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DEI TOWNHALL MEETING



JENNIFER JONES

Rotary International President
RY 2022-2023

KABALITA

The RI President is coming to town. There will in fact be a town hall meeting at the Philippine International Convention Center where she will have the opportunity to interact and discuss, in one venue, the RI policy of diversity, equity, and inclusion with many Filipino Rotarians. The Rotary Club of Manila, First in Asia, will surely be at the forefront with a big number of Manila Rotarians attending this momentous event. Today, November 24, all roads lead to PICC.



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PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Dear fellow Manila Rotarians,

We are all thrilled that Rotary International President Jennifer Jones is in the Philippines this week as part of her **Imagine Impact Tour**. We are honored to have the opportunity to attend the **DEI Townhall Meeting** today at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).



This event is an important opportunity to hear directly from the RI President her commitment to make Rotary more accessible and equitable. We are inspired to hear how she is championing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Rotary. The Townhall Meeting will provide a platform for dialogue around DEI initiatives and an opportunity to share best practices.

We are committed to making Rotary a more diverse and inclusive organization that embraces the unique differences among our members and encourages everyone to reach their full potential. We are excited to be part of this historic meeting and look forward to learning more about the initiatives President Jones will be introducing.

Meanwhile, here are the meetings, events and activities I attended during the past week.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

45th Anniversary and 46th Induction Ceremonies of Seven Lakes Lions Club MJF

Wednesday, 16 November 2022

I attended the Seven Lakes Lions Club MJF event held at Vikings, SM Mall of Asia last Wednesday, November 16. The Seven Lakes Lions Club MJF is our partner club at the Eye Prosthetic Project held last August 29, 2022 at the Veridian Social Hall in Greenhills, San Juan which served 40 pediatric eye cancer patients.

RCM will continue Service Project partnerships with organizations in line with the Rotary's commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI).



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Rotary Club of Manila San Miguel's 39th Charter Anniversary and 40th Handover and Induction Ceremonies 2022

Friday, 18 November 2022

I attended the 39th Charter Anniversary and 40th Handover and Induction Ceremonies of Rotary Club of Manila San Miguel that was held in East Ocean Palace located in Aseana Entertainment City, Pasay City.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



The event's theme was "Crazy Rich Asian".



With DG Joyce Ambray and RC Manila San Miguel PLP Mary Co



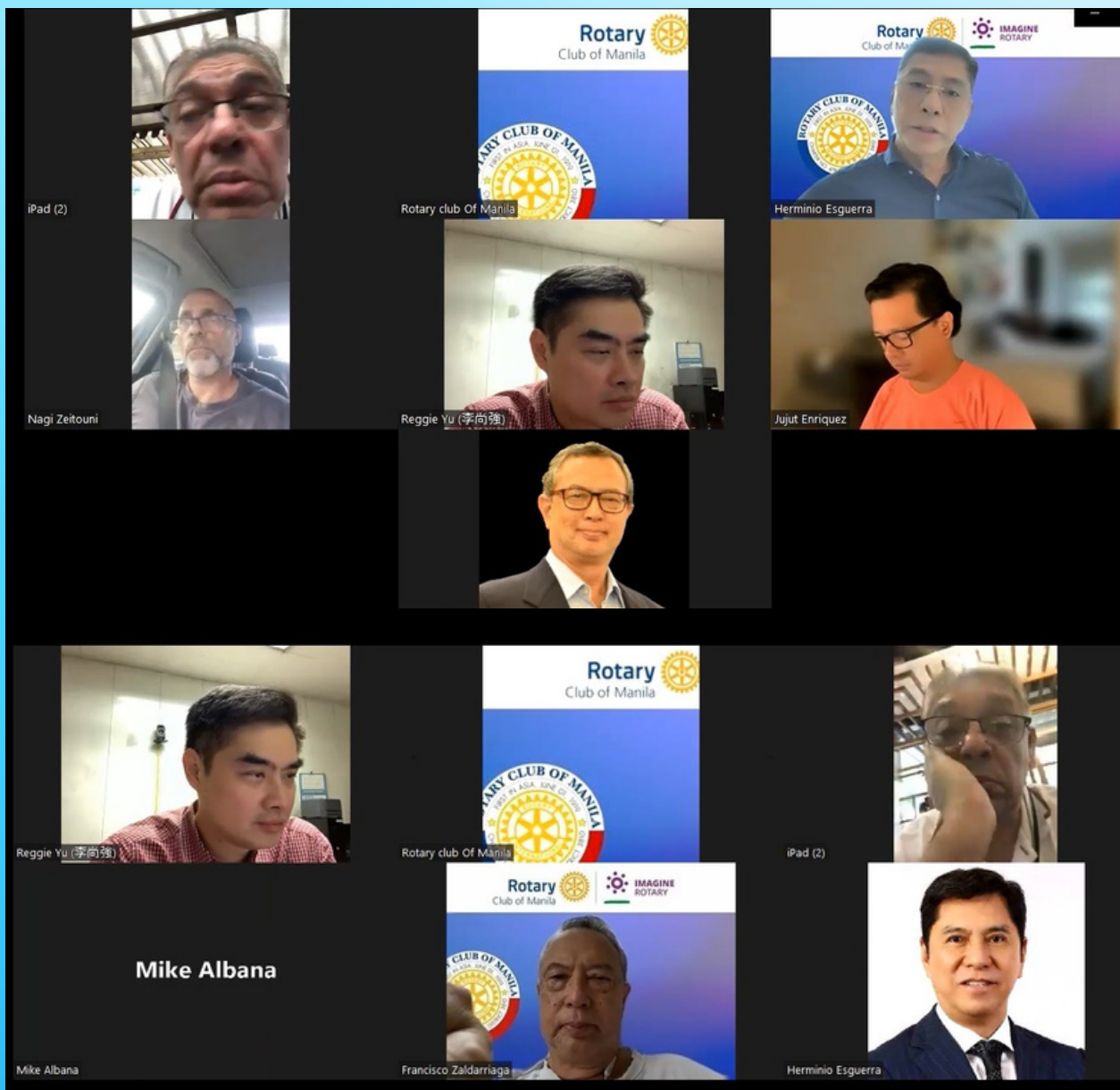
With PDG Rudy Bediones, Past First Lady Sharon Bediones and DG Joyce Ambray

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Fourth Special Board Meeting

Saturday, 19 November 2022, 9:00 a.m.

We had our Fourth Special Board Meeting last Saturday, November 19. With me at the meeting were IPP Chito Zaldarriaga, VP Reggie Yu, Directors Johnny Chotrani and Jujut Enriquez, and Asst. Secretary Mike Albaña.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Project Inspection: Mobile Potable Water Station and Charging Station

Sunday, 20 November 2022

I'm happy to give an update on the mobile potable water station and charging station project. This is a joint project of the Rotary Club of Manila, Rotary Club of Paco Manila and Rotary Club of Lahaina, Hawaii.



On top of the potable water station is the mark of Rotary excellence which I installed



In front is the water tank and the water filtration system



On the right side is the refilling station to provide clean water for communities affected by calamities



On the left side is the phone and laptop charging station to keep the community connected even when power is out



At the back is the generator and spare water filters



We just need to change the tires and put Rotary branding, and the mobile-potable-water-station-cum-charging-station is ready to go!

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

An Update on the Child Patient Diagnosed with Nephrotic Syndrome

Sunday, 20 November 2022

Last September, we helped Cjay Benozza Severa who was diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome. This is him today, cured of his kidney ailment. He just needs maintenance medicine.



The family is currently staying at the Esguerra Farm as they wait for his follow-up check-up. The family is grateful to the Rotary Club of Manila for all the help and support extended to them.

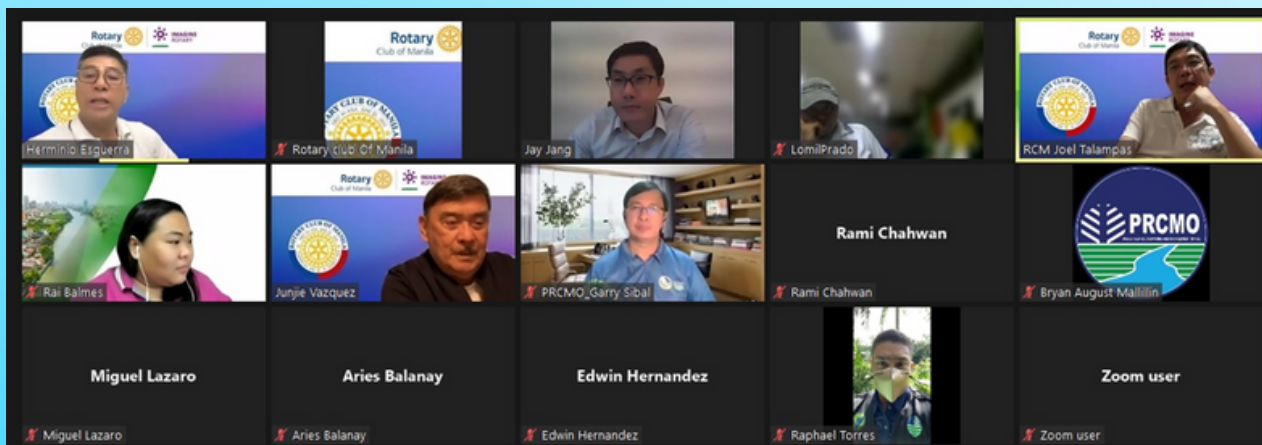
Thank you, Director in Charge for Medical Treatment and Child Care PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan, Chairman PD John Cenica (for referring the urologist) and Co-Chairman of Maternal and Child Care Committee Rtn. Brix Pujalte for the guidance and referral to National Kidney Hospital.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Coordination Meeting to Prepare for the Visit of our Sister Club, Rotary Club of Sang Ju Central

Tuesday, 22 November 2022, 6:00 p.m.

We had a coordination meeting last Tuesday, November 22 via Zoom to prepare for the visit of our sister club, Rotary Club of Sang Ju Central, RI District 3630, South Korea. In attendance were Chairman/Sec. Edwin Hernandez, Dir. Hans Palacios, Dir. Albert Alday, SAA Nagi Zeitouni, Rtn. Rami Chahwan, Rtn. JB Pallasigue, Rtn. Joel Talampas, Grant Chairman Aries Balanay, Save Pasig River Chairman Junjie Vazquez, STAR Rotarians Ben Ibuyan and Miguel Lazaro, Pasig River Coordination and Management Office Team, and Rotary Club of Manila Premier Past President Jay Jang.



Meeting of the Committee on Rotary Vision Care

Wednesday, 23 November 2022

We had a Zoom meeting yesterday, November 23, to plan for the launch of Rotary Vision Care, an approved Global Grant project #2344386.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Rotaract Club of DLSU's Financial Literacy Program

Wednesday, 23 November 2022, 2:00 p.m.

I joined VPE/VP Reggie Yu, Asst. Secretary Mike Albaña and Rtn. JB Pallasigue yesterday in supporting the Rotaract Club of De La Salle University's Financial Literacy Program.



That's all for this week. I hope you join me in sharing your enthusiasm and energy for Rotary International's commitment to DEI.

Let's all have a great Thursday, my fellow Manila Rotarians!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pres. Hermie Esguerra

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. DEI, or diversity, equity and inclusion refers to a policy or practice that is designed to make people of various backgrounds feel welcome and ensure they have the needed support to perform to the fullest of their abilities. It is a term used to describe programs that promote the representation and participation, in an association or workplace, of different groups of individuals, including people of different ages, races and ethnicities, abilities and disabilities, genders, religions, cultures and sexual orientations.



This is a policy that is being pursued by Rotary International (RI). Conformably with this policy, the RI By-Laws (Section 4.070) provides that “(e)ach club xxx shall endeavor to build a well-balanced membership that celebrates diversity, equity, and inclusion. No club xxx, regardless of when it joined RI, may in any way limit membership due to gender, race, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation, or impose any membership condition not specifically allowed by the RI constitution or bylaws. Any membership provision or condition in conflict with this section is null, void, and without effect.”

All clubs registered prior to 6 June 1922, which includes RCM, have been required to adopt the standard RI Constitution for clubs. The standard Constitution states that “(t)his club shall be composed of adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world” (Article 8, Section 1).

However, the RI Council on Legislation’s Enactment 89-76 allowed clubs to operate under specified variations to the standard RI constitution, “provided the exact texts of the variations have been sent to and identified by the board of directors of Rotary International by 31 December 1989.” The Rotary Club of Manila’s being an all-male club is one of the variations from the standard Rotary Club Constitution that was timely sent and reported to the RI board of directors sometime in December 1989. Thus, pursuant to Enactment 89-76, RCM is allowed to operate under the variations that were reported to RI in compliance with the latter’s directive.

To be sure, however, RCM is fully supportive of the DEI policy of RI. In fact, the programs, projects and initiatives of the Club are consciously designed and planned to touch the lives of a diverse group of people, as well as effect changes in communities and institutions where everyone is respected, valued and welcomed. RCM also has specific projects whose special emphasis is addressing the needs and concerns of women and children. More, RCM actively partners and pursues projects with other Rotary Clubs that have all-gender memberships.

Consistent with RI’s noble objective, RCM fully recognizes that each individual must have “the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.” This is why RCM ensures that its partnerships, pursuits, and projects are always aimed towards promoting and championing diversity, equity and inclusion.

20th REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The 20th Regular Meeting had **Rtn. Joel Valdes** as Program Moderator/Facilitator.



Sounding the bell, **Pres. Hermie Esguerra** called the meeting to order.



Humbly calling upon our loving Father God, **STAR Rtn. Xavy Zialcita** led the Invocation and Special Prayer.



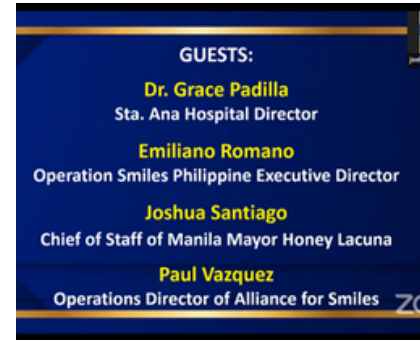
Two national anthems were sang: the **USA National Anthem** and the **Philippine National Anthem**. The latter was made more meaningful and alive by the **Rotary Club of Manila Audiovisual Presentation**, featuring captivating images of Manila Rotarians.



STAR Rtn. Philip Brian Wombwell led the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test.

20th REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP

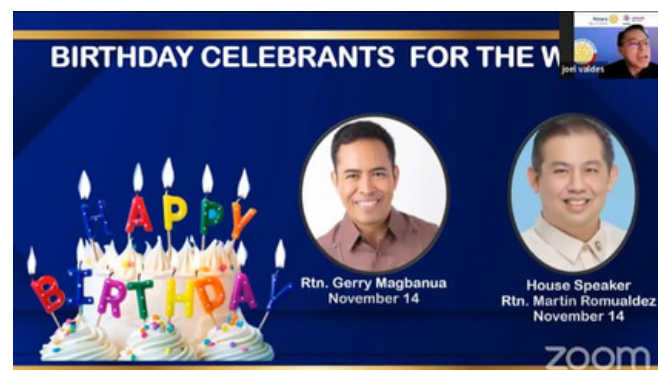
Everyone's Rotarian spirit was inspired with the singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn**, made more meaningful with the accompanying audiovisual presentation.



The Moderator acknowledged and introduced the Visiting Guests and Rotarians.



The **World Famous Chorale** sang RCM's signature Welcome Song to the delight of the guests and visitors.



The week's birthday celebrants were duly acknowledged, namely **Rtn. Gerry Magbanua** and **Rtn. Martin Romualdez**. This was followed by the **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the happy birthday song.



Pres. Hermie Esguerra delivered his president's time.



PD Nick Locsin introduced the **Guest Speaker -- Christopher Wiseman, President, Rotary Club of San Francisco, U.S.A. (RY 2022-2023)**.

20th REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



Guest Speaker RCSF President Christopher Wiseman delivered a truly wonderful message.



Past President Mary Liu, RC San Francisco made a presentation of the initiative that is being jointly pursued by the RCM and RCSF.

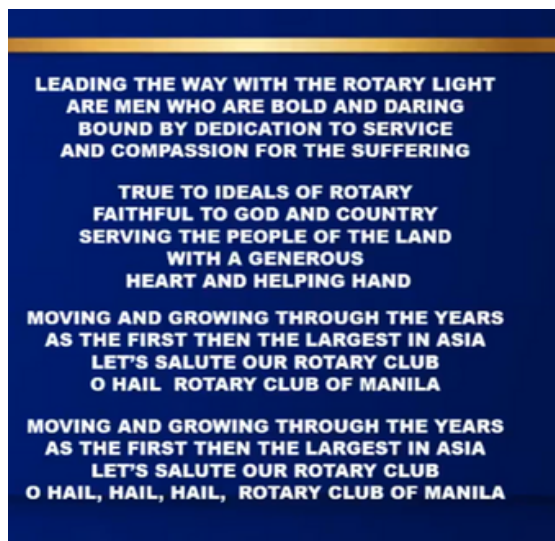


Important matters were further discussed and clarified during the open forum participated by **Pres. Hermie Esguerra, PD Oca Del Rosario, Rtn. John Michael Cutter**, and **PD Beda Fajardo**.

20th REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



President Hermie Esguerra and Programs Committee Chairman IPD Amading Valdez presented the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by **Club Secretary Edwin Hernandez**, to **Guest Speaker Christopher Wiseman, President, Rotary Club of San Francisco, U.S.A. RY 2022-2023.**



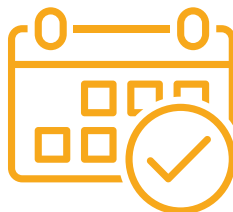
The **World Famous Music Chorale Audiovisual Presentation** propelled the inspired singing of the **RC Manila Hymn.**



Pres. Hermie Esguerra delivered his closing remarks and adjourned the meeting.

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2022-2023

November 2022	<u>03 November 2022</u> Pgen. Rodolfo Santos Azurin, Jr. (28th Chief, Philippine National Police)	<u>10 November 2022</u> Hon. Mark O. Cojuangco, Representative, 2nd District of Pangasinan	<u>17 November 2022</u> RC President Christopher Wiseman, Rotary Club of San Francisco, USA
All Members Present	43	61	55
All Members in virtual FB	0	1	0
Make Up	19	16	4
Less: Exempt from Attendance	2	6	1
On Leave	0	0	0
Total Active Members	60	72	58
Total # of Members	235	235	235
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	26%	31%	25%
ROTARACTORS	0	0	0
MEDIA	2	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	0	0	0
GOHS / GS	8	1	3
Visiting Rotarians	0	0	1
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	8	2	1
Others	0	11	0
Total attendees	61	76	60



List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2022-2023

(As of November 23, 2022, 1:00 PM)

FULLY PAID

1	Abastillas, Celso E.
2	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.
3	Abriam, Ariel
4	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.
5	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"
6	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
7	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"
8	Alday, Albert S.
9	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.
10	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.
11	Alvarez, Servando, Jr.
12	Ampil, Alvin
13	Arguelles, Pablo
14	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.
15	Balanay, Aries
16	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.
17	Batur, Sinan
18	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
19	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
20	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
21	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
22	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"
23	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
24	Bogovich, Jason M.
25	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"
26	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.
27	Cabuñag, Rogelio "Roger" R.
28	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
29	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
30	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
31	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
32	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
33	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
34	Cenica, John T.
35	Chahwan, Rami
36	Chotrani, Johnny N.
37	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.
38	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
39	Creencia, Raoul
40	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.
41	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
42	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
43	David, Virgilio "Vee"
44	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
45	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.
46	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.
47	Dee, Marcus L.
48	Del Rosario, Oscar
49	Del Valle, Randolph "Randy"
50	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"

51	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel
52	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.
53	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"
54	Domingo, Rico V.
55	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.
56	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
57	Echavez, Antonio
58	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
59	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
60	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
61	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
62	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.
63	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
64	Evaristo, Frank A.
65	Everingham, Richard Jack
66	Fajardo, Beda G.
67	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
68	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
69	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.
70	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
71	Garcia, Theodore
72	Garcia, Victor
73	Gaspar, Fernando "Nando" L.
74	Gierran, Dante "Dan"
75	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
76	Go, Henry Sy
77	Go, Michael
78	Gonzales, Michael Raymond
79	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
80	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
81	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
82	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
83	Hallare, Nicolo "Nic" S.
84	Hallerbach, Mathias
85	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
86	Hernandez, Edwin
87	Hesse, Uwe
88	Hortaleza, Rolando
89	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
90	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.
91	Joseph, Ralph L.
92	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.
93	Jucaban, Jeric J.
94	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
95	Koh, Paul Anthony
96	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
97	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
98	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez
99	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
100	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"

CLUB

ADMINISTRATION

101	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
102	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
103	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
104	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
105	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
106	Lim, Richard
107	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
108	Locsin, Roberto R.
109	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
110	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.
111	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
112	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
113	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
114	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
115	Magbanua, Gerry
116	Magpale, Jose Paolo
117	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
118	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
119	Mangalile, Senen
120	Martinez, Ronald
121	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
122	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
123	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
124	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
125	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
126	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
127	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.
128	Mueller, Klaus
129	Naravannamoorthy, Nantha K.
130	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.
131	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
132	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
133	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
134	Okajima, Hiroyuki
135	Ong, Jovee K.
136	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
137	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L. "Mike"
138	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
139	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
140	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
141	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
142	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"
143	Patterson, Colin David
144	Payumo, Felicitio "Tong" C.
145	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
146	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
147	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
148	Pizarra, Jordan M.
149	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
150	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.
151	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
152	Ramos, Claver P.
153	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
154	Recto, Philip H.
155	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.
156	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.
157	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
158	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.
159	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.

160	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
161	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.
162	Rono, Marlon
163	Roxas, Michael
164	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel "Rocco" M.
165	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
166	Schmitz, Steffan
167	Schneider, Bernd
168	Schoucair, Farid Alain
169	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
170	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
171	Shigei, Kentaro
172	Shimoda, Shigeru
173	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
174	Sicat, Michael Allan E. "Mike"
175	So, Warren
176	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.
177	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
178	Souvlakis, Nicolas
179	Stranathan, Ike
180	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
181	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
182	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
183	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
184	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
185	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
186	Tan, John
187	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.
188	Tang, Jimmy T.
189	Tanglao, Noel V.
190	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
191	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
192	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
193	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
194	Uy, Ivan John Enrile "Ivan"
195	Valdes, Joel C.
196	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
197	Valdez, Jason
198	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
199	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
200	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"
201	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.
202	Villarica, Henry R.
203	Villegas, Raoul A.
204	Wombwell, Philip Brian
205	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.
206	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
207	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.
208	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
209	Zeitouni, Nagi
210	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.
211	Zimmer, Christopher

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1	Angara, Marius
2	Caasi, Urbano, Jr. "Banit" S.
3	Yujuico, Brendon

RCMFI Plans the RCM Christmas Party



RCMFI plans the RCM Christmas Party for December 8, 2022 at the Pacific Star Building in Makati. Shown here during the planning session at the same venue is RCMFI Chair Pepo Nuñez, RCMFI President Lito Sibayan, RCM Membership Director Jujut Enriquez, Fellowship Chair Teddy Tee and Co-Chair Rami Chahwan, and RCMFI Assistant Secretary Anton Mauricio.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Shelter Kits for Families Affected by Typhoon
Paeng in Sipalay and Cotabato Get Help
from the Rotary Club of Manila*



COMMUNITY SERVICE



On behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila Disaster Relief Committee, I would like to thank our beloved members who donated to fund our Typhoon Paeng Relief Operations providing shelter kits to 113 affected families. I would also like to acknowledge Pres. Hermie Esguerra, VP Reggie Yu, Treas. Karlo Castro, ES Anna, DSAA Nagi Zeitouni, Rtns. Rami Chahwan and Inov Talusan, STAR Rtn. Mike Roxas and Co-Chair JB Pallasigue for the support and assistance in the planning, organization and implementation of the relief operations for Noveleta, Sipalay and Cotabato City. Kudos and a snappy salute to all of you!

Michael Albaña
Chairman
RCM Disaster Relief Committee

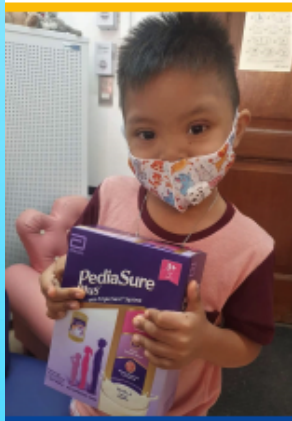
MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE

PGH Children's Cancer Initiative



Philippine General Hospital Cancer Institute

"Offering Cheer and Hope through a Giving Heart"



Cancer is the leading cause of death for children worldwide. And, here in the Philippines, approximately 8,000 children between the ages of 1 to 19 are diagnosed annually. Sadly, we are experiencing a critical shortage of doctors specializing in childhood cancers with only 51 pediatric oncologists nationwide. And, while there are 130 Philippines hospitals which treat these children, there are only 4 with dedicated pediatric oncology wards.

While elsewhere around the globe, survival from pediatric cancer is nearly 87%, the rate for children in the Philippines is 20-30%. Sadly, the Covid19 pandemic has prevented more two-thirds of the children traveling each month to Manila from receiving potential diagnosis and care.

The Rotary Club of Manila has supported the work of Philippine General Hospital Cancer Institute by providing needed support for medication, family assistance, and supplements for young patients undergoing chemotherapy. But, their needs are growing critically more urgent by the week. Annual patient and operational funding now amounts to more than 6.5 million.

RCM has previously raised over 600,000 and is committed to raising 4 million in an effort to provide for these young chemotherapy patients. And, we earnestly ask each of you to join with us in these fundraising efforts.

Besides raising funds for Philippine General Hospital Cancer Institute, we will also be supporting a "Christmas Toy and Food Drive" for over 150 children and families. We will be looking for toy and food donations as well.

Let us be life changing for each these young patients in showing them that our commitment is greater than their fears and that our hearts are bigger than their hopes! **Please join us and support our Philippine General Hospital Cancer Institute's support activities by donating any of the requested items below!**

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| • Pillows | • Foodstuffs for assembling packages for the families | • Pediatric pulse oximeters |
| • Blankets | • PediaSure Plus milk supplement, vanilla flavor only | • Pediatric blood pressure app |
| • Toys | • Covid Antigen testing kits | • Nebulizers |
| • Books, reading | | |
| • Books, coloring + crayons | | |
| • Diapers (S, M, L, XL, XXL) | | |



DENR, Rotary Club of Manila Boost Pasig River Rehab

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SUNDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2022
DAILY TRIBUNE

GLOBAL GOALS

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DENR, Rotary Club Manila boost Pasig River rehab

'These trash barriers will prevent garbage from floating down into the Pasig River, thus helping bring back the Pasig River to its pristine condition,' said RCM president Herminio S. Esguerra.

BY GIGIE ARCILLA

The government found the right partner in the Rotary Club of Manila in sustaining the rehabilitation of the Pasig River.

True to its commitment to support environmental protection initiatives as one of its areas of focus, the Rotary Club of Manila, Asia's first Rotary Club, donated 395 floating trash traps to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office on 8 November 2022.

RCM president Herminio S. Esguerra said the floating trash barriers will be positioned at the opening of 18 esteros within the 420-meter stretch of the Pasig River.

'These trash barriers will prevent garbage from floating down into the Pasig River, thus helping bring back the Pasig River to its pristine condition,' he said.

A flagship project of the Rotary Club of Manila, the trash traps, according to Esguerra, are the first of their kind to ever be installed in any of the Philippines' waterways.

Esguerra, a long-time environmental advocate, said his involvement traces back to 1995 when he was a donor of the 'Piso para sa Pasig' project under the Clean and Green program of then First Lady Amelita Ramos.

The Pasig River rehabilitation, he said, should be a multisectoral partnership of the

media, local government units, the church, and the Department of Education.

'It should be included in the school curriculum. The LGUs must impose a strict penalty on polluters while the Church can help by including it in their homilies. The media, of course, plays a very important role in information dissemination,' he said.

He added that no matter how the government works to clean Pasig River, it wouldn't be sustainable without the cooperation of the public.

Esguerra said he looks forward to the time when each one takes the responsibility of caring for the river just like how they do in other countries.

'A healthy river leads to economic and tourism development,' he added.

DENR Assistant Secretary Joan A.



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Lagunda, Executive Director of the Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office, said the donated trash traps are a great help to river warriors who have to endure the difficult job of clearing the river of trash every day.

Citing a television documentary that showed the extent of the problem in waste management and rehabilitation of Pasig River, Lagunda lamented that the problem is not simply garbage disposal.

'The problem is not just cleaning the river, not just the amount of pollution and waste. Our problem is behavior, which cleaning alone cannot solve. Our enemy is human behavior, and the solution is knowledge, change, and action,' she said in Filipino.

Lagunda cannot thank the RCM enough and the whole Rotarian community for their concern for the river warriors and Pasig River.

'I know that the Rotarian community is capable, not just because it has vast resources, but because it is made up of people who share a passion for a commitment to enhancing communities and improving lives through its seven areas of focus,' she added.

Lagunda, along with RCM Community Service Director Iliana Palacios and Sare Manila Bay/Pasig River Committee chairperson Junjie Vazquez, received the donated trash traps from Esguerra. She also led the blessing of the PRCMO's new trash boat at the Lawton Ferry Station.

'We can see that the Pasig River is no longer dirty and pungent. The Pasig River of today is gradually evolving into the new Pasig River — the Pasig River of tomorrow,' she said.



ROTARY Club of Manila president Herminio S. Esguerra (third from right) with fellow Rotarians during the turnover of 395 floating trash traps to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, represented by Assistant Secretary Joan A. Lagunda (standing, third from left), Executive Director of the Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office, at the Lawton Ferry Station on 8 November 2022.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Pinning of Ambassador Pin on Rtn. George Neil Paraoan of Rotary Club of Cebu



Pinning of Ambassador Pin on Rtn. George Neil Paraoan of Rotary Club of Cebu by Dir. Johnny Chotrani. Witnessing the pinning are DGN Jackie Rodriguez, PDG Vince Carlos, Rtn. Juan Montel and Rtn. Ariel Abriam.



Pictures, planning and meeting with RCC Ambassador George Neil Paraoan to RCM on plans of continued mutual social and service projects. Present were PDG Vince Carlos, Director for International Service Johnny Chotrani, RCM Ambassador to Spain Juan Montel, Chairman of International Relations Committee Nick Locsin, PS Ariel Abriam and DGN Jackie Rodriguez.

During the meeting, RCM Director for International Relations Johnny Chotrani pinned the Ambassador's pin on RCC Ambassador to RCM.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

Rtn. Paco Magsaysay Awarded 2022 Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year by the Italian Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines



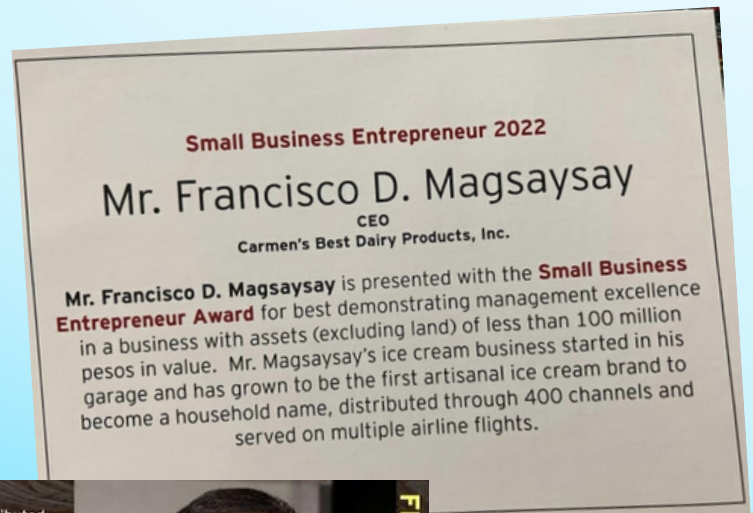
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*Congratulations, Paco M,
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Rtn. Paco Magsaysay Awarded Small Business Entrepreneur 2022



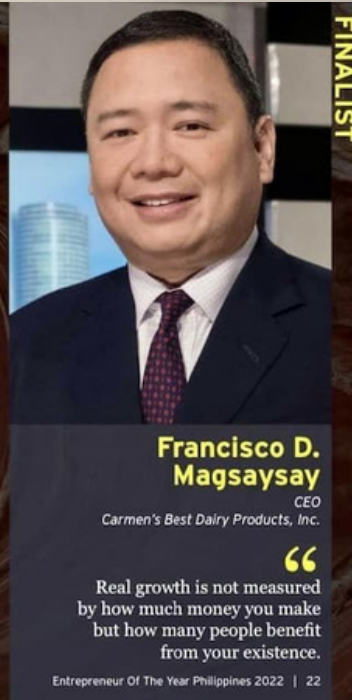
Francisco D. Magsaysay was overseeing his family's cable TV and Internet business when his father asked him to help increase the sales of their dairy farm in 2009. Mr. Magsaysay, who grew up in the US and who graduated with a degree in marketing, tried to distribute the company's milk products to resorts and high-end recreation centers, only to realize later that the demand for fresh milk was not high enough.

Wanting to avoid wasting the oversupply of milk, Mr. Magsaysay came up with the idea of using the unsold milk products to produce homemade ice cream. Equipped with a small machine and with the support of his household helpers, Magsaysay started making his own ice cream and selling it from his garage.

Since its establishment, Carmen's Best's track record has been one of growth, driven by long-term business strategy and customer satisfaction. Under Mr. Magsaysay, Carmen's Best is the first brand to make artisanal ice cream a household name and is now one of the country's most iconic ice cream brands.

To date, Carmen's Best is distributed through 400 channels that range from community resellers to corporate accounts. It is also served on outbound flights of Singapore Airlines, Qantas, Delta Airlines, and Philippine Airlines' business class section. Carmen's Best opened its first shop in Singapore in 2019.

Mr. Magsaysay ensures that his business places importance on supporting institutions that help those in need. Part of its proceeds are donated to the Philippine General Hospital and the Good Shepherd Convent in Baguio. His vision for Carmen's Best is holistic and inclusive, encompassing commercial and social responsibilities. For him, a company's real growth is not only measured by how much money it makes, but also by how many people benefit from its existence.



COGS IN THE WHEEL

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**AML Hotel Consultancy
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Handsome, dapper, and with a warm formality, he is one of the region's top hotel veterans having been GM of 5-star hotels, here and abroad.

His firm specializes in general hotel management, marketing, hotel design development/technical services, gaming, hotel feasibility study, pre and post hotel opening management services, asset management/owner's representative, food and beverage concept and service, mergers and acquisitions, travel and tours, theme parks and third-party management and branding.

He leads the hospitality industry as it cashes in on a stunning tourism revival, a boom that is unprecedented and will bring the industry to greater heights.

He is president the Philippine Hotel Owners Association, Inc. (PHOA) – the influential and largest group of hotel owners and developers in the Philippines of over 300 dues-paying member hotels.

Arthur has a bachelor of science in Commerce degree and an MBA from the University of Santo Tomas and studies (tourism management, F&B, sales and marketing) at the East West Center of the University of Hawaii; Cornell University, New York; Hilton International Career Development Institute, Montreal, Canada; and stints at the Hong Kong Hilton and Kahala Hilton.



THE 2022 MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARDEES

Rodolfo G. Valencia

He has blended success in his property business and excellence in public governance. He authored and created what is now MIMAROPA, P.IBIG Fund, the Pabahay Fund, the Home Development Mutual Fund L and the Magna Carta for Homeowners while building over 400 housing projects and saving Mindoro's forest and scaling up the province's resilience to disasters and natural calamities.



COGS IN THE WHEEL

Ambassador Jet Ledda as AEP to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and the Commission of the European Communities and Council of the European Union



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Congratulations on a more complete nomination, Ambassador Jet Ledda, as AEP to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and the Commission of the European Communities and Council of the European Union. Looking forward to your full confirmation by the Commission on Appointments soon.

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Wins Golden Grab Awards
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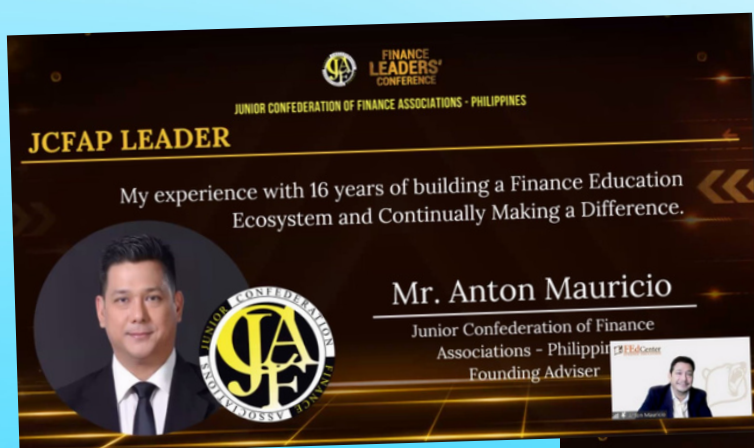
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JUNIOR CONFEDERATION OF FINANCE ASSOCIATIONS - PHILIPPINES

Financial Leaders' Conference

"Achieving Success Through Sustainability Leadership"



The Junior Confederation of Finance Associations - Philippines successfully held the Financial Leaders' Conference with the theme "Achieving Success Through Sustainability Leadership" on November 20th, 2022, with the goal of transforming future financial leaders into more competent and capable leaders while promoting sustainability. The conference encompasses a variety of sustainability-related topics. Mr. Antonilo D. Mauricio, the JCFAP's Founding Adviser, has imparted his knowledge and skills on the JCFAP Leaders and the Sustainable Development Goal. As the Founding Adviser, he highlighted his 16-year experience of building a finance education ecosystem and continually making a difference, as well as addressing the JCFAP Leaders' roles and responsibilities in order to achieve the sustainable development goal. It was also attended by other financial sector leaders, including Mr. Emmanuel Velante, the Director for Training and Development, who spoke about "Pioneering a Sustainable Future"; Mrs. Rynah F. Ventura, the Vice President of Clark Development Corporation, who spoke about "Sustainability and Ethical Decision-Making in Finance"; and Mr. Jef Menguin, the Virtual Mentor and Learning Strategist, who spoke about "Promoting Sustainable Changes Through Partnerships and Collaborations".

FINANCE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION (FIN.ED) 3rd Quarter General Membership Meeting (GMM) “ESG in Finance: Focus on Sustainability”



Mr. Antonilo D. Mauricio, the Chairman and Founder of the Finance Educators Association (Fin.Ed), a non-profit organization founded in 2012 for finance educators and practitioners, attended its 3rd Quarter General Membership Meeting (GMM). The event was held on November 19, 2022, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, with the theme "ESG in Finance: Focus on Sustainability," as part of their mission to develop strong leaders and be a catalyst for change and innovation in finance education. The webinar aims to educate the general public about the factors to evaluate companies and countries on how far advanced they are with sustainability. They had two relevant topics: ESG 101, which was discussed by Mr. Manuel "Dmi" Lozano, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Corporate Information Officer of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. since 2015, and Sustainability Innovations in Finance, which was discussed by Ms. Rhodora Brazil-De Vera, Deputy Director at the Supervisory Policy and Research Department (SPRD), Financial Supervision Sector (FSS) of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). The meeting was preceded by updates on Fin.Ed membership, including discussions on the organization's current and future projects, programs, and events.

JFINEX - TIP Manila *“Financial Literacy: Building and Sustaining Career in Finance”*



The Junior Financial Executives - TIP Manila successfully convened a webinar, with the theme “Financial Literacy: Building and Sustaining Career in Finance” last Monday, November 21, 2022, through Zoom Conference. Mr. Antonilo Mauricio was given the opportunity to share his knowledge and expertise in the field of finance by raising awareness and promoting the importance of financial literacy, and providing insights and a glimpse into the organization and education in the financial sector to enable students to achieve financial goals and devise financially responsible actions.

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