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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



SECRETARY ALFONSO G. CUSI

Department of Energy
Republic of the Philippines

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With fuel prices hovering beyond our imagination with a global crisis waiting to unleash its wrath, let the nation's foremost Energy Czar lay down the government's plan to mitigate its effects as he makes a proverbial return to Asia's First Rotary Club.



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ZOOM

WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Rotary Year 2021-2022

Thursday, March 17, 2022, 12:30PM

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

Part I

12:00 PM	Registration & Zoom In Program Moderator/Facilitator/Chika Talk	IPAT Marcus Dee
12:25PM	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/ Zoom Meeting House Rules	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga
	Invocation and Special Prayers for healing and speedy recovery of DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, PP Babes Reyes, Dir. Thad Liamzon and all members affected by CoVid-19	STAR Rtn. Robi Joseph
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	RCM Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP
	The Rotarian Pledge	STAR Rtn. Josh Aragon
	The Four (4) Way Test	STAR Rtn. Nico Souvlakis
	Welcome Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week March 11 STAR Rtn. JB Pallasigue	March 17 Rtn. Hansel Tillman
	Maligayang Bati	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Happy Birthday Song	AVP of Birthday Celebrants
	President's Time	Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga

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Part II

1:00 PM Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker

PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra
Programs Committee Chairman

Address:

SECRETARY ALFONSO G. CUSI
Department of Energy
Republic of the Philippines

Open Forum

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

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

Attested by:
IDDC/VP/Sec. Reggie Yu

2:00 PM Response and Meeting Adjournment

Pres. Chito Zaldarriaga



PROFILE OF GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER SECRETARY ALFONSO CUSI



Energy Secretary Alfonso G. Cusi, a pillar in the country's logistics and transportation industries, started his career in government in early 2001 when he was appointed by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as the General Manager of the Philippine Ports Authority.

He then moved on to become the General Manager of the Manila International Airport Authority, and then as Director-General of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) until December 2010.

After his stint at CAAP, Secretary Cusi returned to the private sector until he was called to public duty again in 2016, this time, by President Rodrigo Duterte to head the Department of Energy (DOE).

As DOE Secretary, his policies and programs reveal his staunch advocacy for the promotion and protection of consumer welfare, as well as his long-term vision of helping the country attain energy security, regardless of source, to ensure a brighter future for the coming generations of Filipinos.

Secretary Cusi is concurrently the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) for Region IV-B, or MIMAROPA. Further, he is the assigned Cabinet member tasked to assist Rizal province in fighting COVID-19.

He also serves as the current National President of the *Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan*.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Fellow Rotarians!

We had a very interesting Classification Talk last week given by our STAR Rtn. Rolando Hortaleza, Chairman and CEO of the Hortaleza Group of Companies.

Of course, the awarding of our very own Past Vice President, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the United States of America Jose Manuel "Babe" Romualdez, was followed by some interesting Q & A mostly on the status of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

We have had a follow through meeting for the TOWER Awards Program chaired by PP Susing Pineda (Centennial President) last Tuesday, March 15, 2022, to discuss further progress of the programs in conjunction with PMAP.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors for RY 2021-2022 was also held last Tuesday, March 15, 2022 and among others, the Board concurred with the processing of new candidates for membership, namely Mr. Andre Kahn and Mr. Michael Raymond Gonzales, both endorsed by DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph.

Additionally, the Board also approved the Membership Committee's recommendation to bring into our fold Atty. Jose Paolo A. Magpale, SVP of BDO Unibank, as proposed by PVP Fausto Preysler.

There is a call to join the DISCON slated for Apr 22-23, 2022 to be held at the OKADA Manila, Parañaque City. Registration fee is as follows: Early Bird (March 5-31, 2022) – Php 5,800 per pax, (April 1-15, 2022) – Php 6,400 per pax, (April 16-20, 2022) – Php 7,000 per pax.

Recently, RCManila Foundation, Inc. and Rotary Club of Manila PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra was in Subic to inspect the three (3) fire trucks donated by Rotary International District 2820 of Japan. He requested DGE Joyce Ambray to allocate two (2) units to the Rotary Club of Manila. These fire trucks will then be donated by the Rotary Club of Manila to the most needy LGUs!

Kudos to RCManila Foundation, Inc. and Rotary Club of Manila PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra for the new accreditation of PCNC for the RCManila Foundation, Inc. Not only did we get another year's extension, but three (3) full years.

As the war in Ukraine continues to wreak havoc amongst its citizenry, the rest of the globe is not spared from this very disruptive situation. The impact on fuel prices and, eventually, everything that requires mobility will not be spared from this situation.

Today, we will be hearing from no less than the Secretary of the Department of Energy, Alfonso "Al" Cusi, as he shares his point of view on this war and the extent of effects we are to anticipate as we see the rise in fuel prices almost weekly.

Later on today, we shall be having a fellowship gathering, entitled, The Seniors and the Stars, at the Heritage Hotel at 5:00 pm arranged by DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph and VP Farid Shoucair for cocktails and dinner! By the way, this is Rotary way at Php 1,500 per head.

See you all later!

May God bless us all and bring healing where it is needed!

Humbly yours in Rotary,

FSZ

Felix Francisco S. Zaldarriaga
President
RY 2021-2022



THE WEEK THAT WAS



Rtn. Ronald Martinez, as Program Moderator/Facilitator, calls the day's sequential order of activities.



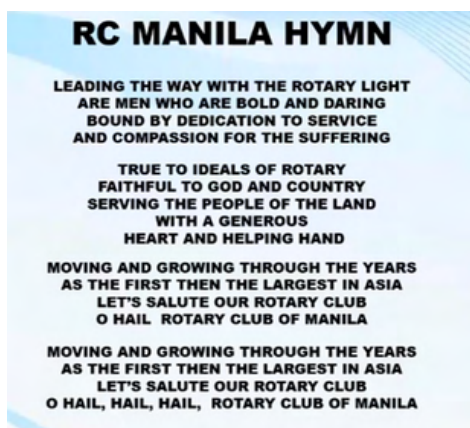
President Chito Zaldarriaga calls the meeting to order.



Rtn. Warren So delivers an Invocation and Special Prayer.



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



The **World Famous Music Choral** Audiovisual Presentation of the **RC Manila Hymn** and the singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn**

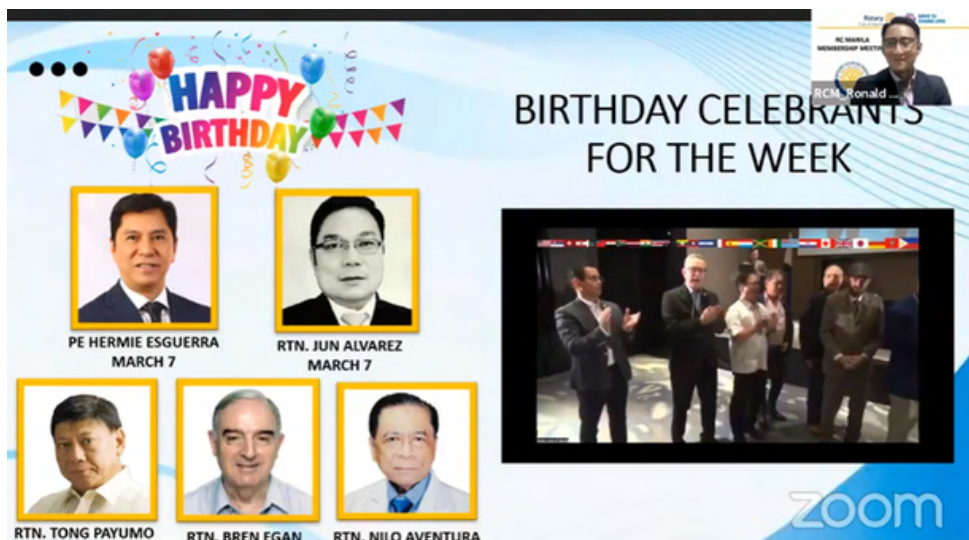
THE WEEK THAT WAS



AS Henry Go 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. Josh Aragon leads the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test for Manila Rotarians to renew their commitment to the Rotary movement.



STAR Rtn. Ronald Martinez, Program Moderator/Facilitator, acknowledges the week's birthday celebrants, namely, **RCManila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra, Rtn. Jun Alvarez, Rtn. Tong Payumo, Rtn. Bren Egan and Rtn. Nilo Aventura** which was followed by an audiovisual presentation of the World Famous Music Chorale singing the happy birthday song.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



STAR Rtn. Ronald Martinez, Program Moderator/Facilitator, introduces **Classification Speaker STAR Rtn. Rolando B. Hortaleza, M.D.**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Hortaleza Group of Companies, Hortaleza Corporation, Prime Global Corporation, Prime Global Finance Corporation, PG Food Express, Inc., HORTZ Hotels and Resorts, HORTZ Farm and Recreations, Vice Chairman, Ang.Hortaleza Foundation, Inc.

Classification Speaker STAR Rtn. Rolando B. Hortaleza, M.D., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Hortaleza Group of Companies, Hortaleza Corporation, Prime Global Corporation, Prime Global Finance Corporation, PG Food Express, Inc., HORTZ Hotels and Resorts, HORTZ Farm and Recreations, Vice Chairman, Ang.Hortaleza Foundation, Inc. delivers his speech.



DGND Jackie Rodriguez presents the **Rotary Club of Manila Ambassador of the Year Award**.

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Rotary Club of Manila Ambassador of the Year Awardee PVP Babe Romualdez, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the United States of America, delivers his response.



A short open forum immediately followed right after the speech of **Classification Speaker STAR Rtn. Rolando B. Hortaleza, M.D., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Hortaleza Group of Companies, Hortaleza Corporation, Prime Global Corporation, Prime Global Finance Corporation, PG Food Express, Inc., HORTZ Hotels and Resorts, HORTZ Farm and Recreations, Vice Chairman, Ang.Hortaleza Foundation, Inc.** and the response of **Rotary Club of Manila Ambassador of the Year Awardee PVP Babe Romualdez, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the United States of America.** Among those who participated were **President Chito Zaldarriaga, PAS Joel Valdes, PP Frank Evaristo** and **Rtn. Ingy Bertelsen.**

THE WEEK THAT WAS



IPP Bobby Joseph announces “The Seniors and the Stars” Fellowship at The Heritage Hotel Manila in Pasay City.



President Chito Zaldarriaga and **Programs Committee Chairman PE/PVP Hermie Esguerra** present the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **IDDCC/VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu**, to **Classification Speaker STAR Rtn. Rolando B. Hortaleza, M.D., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Hortaleza Group of Companies, Hortaleza Corporation, Prime Global Corporation, Prime Global Finance Corporation, PG Food Express, Inc., HORTZ Hotels and Resorts, HORTZ Farm and Recreations, Vice Chairman, Ang.Hortaleza Foundation, Inc.**



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

From the Programs Committee



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Fuel prices are on an uphill climb with seemingly endless increases in pellmell fashion, sowing panic among people from across the globe. Let our Energy Czar, Secretary ALFONSO CUSI of the Department of Energy, give us a sneak peek on the effects of this crisis and what the government is doing to mitigate its adverse effects.

Be there and be virtually seen, 12:30 PM, MARCH 17.

Very truly yours,

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



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2021-2022

MARCH 2022	March 3, 2022 Dr. Burkhard Kiehne Bamboo Expert	March 10, 2022 Ambassador of the Year PVP Babe Romualdez & Classification Talk STAR Rtn. Rolando Hortaleza
All Members Present	65	61
Make Up	8	4
Less: Exempt from Attendance	4	6
On Leave	0	0
Total Active Members	69	59
Total # of Members	224	224
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	31%	26%
<i>Rotaractors</i>	0	0
<i>Media</i>	0	0
<i>Embassies/Diplomatic Corps</i>	0	0
<i>District Governors</i>	2	0
<i>Guest of Honor and Speaker/Guest Speaker</i>	2	0
<i>Visiting Rotarians</i>	10	0
<i>Guests of RCM MEMBERS</i>	0	0
<i>Unknown</i>	1	0
Total Attendees	80	61

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of March 16, 2022, 10:00 AM)

	ANNUAL DUES 19-20
211	FULLY PAID
12	UNPAID
1	PARTIALLY PAID
224	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	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar	50845	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
25	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"	50809	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
26	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.	50586	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
27	Bogovich, Jason M.	50583	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
28	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"	50739	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
29	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"	50577	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
30	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.	50829	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
31	Cabuñag, Rogelio "Roger" R.	51026	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
32	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.	50816	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
33	Camus, Fernando	50552	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
34	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.	50723	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
35	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"	50526	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
36	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"	50666	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
37	Cenica, John T.	50794	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
38	Chahwan, Rami	50539	12,800.00	FULLY PAID

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39	Chang Li, Richard Joseph	50775	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
40	Chien, Liang-Ta "Steve"	50531	37,318.00	FULLY PAID
41	Chotrani, Johnny N.	50730	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
42	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.	50830	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
43	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.	50838	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
44	Creencia, Raoul	50835	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
45	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.	50542	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
46	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.	50527	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
47	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"	50538	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
48	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.	50533	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
49	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.	50523	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
50	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.	50555	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
51	Dee, Marcus L.	50758	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
52	Del Rosario, Oscar	50706	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
53	Del Valle, Randolph "Randy"	50118	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
54	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"	50750	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
55	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.	50540	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
56	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"	50725	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
57	Domingo, Rico V.	51009	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
58	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.	50765	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
59	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.	50520	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
60	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.	50672	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
61	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"	50439	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
62	Engelbrecht, Francois	50679	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
63	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.	50519	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
64	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.	50547	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
65	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.	50678	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
66	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.	50697	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
67	Evaristo, Frank A.	50534	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
68	Everingham, Richard Jack	50834	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
69	Fajardo, Beda G.	50546	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
70	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"	50654	32,138.00	FULLY PAID
71	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.	50729	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
72	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.	50741	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
73	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"	50509	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
74	Garcia, Victor	50525	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
75	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.	50733	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
76	Gierran, Dante "Dan"	50521	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
77	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.	50761	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
78	Go, Henry Sy	50686	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
79	Go, Michael	50731	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
80	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.	50655	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
81	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.	50572	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
82	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.	50573	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
83	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.	50689	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
84	Hallerbach, Mathias	50759	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
85	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt	50563	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
86	Henkelmann, Martin	50599	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
87	Hernandez, Edwin	50551	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
88	Hesse, Uwe	50581	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
89	Hortaleza, Rolando	50822	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
90	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.	50693	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
91	Joseph, Ralph L.	50514	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
92	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.	50510	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
93	Joseph, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" L.	50512	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
94	Jucaban, Jeric J.	51014	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
95	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A	50700	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
96	Karcher, Henning	50558	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
97	Kunack, Lutz	50668	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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98	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	50734	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
99	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez	50728	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
100	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.	50821	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
101	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.	50685	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
102	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.	50554	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
103	Leung, Karl A.	50740	12,500.00	PARTIALLY PAID
104	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.	50515	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
105	Lim, David Eduardo Ty	50567	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
106	Lim, Richard	50748	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
107	Lim, William "Willy" C.	50848	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
108	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.	50595	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
109	Locsin, Roberto R.	50670	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
110	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.	50524	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
111	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.	50597	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
112	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"	50703	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
113	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.	50548	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
114	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"	50541	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
115	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"	51015	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
116	Magbanua, Gerry	50562	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
117	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.	50657/5065	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
118	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"	50664	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
119	Mangalile, Senen	50713	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
120	Martinez, Ronald	50714	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
121	Masters, Lance A.	50530/50847	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
122	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.	50807	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
123	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"	50711	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
124	Meloto, Antonio "Tony"	50511	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
125	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.	50543	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
126	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji"	50674	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
127	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"	50718	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
128	Montel, Juan Manuel C.	50665	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
129	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.	50596	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
130	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.	50694	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
131	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.	50598	25,001.00	FULLY PAID
132	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.	50722	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
133	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.	50683	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
134	Okajima, Hiroyuki	50588	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
135	Ong, Jovee K.	50715	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
136	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.	50550	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
137	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L. "Mike"	51025	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
138	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.	50677	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
139	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.	50709	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
140	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"	50580	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
141	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
142	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"	50688	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
143	Patterson, Colin David	50536	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
144	Payumo, Felicitio "Tong" C.	50825/51016	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
145	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.	50594	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
146	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.	50545	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
147	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.	50537	26,200.00	FULLY PAID
148	Pizarra, Jordan M.	50780	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
149	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.	50556	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
150	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.	50754/50760	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
151	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.	51020	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
152	Ramos, Claver P.	50841	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
153	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"	50669	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
154	Recto, Philip H.	50691	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
155	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.	50681	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

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156	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.	50561	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
157	Reynolds, David John "Dave"	50565	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
158	Robertz, Constantin Franz Josef "Cons"	50680	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
159	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.	50752	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
160	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.	50682	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
161	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.	50671	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
162	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin "Martin"	50747	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
163	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.	50574	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
164	Rono, Marlon	50592	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
165	Sarmiento, Ricardo	50587	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
166	Schmitz, Steffan	50705	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
167	Schneider, Bernd	50673	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
168	Schoucair, Farid Alain	50667	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
169	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"	50717	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
170	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.	50698	15,484.00	FULLY PAID
171	Shigei, Kentaro	50591	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
172	Shimoda, Shigeru	50590	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
173	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.	50564	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
174	Sicat, Michael Allan E. "Mike"	51011	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
175	So, Warren	50710	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
176	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.	50701	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
177	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya	50724	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
178	Souvlakis, Nicolas	51001	28,963.00	FULLY PAID
179	Stranathan, Ike	50566	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
180	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.	50544	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
181	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"	50732	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
182	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"	50651	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
183	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"	50899	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
184	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.	50818	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
185	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.	50797	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
186	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.	50707	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
187	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.	50743	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
188	Tang, Jimmy T.	50815	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
189	Tanglao, Noel V.	50785	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
190	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin	50549	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
191	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.	50676	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
192	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"	50532/50582	37,138.00	FULLY PAID
193	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Har"	50695	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
194	Uy, Ivan John Enrile "Ivan"	51024	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
195	Valdes, Joel C.	50727	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
196	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.	50660	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
197	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
198	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.	50755	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
199	Vasquez, Evaristo	51013	29,938.00	FULLY PAID
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201	Villarica, Henry R.	50652	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
202	Villegas, Raoul A.	50801	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
203	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.	50819	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
204	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.	50735	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
205	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.	50662	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
206	Yujuico, Benedicto "Dicky" V.	50808	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
207	Yujuico, Brendon	50571	12,800.00	FULLY PAID
208	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.	50753	24,500.00	FULLY PAID
209	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.	50528	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
210	Zeitouni, Nagi	50696	25,000.00	FULLY PAID
211	Zalcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.	50663	15,800.00	FULLY PAID
212	Zosa, Rolando "Roy" M.	51027	25,000.00	FULLY PAID

TOTAL **5,161,136.00**

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 Holds Eighth Regular Board Meeting



The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2021-2022 held its Eighth (8th) Regular Board Meeting last March 15, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were President Chito Zaldarriaga, ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Dir. John Michael Cutter, IDCCC/VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, RCManila Foundation, Inc. President and Rotary Club of Manila PP Susing Pineda (Centennial President), Rtn. Romy Nones, PP Teddy Ocampo, DE/Treasurer Jujut Enriquez, DDCC/IPB Bobby Joseph, AS Henry Go and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

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RCManila Foundation, Inc. Granted Three-Year Accreditation from the Philippine Council for NGO Certification



RCManila Foundation, Inc. was granted a three (3) year accreditation by the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) last February 23, 2022.

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



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Polio Plus Society Pin

District Awards (District Governors Discretion)

➤ **Polio Plus Society Pin**



The PolioPlus Society is a District program to promote individual giving to PolioPlus. Members of the Society agree to give \$100 per year toward polio eradication until polio is wiped out of the world.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

IPD Celso Abastillas is Paul Harris Fellow



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Rotary Club of Manila Holds Info Webinar on the Dualtech Training Center

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INFO WEBINAR ON THE DUALTECH TRAINING PROGRAM

PROGRAMME
March 11, 2022
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Host: Star Rtn Anton Mauricio

Agenda:

- Opening Remarks: LCP Chito Zaldarriaga
- Introduction of Dignitaries (Rotarians, Dualtech, and Guests): PP Maja Tindoy, IPP Mari Delos Santos
- Inspirational Message from Project Chair: IPP Bobby Joseph
- Inspirational Message from DCC of Vocational Service: DCC Mylene Co
- Inspirational Message from the District Governor: DG Robert Koa
- Introduction of Guest Speaker: Jerry Muhi, Dualtech Executive Director
- Message from Dualtech: Arnolfo Morfe, Dualtech President
- Topic: RCM Dualtech Scholarship Program: Star Rtn Anton Mauricio
- Q&A Open Forum
- Closing Remarks: RCM PE Hermie Esguerra, RCMFI Chairman, Incoming FG RID 3810
- Group Photo

Logos: Rotary Club of Manila, RCM Dualtech Scholarship Program, RCM Manila Foundation, Inc.

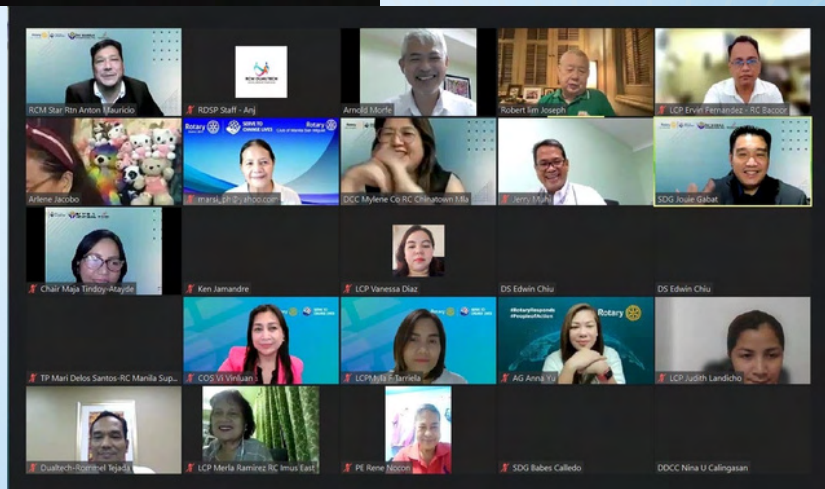
On March 11, 2022, Rotary Club of Manila Dualtech Program Co-Chairman STAR Rtn. Anton Mauricio hosted a successful Info Webinar on the Dualtech Training Program with more than a hundred guests in attendance from the Rotary Club of Manila and Rotary International District 3810.

Notable speakers and guests who attended the webinar included LCP Chito Zaldarriaga, DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph, PP Maja Tindoy, IPP Mari Delos Santos, DCC Mylene Co, DG Robert Koa, Dualtech Executive Director Jerry Muhi, RCM Manila Foundation, Inc. Chairman and Rotary Club of Manila Programs Committee Chairman PE Hermie Esguerra, and Dualtech President Arnolfo Morfe.

Some topics discussed during the webinar included the breakdown of a scholar's donation, future plans of the project, and the promotion of the Dualtech Training Program to guests. The info webinar also provided its guests the platform and opportunity to donate and give support to the Rotary Club of Manila Dualtech Program.

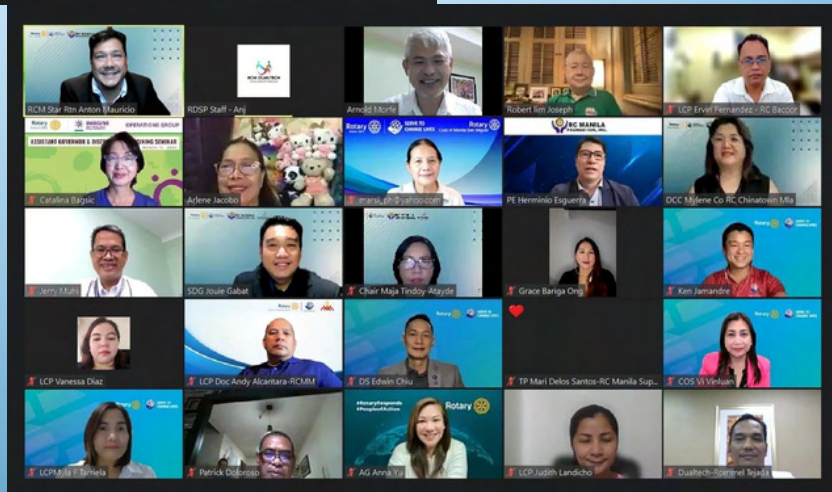
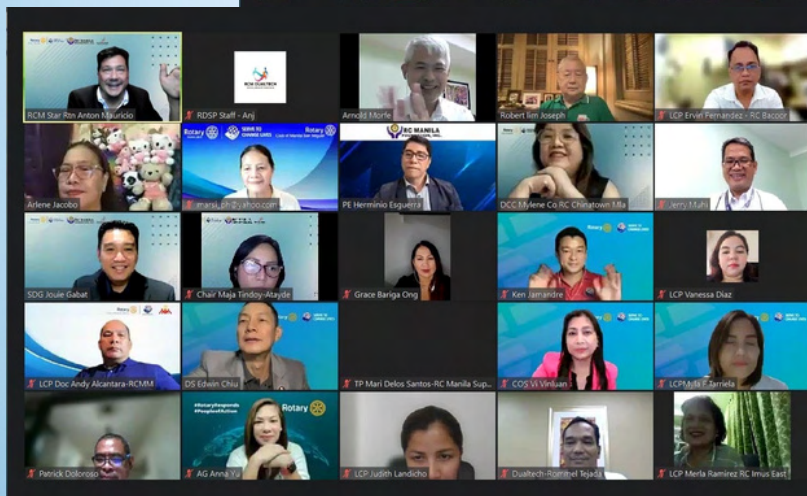
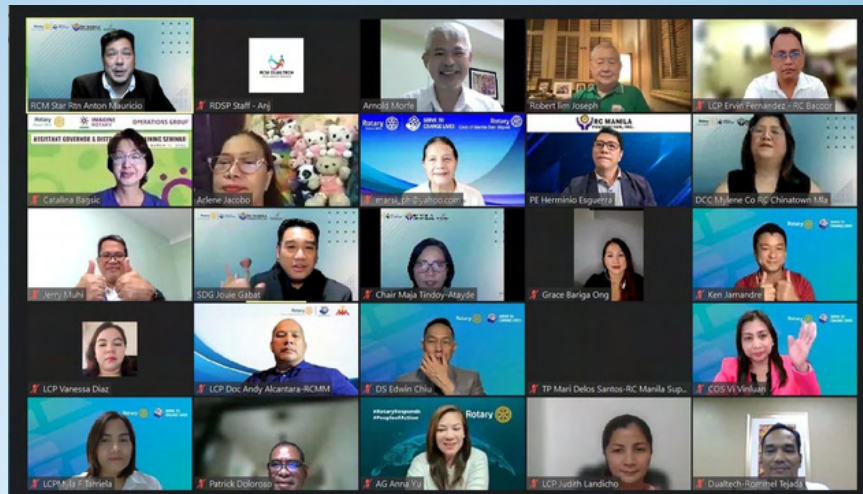
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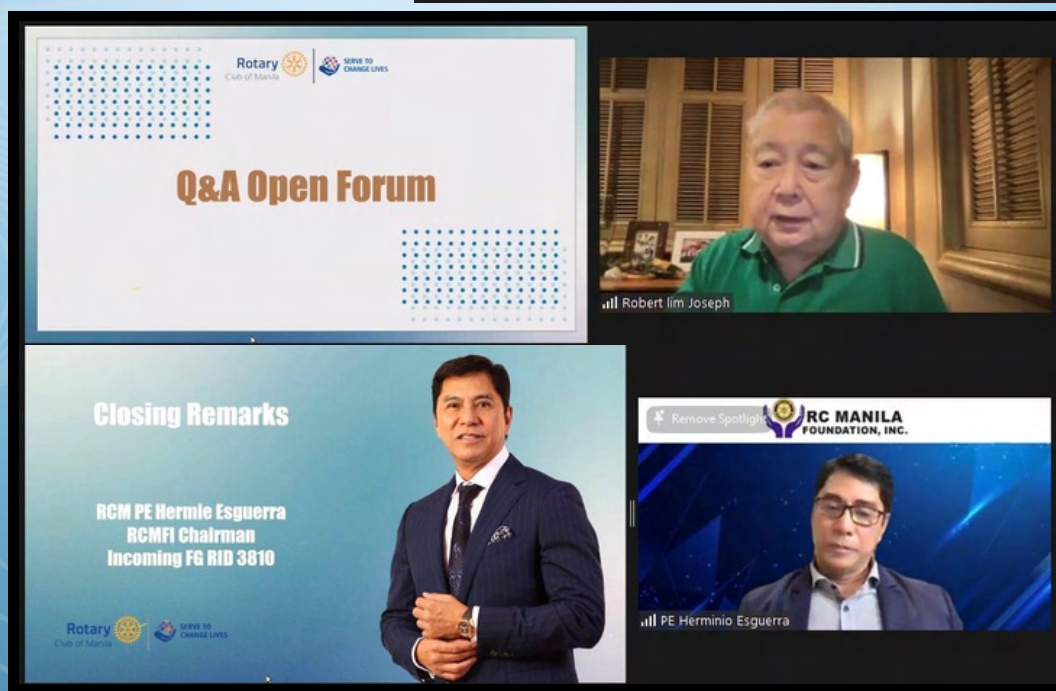
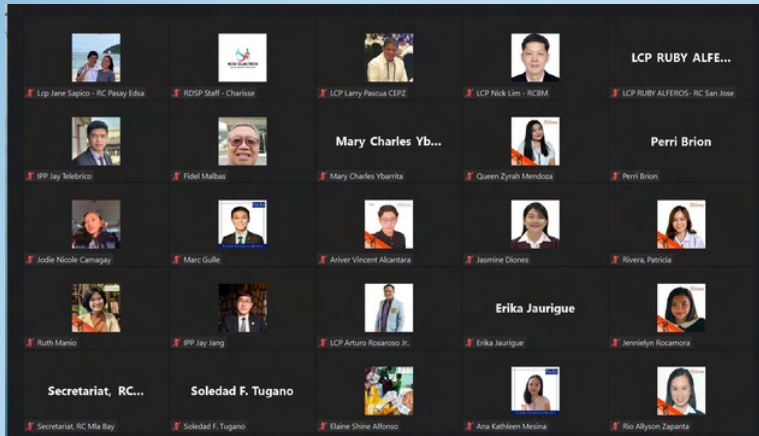
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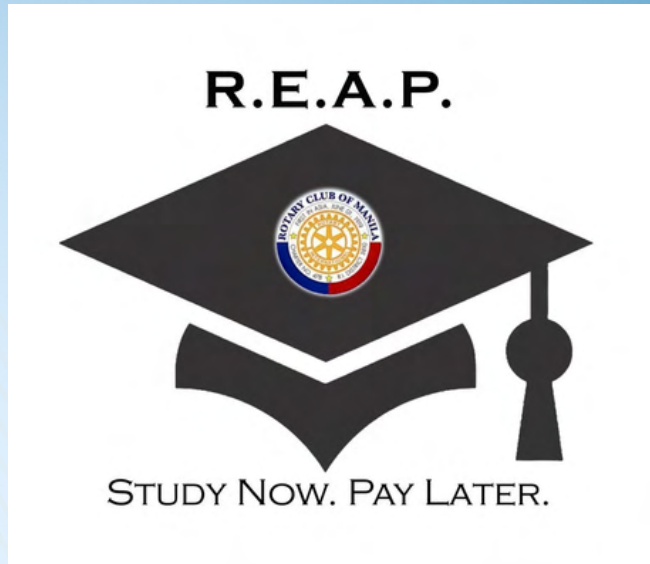
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BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

REAP Study Now Pay Later Program



REAP Project Synopsis

Project Name: REAP Study Now Pay Later Program

Project Description: The project aims to assist poor but deserving students to complete their courses and graduate from college by providing them loans to finance their educational needs. The loan will be repaid by the beneficiaries on a monthly basis stretched over 2 to 4 years at minimal interest. Loan repayment starts 3 months after the beneficiary lands a job

Funder: Dana Asia Foundation Inc. They will provide up to a maximum of P50 Million to fund this project.

Dana Asia is a registered not-for-profit organisation in Australia, Singapore and the Philippines, operating in South East Asia. Dana Asia works to source funds to be given in grants for the development of projects and activities in target communities, working with local partners to inspire and fund the creation and scaling of viable social business and educational activity aimed at lifting people away from poverty.

Dana Asia's vision aspires to overcome poverty by delivering sustainable and scalable solutions that empower the most disadvantaged in South East Asia and the Pacific.

Dana Asia provides funding and advises local implementation partners to enable sustainable business and community development activities in pursuit of two objectives: To raise income levels in target communities across South East Asia and Pacific through focused, locally relevant and community-driven development of social business. And, To foster sustainability and long-term impact through capacity building and empowerment of local community.

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

REAP Study Now Pay Later Program



Fund Manager : Grameen Pilipinas Microfinance Inc. They will receive and manage the funds from Dana Asia. They will also release the funds to the beneficiaries and receive the loan repayments.

Grameen Pilipinas is a financing company that charges minimal interest to loans extended primarily to communities for them to escape the clutches of poverty. They follow the tenet of the Nobel Peace Prize awardee Prof. Muhammad Yusuf, the founder of Grameen Bank of Bangladesh who aims for zero poverty, zero unemployment, and zero net carbon. Through the Grameen model, communities are empowered through microfinance, social business, and technology.

Project Administrator: Rotary Club of Manila. They will conduct interviews and select beneficiaries.

Fund Release Target: P 1.3 Million for the first year. P 50 Million for the entire program

Beneficiaries: Graduating students from public and private schools. Criteria to be decided by the committee. Selection through personal interviews, credit assessment.

Number of Beneficiaries: 17 for the first year. With yearly increases, up to a maximum of 50 at any one time. Potentially, 50 each succeeding year after the first loans are fully paid.

Project Duration: The project will be continuous. Loans to further beneficiaries will be funded from proceeds of loan repayments.



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Rotary Club of Manila Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Committee Holds Meeting on Study Now, Pay Later Program



Rotary Club of Manila Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Committee held a meeting last March 14, 2022. Present were IT/IPT Karlo Castro, ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, PP Teddy Ocampo, RCManila Foundation, Inc. President and Rotary Club of Manila PP Susing Pineda (Centennial President) (Chairman), Rtn. Romy Nones (Co-Chairman), IBLA/Dir. Amading Valdez and Rtn. John Emyl Eugenio.

SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Rotary Club of Manila Undertakes a Coastal Clean-up Drive at Aboitiz Cleanergy Park, Punta Dumalag, Davao



STAR Rtn. Ingy Bertelsen led the Rotary Club of Manila in undertaking a coastal clean-up at the Aboitiz Cleanergy Park located in Punta Dumalag, Davao last March 11, 2022. The Cleanergy Park, located at the coastal area of Punta Dumalag, serves as a sanctuary for “pawikans” and also for dozens of rare bird species which are able to thrive in a safe and secure environment. It is located very close to the new coastal road in downtown Davao.



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

The Outstanding Workers of the Republic (TOWER) Awards Committee Holds Meeting



The Outstanding Workers of the Republic (TOWER) Awards Committee held a meeting last March 15, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were RCManila Foundation, Inc. President and Rotary Club of Manila PP Susung Pineda (Centennial President) (Chairman), ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, IBLA/Dir. Amading Valdez, IDCCC/VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, PP Teddy Ocampo, STAR Rtn. Paco Magsaysay and ES Anna Kun Toledo.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

*The Outstanding Workers of the Republic
(TOWER) Awards Call for Nominations*

The poster features a large, stylized red ribbon on the left side, with a gold Rotary International award medal pinned to it. The background is a dark blue gradient. Logos for the Rotary Club of Manila, PMAP (People Management Association of the Philippines), and the Department of Labor & Employment are displayed at the top right. The word 'TOWER' is written in large, bold, gold-outlined letters, with a gold award medal integrated into the letter 'O'. Below 'TOWER', the text 'THE OUTSTANDING WORKERS OF THE REPUBLIC' is written in gold, followed by 'awards' in a gold script font. The phrase 'CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!' is in large, bold, white letters. Below this, contact information is provided for Anna, including an email address and two phone numbers. The deadline for nominations is stated at the bottom in gold letters.

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DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS ON MARCH 31, 2022

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Call for Nominations for the Journalism Awards of the Rotary Club of Manila



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March 4, 2022

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

The Journalism Awards, a legacy project of the Rotary Club of Manila, will be held on 09 June 2022 in conjunction with the celebration of Philippine Independence Day.

We are requesting you to submit a nominee or nominees from whom we will choose the "2022 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR."

A SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARD" to an international journalist, who showed exceptional gallantry and extraordinary reporting on the humanitarian aspect of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

1. Any of the following are qualified as nominees:

(a) Newspaper columnist

(b) Editorial writer in TV/Radio/Newspaper/Digital Media

(c) News Reporter, Broadcaster in TV/Radio/Newspaper & Digital Media

2. Minimum Criteria: Objective, impartial, truthful, Integrity, clarity, consistency in advocacy, nationalism, realism, 5 years in the profession.

3. Start of nomination: March 15, 2022. Last day of nomination: May 15, 2022

4. The nominees must accept their nomination and submit a brief resume with a photo.

5. The Rotary Club of Manila through the RCM Journalism Committee, or by the Board of Judges, may require additional information from the nominees as it will be necessary to ensure fair evaluation of their merit.

6. 10 Finalists will be selected from the nominees, one of whom will be chosen as the Journalist of the Year Awardee. The 10 finalists will be announced on 09 June 2022, during the weekly membership meeting (hybrid) of the Rotary Club of Manila at 12:30 noon.

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Call for Nominations for the Journalism Awards of the Rotary Club of Manila



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Nominations may be submitted to the Rotary Club of Manila thru email thru rcmanila@rcmanila.org. The resume of nominees and their acceptance may be accepted later.

We are requesting your early cooperation to ensure the continued success of this AWARD

Yours in Rotary,

Chito

F. FRANCISCO S. ZALDARRIAGA
President

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AMADO D. VALDEZ
Director / Chairman
Journalism Awards 2022

FELLOWSHIP

*Seniors and Stars:
A Fellowship Meeting
of the Rotary Club of Manila*



Seniors and Stars

A Fellowship Meeting
of the Rotary Club of Manila

PHP 1,500 / pax
Dinner with Wine

A portion of the proceeds will go
to the Rotary Dualtech Scholarship Program

@ The Heritage Hotel Manila
March 17, 2022
5:00PM - 9:00PM



Organizers:
Farid Schoucair | Bobby Joseph | Anton Mauricio | Teddy Tee



Programme

Welcoming of Guests	IPP Bobby Joseph
Message from the President	LCP Chito Zaldarriaga
Fellowship Dinner Proper	Star Rtn Anton Mauricio Star Rtn Teddy Tee
Closing Remarks	Rtn Farid Schoucair
Photo OP	



Romualdez Named Ambassador of the Year



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Romualdez named Ambassador of the Year

(The Philippine Star) - March 13, 2022 - 12:00am



MANILA, Philippines — Philippine Ambassador to the US Jose Manuel Romualdez received the “Ambassador of the Year” award from the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) during a virtual ceremony last Thursday.

In granting the award, RCM cited the Philippine envoy’s “exemplary strides in fostering bilateral relations” between the United States and the Philippines, resulting in the return of the Balangiga Bells to the country where it rightfully belongs, the vastly improved relations between the two countries, the successful negotiation of COVID-19 vaccines for the Philippines and

the “extraordinary improvement in trade relations between the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and the American Chamber of Commerce.”

In his acceptance speech, Romualdez admitted that the last four years in his tenure had been challenging but at the same time, rewarding and fulfilling because of the unique opportunity given him “to serve in a government position during challenging and critical times in our country’s history, as we saw and experienced in the past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic that has upended the lives of many people all over the world, and have brought down the economy of so many nations.”

In sharing the award with Filipinos, Romualdez said, “To be able to contribute in saving lives during the pandemic is something that words will never be able to describe,” at the same time giving credit to the IATF and the economic development teams of the government for their “tremendous efforts” in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the economy.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

PD Beda Fajardo's Fajardo Law Offices Chosen as 2022 Boutique Maritime Law Firm of the Year in the Philippines in the 2022 Global Law Experts Annual Awards

3/4/22, 8:59 AM

Yahoo Mail - Winners Notice - 2022 Global Law Experts Annual Awards

Winners Notice - 2022 Global Law Experts Annual Awards

From: James Bailey (jamesbailey@globallawexperts.com)

To: fajardolawoffices@yahoo.com.ph

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 02:55 AM GMT+8

Dear Mr. Beda Fajardo

Over recent months, we have conducted the extensive nomination and research process for the 2022 Global Law Experts Annual Awards. The shortlisted candidates were judged on client testimonials, key cases, legal rankings, overall reputation, publication contributions, speaking engagements and the performance and standing of teams and individual lawyers.

I am pleased to confirm that your firm has been chosen as the winner in the category – **Boutique Maritime Law Firm of the Year in the Philippines - 2022**

GLE is one of the world's leading online resources for locating specialist legal advisers for the services required by businesses, investors and individuals around the world with over 40,000 users visiting our website each month. The GLE awards have been running since 2009 and have helped many winners to further enhance their exposure to potential clients and to reaffirm their position as a market leader in their field.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on winning this award. I look forward to hearing back from you and I hope we can include your success in the Awards Publication and further promote your achievement.

Kind regards,

James Bailey
Awards Manager

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Paraiso Village Farm of DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph and STAR Rtn. Tony Meloto Featured in Philippine Daily Inquirer

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THIS FARM IS A PLACE FOR HEALING

Having begun as a Gawad Kalinga community, Paraiso Village Farm in San Jose, Batangas, is now a social tourism destination and a self-sustaining farm

By Marge C. Enriquez
@Inq_Lifestyle

A champion of social entrepreneurship has teamed up with a tourism industry leader to create a product that offers a rustic experience to visitors, with the aim of generating income for farmers and their families.

Antonio "Tony" Meloto, founder of the antipovetry, community-building movement, Gawad Kalinga (GK), and Robert "Bobby" Lim Joseph, civic leader, pioneer of the micro travel agency cooperative and chair of Philippine Wine Merchants, make a formidable team behind Paraiso Village Farm in San Jose, Batangas.

Established in 2018, this 8.8-hectare multipurpose development is built with villa-style accommodations, recreational facilities, a chapel and a multipurpose hall set amid agricultural lands and animal farms.

Like any resort, Paraiso Village Farm is a place where people can chill. On a weekend, women will be playing mah-jong, the men will enjoy their drinks under the trees, while the children swim in the pool with a jacuzzi. The organic food is the main attraction, since the ingredients are sourced from the farm. The menu specializes in ginataang langka, salads and Pinoy fare.

Joseph envisioned the Paraiso Village Farm as an endeavor for social tourism. On the farm tour, visitors are educated about the crop production and animal breeding. As restrictions ease further, it could offer educational tours for city children who have never seen a bitter melon vine or free-range chickens.

The place can be booked for special events, celebrations, outdoor concerts, team building, company outings, workshops, retreats and weddings.

No poverty mindset
The place started out as a GK community with homes for the indigent and education benefits for the youth. Unlike other GK villages which have been sustained by big donors, Paraiso Village Farm is self-reliant.

Meloto added that Paraiso has an environment favorable for GK's template of social entrepreneurship, or what he calls "profitability for sustainable philanthropy."

"Give the poor the motivation to remove the poverty mentality by providing them with opportunities," he said.

Instead of relying on dole-outs, farmers and farm hands make the land productive so that the profits can support the community. Farmers earn from freshly harvested organic vegetables which are delivered to customers in Metro Manila's affluent villages every Thursday. Paraiso likewise acts as a marketing hub for other growers outside the farm. A portion of their earnings is donated to GK's advocacy of promoting the welfare of the elderly in nearby towns.

"Throughout this pandemic, no one lost work in the farm," said Meloto. "Construction and agriculture were going on. The tricycle drivers and factory workers, who were out of work, were hired. They have homes and jobs. There's no need to pay for transport and they are safe from getting infected. This is an experiment on being a self-sustaining community that will be replicated around the country."

Golden years
"We also want to show that anybody who wants a farm can get it cheap," said Joseph.

Some investors have built thematic homes in 800-square-meter residential sites. A portion of the lot is dedicated to growing crops. The owner pays a monthly dues of P3,000, which includes maintenance and security. Hence, a farmer not only earns from an assigned farm lot, he also gets additional income from looking after an owner's property and its plantings and 30 percent from the sales of his harvest.

For added income, homeowners can likewise have their homes rented out for a few nights, as well.

Meloto cited a farmer/foreman, his wife and three children who work on the farm and earn an average



Farm-fresh organic vegetables can be delivered to the home or bought on-site for visitors.



Serenity Chapel, built from "araal" stone and sun-dried hardwoods, was the first facility built by Joseph in honor of his son Richard.

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Paraiso Village Farm of DDCC/IPP Bobby Joseph and STAR Rtn. Tony Meloto Featured in Philippine Daily Inquirer

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THIS FARM IS A PLACE FOR HEALING

FROM C1 household income of P50,000 a month. The sons augmented their income by pooling their resources to buy pigs and had earned P120,000 from the sales of the livestock. The earnings enabled other farmers to buy motorcycles and even a van.

These partners have a soft spot for their seniors' program. Both 72 years old, Joseph and Meloto feel blessed to have reached the Third Age, the golden years of adulthood. Every month, Valentine's Day and Christmas, Paraiso hosts some 300 citizens from San Jose, Cuenca and other towns, who are feted and entertained. These are supplemented with a week's supply of fresh produce and medicine.

Meloto cited that the biggest poverty is emotional, which is born out of loneliness. "We discuss this in Bobby's house every Thursday. I feel the same emotional need as a senior. You become powerless. I feel that God is not yet done with me," said Meloto.

New diagnosis

It's hard to imagine Meloto in that state, considering that he has received many awards, including Entrepreneur for the World 2012 in Lyon, France. In 2014, he shared the stage with Nobel Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, a Bangladeshi social entrepreneur, in Lille, France.

"I felt I was being honored for the work of millions of people who built Gawad Kalinga," Meloto recalled. However, he felt lonely at home, disempowered by physical aging and psoriasis, which triggered depression.

"People saw me onstage, thinking that I was Superman. They didn't understand my pain," he said.

Meloto was poised to retire until he met Joseph, who became an inspiration. "He has



Tony Meloto, hands-on social entrepreneur, amid the bitter melon vines



Bobby Joseph: "I'm just a supporter."

zest for life because he wants to do good. We became kindred spirits."

Joseph's 20-year bout with stage 4 cancer has been widely written about. Diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2002, he underwent surgery to remove a tumor on his left kidney. Five years later, the cancer metastasized to the heart, lungs and throat. He was treated with expensive medication.

Then in 2017, his 28-year-old son, Richard, fell from a building in Detroit, Michigan. Family and friends mourned the loss of a compassionate soul. In memory of his late son, Joseph built a chapel on the farm.

In the past 20 years, Joseph had undergone 14 surgeries to remove tumors in the brain, below the spine and the leg.

Despite his ailment, he kept busy in environmental campaigns, published several books on hospitality and protocols for VIPs and led tourism conventions, providing scholarships. He set up GK's travel agency, which booked its domestic and international visitors. After the Taal Volcano eruption, he built additional bathrooms for a public school in Batangas, which was used as an evacuation center.

Advocacies, prayers and work naturally energized him. "When I'm feeling well, I look for something to do," said Joseph.

A few weeks ago, Joseph encountered another battle. Diagnosed with liver cancer, he is banking on hope and waiting for the arrival of his medications.

At Paraiso, the mini forests, the clean air, blue skies, the chirping of the birds and the bonding with people relieve Joseph of anxieties.

Meloto gets enthusiastic hearing the success stories from the farmers, their families and how Paraiso has helped vulnerable populations. Stories about giving joy to a bedridden elderly by sending fresh produce a week before her demise, or giving livelihood to seniors and sending sons of farm hands to school or abroad warm his heart.

"This farm is a place for healing. This is our happy place. Miracles can happen for the elderly and the terminally ill," said Meloto.

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Manila Rotarians attended the Assistant Governors and District Team Training Seminar last March 12, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. Present were ISDG/ISAG/DE/Dir. Albert Alday, IDCC/VPE/Club Secretary Reggie Yu, PP Frank Evaristo and PD Issam Eldebs.

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs Holds meeting



The Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs held a meeting last March 15, 2022 via Zoom virtual platform. The agenda centered on the getting of a booth at the Rotary International Convention in Houston in June 2022. Present were Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs Chairman PD Nick Locsin, DG Catherine Gibson of Rotary Club of Seattle (Mother Club of the Rotary Club of Manila and PP Saumen Ray of the Rotary Club of Calcutta.

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By **Rotary International**

The crisis in Ukraine is having devastating consequences on civilians as families flee their homes. According to the United Nations, **more than 2 million people**, most of them women and children, have sought refuge in neighboring countries and across Europe, while about 1 million more people have been displaced within Ukraine.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Europe and around the world have taken swift action and are working with members nearby to provide food, water, medical equipment, and shelter for refugees.

The Rotary Foundation created a funding channel for relief efforts in Ukraine.

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Rotaract Europe

The European Rotaract Information Centre, a multidistrict information organization that serves Rotaractors all over Europe, created a United for Peace site that compiles information for refugees and volunteers.

- The site offers information about free rail, bus, and air transportation available to refugees and lists details about what's needed and how to help at specific national borders.
- It also has fundraising details for hospitals in the western Ukraine city of Lviv, as well as for clubs that are helping in various places and for other organizations in the region.
- The site lets Rotaractors coordinate shelter for refugees stranded at the border. Volunteer hosts can sign up through an online form and specify how many people they can house and for how long. Begun as an initiative to help fellow Rotary members leaving Ukraine, it's now being used by Rotaract and Rotary members all over Europe to offer help.
- A tool on the site links a demand for goods with available supplies. It was created within 48 hours after a team of 60 members from 10 countries met by videoconference about how to meet the most urgent needs.

Ukraine

Ukraine has 62 Rotary clubs and six satellite clubs with about 1,100 members, and 24 Rotaract clubs with more than 300 members.

- District 2232 (Ukraine and Belarus) formed a committee to help people affected by the crisis. It has launched an appeal to Rotary members worldwide for funds to provide basic necessities.
- The city of Lviv has had an influx of people displaced from other cities around Ukraine. The Rotary Club of Lviv International, working with local authorities and major hospitals, created an online spreadsheet of relief items that can be accessed by people who want to help. Members arrange for the donated items to be delivered to hospitals and coordinate storage with local warehouses.

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Poland

Poland has taken in more than a million refugees, and Rotary clubs all over the country created a central account for contributions.

- The Rotary Club of Olsztyn is collecting and managing donations for more than 150 Ukrainians who are staying at Ostróda Camp, a conference and recreation center. Most of the occupants are unaccompanied children whose parents stayed in Ukraine. Four cars full of supplies including food, clothes, toiletries, and toys were donated hours after the center began accepting refugees.
- Members of the Rotary Club of Zamosc worked with a member of the Rotary Club of Wolsztyn, who owns a medical supply distribution company, to coordinate a partnership with other organizations to collect supplies and equipment.
- The Rotary Club of Gdansk Centrum is providing accommodations for four refugee families, and members who own businesses are offering them work.

Other countries that border Ukraine

- The Rotary Club of Kisvárdá, Hungary, is coordinating contributions and mobilizing members to donate necessities and deliver the items to where they're needed.
- Rotary members in Romania and Moldova have created a central fund for contributions and set up WhatsApp groups that organize food donations and coordinate shelter for refugees.
- In Slovakia and the Czech Republic, clubs have partnered with a railway and cargo company to offer transportation to nearly 2,300 refugees.

Kim Widlicki and Claudia Brunner contributed to this article.

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**The Rotary Foundation has created a channel
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Straight from the Horse's Mouth

by IDDCC/VPE/Club Secretary
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A HEART FOR EXCELLENCE. "Life is really not easy; we all have our personal battles, but it is important that you really treasure yourself, love yourself and have a sense of self-worth."
– Heart Evangelista

It's no secret that HEART EVANGELISTA is the poster child for all things luxe, beauty, fashion, and wellness. The actress has long been lauded for being able to juggle an extremely busy schedule, while still being able to maintain her glorious looks amidst the life she leads. One of the Philippines' most loved actresses, Heart is also a visual artist, fashion icon, author, philanthropist, social media star and visual artist. She has appeared on numerous magazine covers around the globe and been a staple in Philippine media since from a young age. Given her many endorsements, business collaborations, movies, television shows and, recently, two billboards in New York's Times Square, there is no doubt that she is a force to be reckoned with in the country's media landscape.

Born Love Marie Payawal Ongpauco, Heart entered the entertainment industry at the age of 14 and has been working ever since. In one of her first roles, she captivated local audiences with her portrayal of the chic, ultra-feminine Missy Sandejas in ABS-CBN's teen-oriented series "G-mik." Today, Evangelista says that playing the role of Missy put her on the path to discovering her own sense of style.

After making her breakthrough in the mid-2000s, she has since become one of the most recognizable faces on the Filipino small screen.



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As an accomplished painter, Evangelista had sold out solo exhibitions from various galleries such as the Ayala Museum and Galerie Joaquin. She uses her real name, Love Marie, in her paintings. Her first solo exhibition was held at the Ayala Museum in 2014, entitled I am Love Marie: The Art and Works of Love Marie Ongpauco. On the same year, she participated in the Visual Arts Festival through the Focus on the Arts: Art in Transit exhibitions. She also held her second solo exhibition on the same year at Galerie Joaquin through her Love Marie gallery. Her third solo exhibition, Love Marie: A Solo Exhibition of a World Class Filipina, was held at the Raffles Hotel's Chan Hampe Galleries in Singapore in 2015. She also collaborated with Rocio Olbes's children's book, Daughter of the Sun and the Moon, and participated in the Art Fair Philippines 2015: maARTE and PortrAYAL (LAYA): Portraits for Freedom Big & Small Art Co.

In 2016, she collaborated with designer Mark Bumgarner through the LMxMB: when art meets fashion, as well as with A.A. Patawaran through the book HaiNAku and other poems. Her fourth solo exhibition was held at the Ayala Museum through her Oceans Apart gallery. Her iconic hand painted bags were also introduced on the same year at BMW BGC through her exhibition, Carry your heART. In 2017, she again collaborated with A.A. Patawan at the

S Maison Conrad Hotel through the HaiNAku 1st Anniversary Exhibit. She also held, HEART & Style, a public exhibition of works of art at Fashion Hall of SM Mega Mall. In April 2018, she launched another art exhibit at ArtistSpace Gallery of the Ayala Museum. On the same year, she again collaborated with A.A. Patawaran through the book, Manila Was A Long Time Ago, which featured her pet dog named Panda. Her "Follow Your Heart" artwork was featured in the February 2019 US edition of Harper's Bazaar.

Her foundation, Heart Can, aims to help children with respiratory diseases. Her foundation has been active since its inception and has helped thousands of children with special needs. Heart is also an LGBT icon and a recipient of Lagablab Network's Equality Champion Award in the Philippines, being a strong supporter for the passage of the SOGIE Equality Bill, which provides protections on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression.

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Apart from being a renowned international painter, Heart is also active in the artistic community, notably in Asia. She is also a massive dog-lover and animal rights advocate. She regularly posts about how people can be better pet parents or help animals in need. She often finds herself adopting pets, and regularly visits shelters. Because of her love for pets, she became a spokesperson for PAWS or (Philippine Animal Welfare Society), launching various campaigns for the organization such as the Have a Heart for Aspins campaign. She admitted in an interview that she was traumatized at a young age after seeing their neighbor slaughtering some dogs. When they told the authorities about the killings, her report was just made fun of. Heart has also been supporting the Balikatan Thalassemia for children with rare diseases, Corridor of Hope for children with cancer and the Cerebral Palsy Association of Sorsogon where her husband, Governor Chiz Escudero, hails from.

More recently, she reached another international milestone as she made it to Vogue Singapore's best dressed list for Paris Fashion Week. Appearing in Vogue Singapore's list alongside Heart are some of Hollywood's biggest icons like Rihanna, Emma Stone, Victoria Beckham, Zendaya, Kim Kardashian, Anya Taylor-Joy, Sophie Turner and BLACKPINK members Jennie and Jisoo. She's the only Filipina celebrity in the list. Heart has been staying in Paris since late February of 2022 for the renowned fashion event where she was seen attending the shows of Dior and Isabel Marant, sitting beside international model Leonie Hane, participating in Louis Vuitton workshops, hanging out with Hermès Executive Michael Coste, and having breakfast with Vogue Editor-In-Chief Anna Wintour and British Vogue Editor-In-Chief Edward Enninful.

With Heart's multi-faceted talents, she will certainly go a long way in touching the hearts of more countless admirers as she continues to strive for excellence in her endeavors!

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