor and a staunch supporter of PolioPlus.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to one and all!

I should say, "thank you", to one and all! As the Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day this Thursday, I would like to extend this heartfelt greeting to all of our American friends and members of the Rotary Club of Manila and to each and every member of our beloved club - HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!

Thank you all for the camaraderie we share.

Thank you all for the concern we have for one another.

Thank you all for the cooperation when a call for urgent participation is made.

Thank you all for being and staying as a member of the Rotary Club of Manila!

This American National Holiday started in the year 1621 when the Plymouth Colonists and the Wampanoag shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the Colonies. A bit of trivia, indeed, and, apparently, lobster, seal and swan were on the pilgrims' menu that day – and not turkey!

It wasn't until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a National Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

This is one holiday that should be celebrated globally and by everyone every year.

No matter what our situation is, there is, really, so much to still be thankful for.

Today, we have PDG Karen Lee Tamayo, Rotary International District 3810 District Trainer for RY 2022-2023, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Faculty and Curriculum Development Head. She will be sharing with all of us very important information about The Rotary Foundation and our roles as members.

Have a great day and weekend ahead dear RCM brothers!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

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Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022



◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile, as Program Moderator/Facilitator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



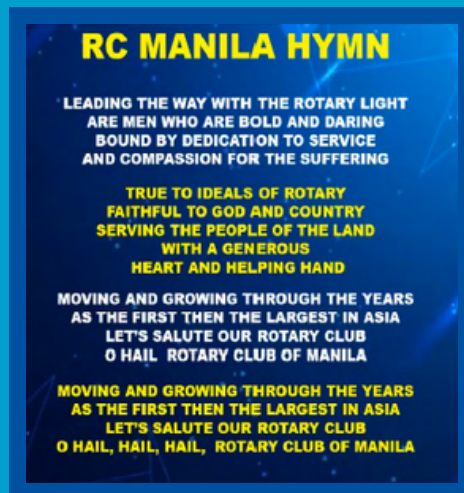
President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



STAR Rtn. Paco Magsaysay delivers an Invocation and Special Prayer.



The **Rotary Club of Manila Audiovisual Presentation** of the **Philippine National Anthem**



The **World Famous Music Chorale Audiovisual Presentation** of the **RCM Hymn**

◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



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



STAR Rtn. Senen Mangalile, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the Visiting Rotarians and guests.



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



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

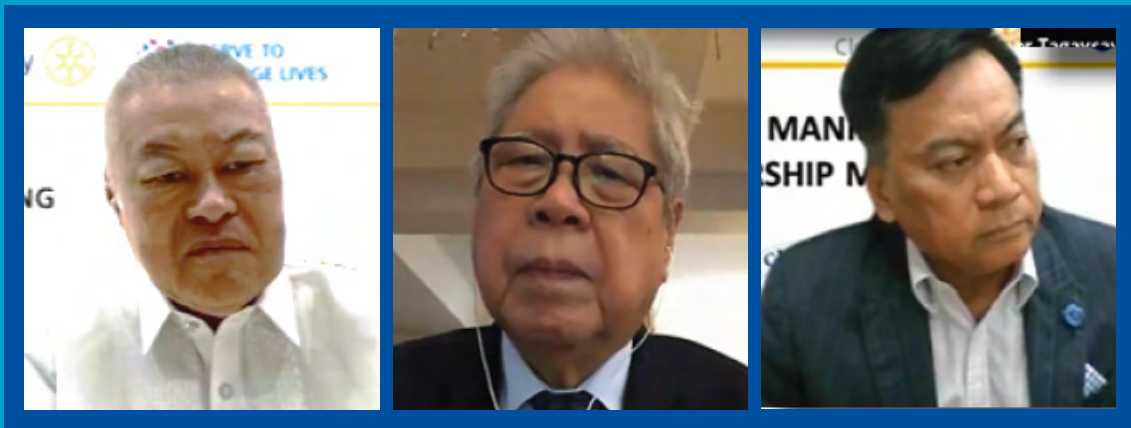


PDG Obet Pagdanganan introduces the **Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Panfilo "Ping" M. Lacson**, Senator, Republic of the Philippines, Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (2013-2015), Director-General, Philippine National Police (1999-2001), Chief, Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (1998-2001).

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Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Panfilo "Ping" M. Lacson, Senator, Republic of the Philippines, Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (2013-2015), Director-General, Philippine National Police (1999-2001), Chief, Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (1998-2001) delivers his talk.



An open forum immediately followed right after the talk of **Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Panfilo "Ping" M. Lacson, Senator, Republic of the Philippines, Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (2013-2015), Director-General, Philippine National Police (1999-2001), Chief, Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (1998-2001)**. The open forum was conducted by a panel composed of **PP Ebot Tan, PT Chito Tagaysay, and IS Edwin Hernandez**.

◀◀ THE WEEK THAT WAS ▶▶



President Chito Zaldariaga and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, to the Hon. Panfilo “Ping” M. Lacson, Senator, Republic of the Philippines, Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (2013-2015), Director-General, Philippine National Police (1999-2001), Chief, Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (1998-2001).



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Two years of the global pandemic have caused many Rotarians to be cocooned in learning how we Rotarians should engage in service and how The Rotary Foundation (TRF) can fund community and livelihood projects.

Learning the ropes of The Rotary Foundation often poses a challenge yet there are those who are blessed to have imbibed its rudiments in unlocking the key to obtaining global grants. Fortunately, we have PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR KAREN L. TAMAYO, a faculty member of the Rotary Leadership Institute, to show us the way through the topic, THE BASICS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF).

Let us attend and learn how Rotarians are able to develop our communities and enhance health services through Global Grants that provide a wellspring of hope for humanity.

Rotarians are dynamic. Let us promote DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION (DEI).

Appreciate The Rotary Foundation as our fold welcomes the new five, 12:30 PM, November 25.

Very truly yours,

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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2021-2022

November 2021	November 4, 2021 Hon. Emmanuel D. Pacquiao Senator, Republic of the Philippines	November 8, 2021 PP Archit Bartolome (Past President's Time)	November 18, 2021 Hon. Panfilo Lacson Senator, Republic of the Philippines
All Members Present	87	69	77
Make Up	13	0	0
Less: Exempt from Attendance	5	6	6
On Leave	0	0	0
Total Active Members	95	63	71
Total # of Members	225	225	220
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	42%	28%	32%
<i>Rotaractors</i>	0	1	2
<i>Media</i>	7	0	5
<i>Embassies/Diplomatic Corps</i>	9	0	3
<i>District Governors</i>	8	1	6
<i>Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker</i>	1	1	1
<i>Visiting Rotarians</i>	215	0	23
<i>Guests of RCM MEMBERS</i>	11	18	89
<i>Unknown</i>			6
Total Attendees	338	90	212

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of November 24, 2021, 11:00 AM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
192	FULLY PAID
27	UNPAID
4	PARTIALLY PAID
223	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS

NO.	NAME	OR NUMBER	AMOUNT	REMARKS
1	Abastillas, Celso E.	50579	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
2	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.	50692	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
3	Abriam, Ariel	50737	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
4	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.	50719	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
5	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"	50708	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
6	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.	50832	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
7	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"	50745	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
8	Alday, Albert S.	50518	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
9	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.	50568	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
10	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.	50690	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
11	Alvarez, Servando, Jr.	50687	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
12	Ampil, Alvin	50557	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
13	Ang, Richard T.	50774	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
14	Angara, Marius	50751	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
15	Aragon, Joshua	50746	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
16	Aventura, Avenilo "Nilo" P.	50826	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
17	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.	50827	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
18	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.	50535	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
19	Batur, Sinan	50820	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
20	Bautista, John, Jr. I.	50744	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
21	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.	50569	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
22	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz	50824	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
23	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.	50799	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
24	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"	50809	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
25	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50586	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
26	Bogovich, Jason M.	50583	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"	50739	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50577	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.	50829	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.	50816	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Camus, Fernando	50552	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	50723	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50526	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"	50666	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
35	Cenica, John T.	50794	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Chahwan, Rami	50539	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
37	Chang Li, Richard Joseph	50775	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
38	Chien, Liang-Ta "Steve"	50531	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
39	Chotrani, Johnny N.	50730	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
40	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.	50830	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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41	Creencia, Raul	50835	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
42	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50542	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50527	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
44	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50538	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
45	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	50523	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50555	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Dee, Marcus L.	50758	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	Del Rosario, Oscar	50706	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"	50750	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
51	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50540	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"	50725	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
53	Dominguez, Ill, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50765	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
54	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
55	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	50672	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
57	Engelbrecht, Francois	50679	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.	50678	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
61	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	50697	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Everingham, Richard Jack	50834	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
64	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	50654	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
66	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	50729	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.	50741	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
68	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
69	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	50733	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
71	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	50761	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
73	Go, Henry Sy	50686	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Go, Michael	50731	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
75	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.	50655	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
76	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	50572	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50573	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.	50689	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
79	Hallerbach, Mathias	50759	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50563	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
81	Henkelmann, Martin	50599	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
82	Hernandez, Edwin	50551	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
83	Hesse, Uwe	50581	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Hortaleza, Rolando	50822	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
85	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	50693	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
87	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
88	Joseph, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" L.	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
89	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy"	50700	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
90	Karcher, Henning	50558	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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91	Kunack, Lutz	50668	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
92	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	50734	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
93	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez	50728	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
94	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	50821	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
95	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.	50685	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
96	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50554	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
97	Leung, Karl A.	50740	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
98	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
99	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50567	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
100	Lim, Richard	50748	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
101	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50595	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
102	Locsin, Roberto R.	50670	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
103	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
104	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50597	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
105	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	50703	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
107	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
108	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
109	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50657/5065	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
110	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	50664	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
111	Mangalile, Senen	50713	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
112	Martinez, Ronald	50714	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
113	Masters, Lance A.	50530	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
114	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50807	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
115	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"	50711	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
116	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
117	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
118	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji"	50674	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
119	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"	50718	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
120	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	50665	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
121	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50596	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
122	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	50694	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
123	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50598	25,001.00	FULLY PAID
124	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.	50722	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
125	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	50683	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
126	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
127	Ong, Jovee K.	50715	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
128	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
129	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50677	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
130	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.	50709	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
131	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
132	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
133	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
134	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
135	Payumo, Felicitio "Tong" C.	50825	10,000.00	PARTIALLY PAID
136	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50594	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
137	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
138	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
139	Pizarra, Jordan M.	50780	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
140	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
141	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.	50754/5076	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
142	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"	50669	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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143	Recto, Philip H.	50691	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
144	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	50681	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
145	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
146	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
147	Robertz, Constantin Franz Josef "Con"	50680	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
148	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.	50752	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
149	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.	50682	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
150	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.	50671	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
151	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin "Marti"	50747	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
152	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
153	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
154	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50587	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
155	Schmitz, Steffan	50705	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
156	Schneider, Bernd	50673	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
157	Schoucair, Farid Alain	50667	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
158	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"	50717	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
159	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.	50698	15,484.00	FULLY PAID
160	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
161	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
162	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50564	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
163	So, Warren	50710	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
164	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.	50701	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
165	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya	50724	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
166	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
167	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
168	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"	50732	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
169	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"	50651	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
170	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.	50818	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
171	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	50797	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
172	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.	50707	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
173	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.	50743	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
174	Tang, Jimmy T.	50815	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
175	Tanglao, Noel V.	50785	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
176	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
177	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.	50676	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
178	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/5058	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
179	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Har"	50695	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
180	Ubaldo, Cesar C.	50704	12,600.00	PARTIALLY PAID
181	Valdes, Joel C.	50727	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
182	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	50660	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
183	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
184	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
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192	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
193	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.	50753	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
194	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
195	Zeitouni, Nagi	50696	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
196	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.	50663	15,800.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL **4,705,259.00**

CLUB SERVICE

Manila Rotarians Attend SKAL Fellowship



Manila Rotarians attended the SKAL International Makati meeting and fellowship last November 18, 2021 at the Grand Ballroom of The Heritage Hotel Manila in Pasay City. Present were DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, Dir. Farid Schoucair, DGND Jackie Rodriguez, DE/Treasurer Jujut Enriquez, DE/IPD Hans Palacios, PBLA Raji Mendoza, STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio, STAR Rtn. Teddy Tee, STAR Rtn. Inov Talusan, STAR Rtn. Rami Chahwan, STAR Rtn. Caloy Serapio, STAR Rtn. Marius Angara and STAR Rtn. Mike Albaña.

RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

The Executive Committee of the RCManila Foundation, Inc. Holds Meeting



The Executive Committee of the RCManila Foundation, Inc. held a meeting last November 24, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila PE/PVP Hermie Esquerro, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Secretary/Trustee and Rotary Club of Manila ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Assistant Treasurer and Rotary Club of Manila VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Treasurer/Trustee and Rotary Club of Manila PD Pepo Nuñez, RCManila Foundation, Inc. President and Rotary Club of Manila PP Susing Pineda, RCManila Foundation, Inc. Trustee and Rotary Club of Manila Dir. Amading Valdez, RCManila Foundation, Inc. ED Nestor Ubalde, Rotary Club of Manila ES Anna Kun Toledo and RCManila Foundation, Inc. EA Sol Troniado-Encarnacion.

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
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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
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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

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September 21, 2021

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

RE: CHEERS FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER PATIENTS



it's September, and that means Christmas! RCM is continuing its fundraising efforts to provide medication, supplements, and our annual holiday gifts for the children and families receiving care at the PGH Cancer Institute. While 2021 has been trying for everyone, every day is extremely challenging for these children without our support and caring. Add your name to those below to make your donation the first gift of the holiday season!



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Dir. John Cutter

Chairman, Care for PEDIATRIC Cancer

COGS IN THE WHEEL

PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra Completes Presidents-Elect Training Seminar 1



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra completed the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) 1 last November 20-21, 2021 which was held via Zoom virtual platform. This is a training seminar to prepare incoming Club Presidents on the various aspects of Rotary leadership for their incoming year of service.



COGS IN THE WHEEL

DE/Dir. Albert Alday Named Incoming Senior Deputy Governor (District Governor's Representative to the Philippine Rotary Magazine) and Incoming Special Assistant to the District Governor of Rotary International District 3810 for RY 2022-2023



DE/Dir. Albert Alday was named Incoming Senior Deputy Governor (District Governor's Representative to the Philippine Rotary Magazine) and Incoming Special Assistant to the District Governor for RY 2022-2023 last November 20, 2021 during the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar 1 held via Zoom virtual platform. This is the third time he has occupied an Executive Committee position in Rotary International District 3810 and the second time he has held simultaneous Executive Committee positions despite not having been a President of a club.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

DGND Jackie Rodriguez Congratulated by Rotary Club of Washington D.C.



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November 23, 2021

Jackie Rodriguez
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Dear Jackie,

On behalf of the Washington DC Rotary Club, we would like to extend a much-deserved congratulations on your recent election as the DGN of Rotary District 3810. We know that the District will be in strong hands under your leadership, guidance and vision.

The Manila Rotary Club and District 3810 has led and pioneered some of the most important and significant projects in Rotary's History, and we believe that under your term we can continue to strengthen our bond between Manila and Washington DC, to cultivate mutually aligned projects that will leave a positive impact not only in Manila and Washington DC, but around the Globe. We formally invite you to visit our Washington DC Club at your earliest convenience so that we can explore the expansion of the T.R.E.E.S. and Trees for the Capital and World programs.

Sincerely,

William Dent,
President

Bryan Ingram
Chairman Environmental Committee

Cc: Nancy Riker & Steve Liston

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

By Rhea Vitto Tabora

STAR Rotarian Shigeru Shimoda: Making Waves Overseas

His early exposure outside his home country influenced STAR Rotarian Shigeru Shimoda to follow his father's footsteps – work in the same field and make a mark abroad.

One can say STAR Rotarian Shimoda had his fair share of experiences and challenges that no ordinary Japanese got to encounter—he lived the Nigerian 'olden days' lifestyle when he was still a child, witnessed first-hand South Africa's historical turning point with the release of Nelson Mandela from 27 years in prison, and faced extreme challenges managing a vast forest plantation project in Sumatra.

Now serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of Marubeni Philippines Corporation, STAR Rotarian Shimoda's passion and commitment to make a difference has driven him to achieve greater heights.

In this interview, STAR Rotarian Shimoda shares some highlights of his life and career, his success habits, and, on a lighter note, where he looks forward to going most when the pandemic is over.



MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rotarian Shigeru Shimoda: Making Waves Overseas

Rhea Vitto Tabora (RVT): Please tell us a little about yourself.

Shigeru SHIMODA (SS): I was born in Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan on December 30, 1965. Our family lived in Lagos, Nigeria in West Africa for two years from 1976 to 1978 because of my father's work with Mitsubishi Corporation – a large trading and investment firm in Japan and is in fact the biggest competitor of Marubeni Corporation where I am connected. Those were exciting times for me. There was no telephone line, no supply of potable water (we were boiling water to drink), and there were rolling blackouts (we were using candles). During my elementary days, there were only two students in my grade level in the Japanese school (I was self-learning), and only 7 to 13-year-old students were in the school bus – no adults – traveling along the long and bumpy road going to school. It was also where I first encountered western music (the Beatles, WINGS, ABBA, KISS and Queen) and learned tennis.

Those incredible experiences formed my character and confirmed my determination to work in the same field as my father's. After going back to Tokyo, I studied very hard to catch up. I entered KEIO Highschool in 1981 and joined the school tennis team. In April

1984, I entered the Faculty of Economics in KEIO University. I continued playing tennis in the school's club until graduation in March 1988.

In April 1988, I joined Marubeni Corporation and was assigned to Wood Chip Department.

I married my girlfriend, Mie, whom I met in Marubeni's office and tennis team, on December 12, 1992.

After a few months, I was transferred to Johannesburg Branch in the Republic of South Africa (RSA) as Manager of the Forest Products Department. Since Mr. Nelson Mandela had been released and the apartheid was dismantled, economic sanction was lifted. I was then assigned as the first secondee from Forest Products Division to RSA. I never experienced such a strong enthusiasm among the people when Mr. Mandela became the first black president.

During our five years in South Africa, my wife and I had our two sons. One unforgettable experience was enjoying cheese and wine in Stellenbosch, one of the most beautiful wine regions in South Africa.



During their stay in South Africa. Left photo: Enjoying family time in Sandton, Right photo: During a tennis game break in Johannesburg

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rotarian Shigeru Shimoda: Making Waves Overseas

Our daughter was born in 2001 after we came back to Tokyo.

In 2005, I had my second overseas assignment – in South Sumatra, Indonesia where I managed and developed industrial forest plantation as the first President Director appointed by Marubeni when we took majority share of the company PT Musi Hutan Persada. It was the biggest challenge for me – planting and growing trees in the gross concession area of 296,400 hectares; driving and checking in the large-scale area almost every day; making sure the quality and quantity of all the field works are properly done; controlling pest and disease; pursuing higher productivity and improving efficiency; and fighting with some local communities who try to encroach on our land and set forest fire.

We successfully established a healthy eucalyptus plantation forest with net planted area of 120,000 hectares (1.7 times larger than the entire Singapore) under the strong teamwork of Indonesian managers and staff, Japanese young staff and quality Filipino foresters.

After three years in Sumatra, I returned to Tokyo Headquarters in 2008. My second appointment as President Director of such plantation company in 2014 was welcomed by my old friends and colleagues in Sumatra. After over four years in the forest, I was appointed as General Manager of Wood Chip and Construction Material Department in Tokyo Headquarters to manage woodchip trade, tree plantation project in Western Australia, joint venture of construction wood material and biomass fuel.

I then moved to Manila in July 2020 when I was appointed President and CEO of Marubeni Philippines Corporation.



Behind him is the industrial forest plantation which he managed in Sumatra, Indonesia



With his associates in Marubeni Philippines Corporation

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rotarian Shigeru Shimoda: Making Waves Overseas

RVT: Marubeni is involved in various sectors in the Philippines. What are some of the ways your company is making a difference in the country?

SS: For Marubeni, equally critical as business aspect is how our investments would contribute to the lives of the Filipino people in general. In power, for example, our power plants ensure the stable and affordable supply of electricity in the Luzon grid and support long-term rural electrification projects.

We make efforts to introduce technology that would improve water quality in the areas served by the Maynilad Water Services, Inc. where Marubeni is a stakeholder.

At the same time, our recently completed LRT Line 2 East Extension project provides safe, fast and modern mode of transportation to people living in the rising urban areas of Marikina and Antipolo who can now travel to the City of Manila in 40 minutes instead of three hours by bus or jeepney.

Marubeni's foothold in healthcare, Medi Linx Laboratory, Inc., uses state-of-the-art Japanese technology to accurately and timely interpret laboratory tests.

Through an affiliate company, we are introducing a digital currency platform for maritime seafarers to easily receive their salaries and send money to their families while onboard the ship. LendPinoy of AND Financing Corporation, another Marubeni affiliate, is offering fresh consumer financing products to advocate financial inclusion among the unbanked sectors of the economy.

Our latest project in New Clark City will create a Smart City that is safe, efficient and environment friendly.

In addition to these, Marubeni made a commitment to help transform the lives of the underprivileged sector of the society through education in the Philippines. The Marubeni Scholarship Foundation has granted over 3,000 scholarships to students in technical schools, and for two years now, is focused on delivering electronic tablets to rural public schools for the online learning of grade six pupils.



Marubeni projects in the Philippines: Left photo - LRT-2 East Extension at new Antipolo Station; Right photo: Medi Linx Laboratory at Makati Medical Center

MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rotarian Shigeru Shimoda: Making Waves Overseas

RVT: Which among the projects that you have worked on do you find to be particularly interesting?

SS: Having worked in the forest plantation for a number of years, I am a huge advocate of sustainability. The current trend of upcycling adds a very exciting concept that would impact favorably in pursuit of a 3R-oriented recycling society. Although the project is yet to materialize, I am hoping to introduce an upcycling model in the Philippines.

RVT: What do you consider to be the highlight of your life?

SS: Experiences and challenges (above mentioned) that ordinary Japanese do not experience.

RVT: What are your success habits?

SS: People are impressed by a movie, novel, comic, cartoon or story of a great person, and then imagine, "how nice if I can be like that character." Try to do the same as what the character does. Do not think it's only a movie, or only a novel.

RVT: What is one thing you miss most in your home country that you cannot find here in the Philippines?

SS: Four seasons. Having seasonal ingredients, changing clothes in a closet seasonally, changing of colors in town.

RVT: When this pandemic is over, where will you go and why?

SS: Nature, beaches and historical heritage sites in the Philippines. While I am in such a beautiful country, due to the pandemic, my northernmost point in the country is Baguio and the southernmost is Semirara island. Just recently, I left Luzon for the first time.

RVT: What are your interests and hobbies? What do you do when you are not at work?

SS: Chatting with my family through SNS, reading books (while imagining the things I'm reading – from the colorful settings to the lively characters and the way they speak and behave), and playing some golf (I stopped playing for 15 years and resumed only when I came to Manila).



With his wife Mie



MANILA ROTARIAN IN FOCUS

STAR Rotarian Shigeru Shimoda: Making Waves Overseas

RVT: What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives?

SS: To focus on a project or target with strong determination and sense of mission. Control yourself and never accept an issue easily.

RVT: What ignited your interest in joining the Rotary Club of Manila?

SS: Even in Japan, Rotary Club is well-known for its civic activities during disasters. My grandfather was one of the founders of the Rotary Club Fukushima, Japan which was established in 1951.

When I arrived in Manila in July 2020, I didn't know a lot of people. I am passionate about connecting with people, exchanging opinions and creating solutions, so I was delighted to be invited by Mr. Nick Locsin to join. Since then, I have made a lot of good interactions with the other members.



*Focus on a project
or target with strong
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sense of mission.*



*At San Roque Hydro Power Station, another
Marubeni project in the Philippines*

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Thanksgiving Party of DGND Jackie Rodriguez for His Core Group of Rotary District 3810 Rotarians



DGND Jackie Rodriguez threw a Thanksgiving Party for the members of his core group in Rotary International District 3810 on account of his victory in the recent elections for District Governor last November 23, 2021 at the Manila Elks Club in Makati City. Among the Manila Rotarians present were RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra and ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

Manila Rotarians Meet with Rotarians of Occidental Mindoro for Possible Sister Club Agreements



RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Programs Committee Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu and President Chito Zaldarriaga met with Presidents and Officers of the various Rotary clubs in Occidental Mindoro last November 22, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform for the purpose of exploring sisterhood agreements.

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RI President Shekhar Mehta urges countries at COP26 to protect mangroves

By **Ryan Hyland**

Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta joined the Rotary delegation to the 26th United Nations climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland, on 10 November to explore ways Rotary can work on environmental challenges, including by restoring mangroves, a crucial ecosystem that can mitigate the effects of climate change in coastal areas.

The climate summit, also known as COP26 (short for Conference of the Parties), brought together nearly 100 heads of state and governments over a two-week period to set new targets for fossil fuel emissions. This was Rotary's first time at the annual conference.

Mehta co-led a roundtable discussion with Patricia Scotland, secretary-general of the Commonwealth, that focused on the critical role mangroves play in mitigating and adapting to climate change. Mangroves sequester large amounts of carbon and also protect against storm surges and coastal erosion, filter pollutants, and provide habitat for aquatic life, among other benefits.

Of the 54 Commonwealth countries, 33 contain mangrove ecosystems that together represent 22% of the world's mangroves. Over the last half century, 50% of the world's mangrove systems have been lost due to climate change and rapid urbanization.

"The sea is washing away coastlines because mangroves have gone," said Mehta. "We are losing our ecosystem. Once mangroves die, our marine system and coastal communities will be lost."

Source: www.rotary.org

ROTARY INFORMATION

Climate and environmental representatives and experts from more than 20 countries attended the round table and pledged to act alongside Rotary to help save and restore mangroves.

The members of Rotary's delegation to COP26 were Judith Diment, dean of the Rotary Representative Network, which comprises 32 unofficial ambassadors to the UN and other international organizations; Doug Wills, Rotary representative to the Commonwealth; Karen Kendrick-Hands, who attended on behalf of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group; and John MacPherson and Tariq Durrani, who helped organize a competition for schoolchildren in the UK to create posters for display at the conference.

Over the past five years, The Rotary Foundation has committed more than \$18 million toward projects that support sustainable, community-based environmental projects. On 1 July, the Foundation began accepting applications for global grants that support the environment, which was added as an area of focus in 2020. Potential projects include using renewable energy to combat environmental degradation, growing food sustainably, and protecting water sources.



Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta (middle, front row) co-led a roundtable discussion on the importance of restoring and saving mangroves at the 2021 United Nations climate conference on 10 November in Glasgow, Scotland. Representatives from more than 20 countries attended the meeting.

Photo courtesy of COP26

Source: www.rotary.org

OTHER MATTERS

Straight from the Horse's Mouth

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



KATHA NG KANLUNGAN. "Music simply uncovers what is there, makes you feel emotions that you didn't necessarily know you had inside you, and runs around waking them all up. A rebirth of sorts." — Matt Haig

His unpretentious demeanor, skillful guitar strumming, soulful voice and heartfelt music have always been the hallmark of Noel Cabangon, the multi-awarded, multi-faceted artist, who has made a name for himself in the Filipino Folk Music and acoustic genres with socially-relevant renditions that never fail to mesmerize his audience.

When I first heard "*Kanlungan*" — a song about a blissful memory of a childhood friend and a joyful yesterday filled with

freedom, youth, and love — around ten years ago, I was instantly hooked and wanted to know more about the composer who wrote this incredibly poignant piece.

I found out that this once-shy barrio boy in the Northern province of La Union never thought of becoming a singer and a musician. But it was his affiliation with the group Buklod, that gave his voice a platform: his compositions were oriented toward social, political, and cultural issues, and espoused such lofty issues as the plight of the peasant farmers, to the protection of human rights, and to the conservation of the environment.

When Buklod disbanded, he set out on his own; and because of his raw talent, the years saw the creation of a loyal following that sought him out, wherever he played. To date, he has not only released six solo hit albums, he also dabbled in theater as musical director, composer, or actor; performed around and out of the country; and even authored a book.

I am indeed blessed to have met this incredibly talented artist up-close-and-personal. From the first flushes of romance, to heartbreak, to memories, Noel Cabangon's songs puts emotions to words — and music — which delivers an indescribable homey refrain that is uniquely Filipino.



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