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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. FELIPE MEDALLA
Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

KABALITA

The Rotary Club of Manila's first regular membership meeting for 2023 will feature Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Felipe M. Medalla as Guest of Honor and Speaker, who will give his Special Address to the Nation on the State of the Economy. As the RCM's Program Committee succinctly puts it, hosting this Special Address has been a "tradition that is faithfully kept, mutually enjoyed, (and) cherished by the honor that each extends to the other during the affair all these years." As we usher a brand new year, it is indeed timely to listen to our very own BSP Governor's report on our country's economic condition.

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RCM'S 23RD WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Rotary Year 2022-2023

DATE: January 12, 2023, THURSDAY
TIME: 12:30 PM
VENUE: CENTENNIAL HALL, MANILA HOTEL

MODERATOR: Program Chairman PD DEAN AMADO D. VALDEZ

Program Timetable

Part I

12:15 PM	Registration	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	**PRESIDENT HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA**
	Invocation and Special Prayers	**AT PAUL JOSEPH "PJ" GARCIA**
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test	**Rtn ANTONILO "Anton" MAURICIO**
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	Live RCM Music Chorale
	Acknowledgment of Guests	
	Welcome Song	

RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week

RTN JUAN DAYANG	January 2
RTN SINAN BATUR	January 3
PD TITONG MENDOZA	January 5
RTN XAVY ZIALCITA	January 5
RTN DAVID LIM	January 7
PIA JIMMY LAYA	January 8
STAR RTN PAUL ANTHONY KOH	January 10

Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song — Live RCM Music Chorale

RCM'S 23RD WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

	INDUCTION OF HONORARY MEMBER ATTY. JOSE "Joey" LINA President, The Manila Hotel President, MH F&B Ideas	**PRES. HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA**
	PRESIDENT'S TIME	**PRES. HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA**
	RECOGNITION OF DONORS OF GLOBAL GRANT FOR ROTARY VISION CARE	**PDG ALEX CUREG** Chairman, TRF Committee **Star Rtn ARIES BALANAY** Chairman, Grant Committee
Part II	INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER	**PP ARSENIO "Archit" BARTOLOME III**
	ADDRESS **HON. FELIPE M. MEDALLA, Ph.D** BSP GOVERNOR BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS	
	MABUHAY TOAST	**PRES. HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA**
	OPEN FORUM	
	MODERATOR FOR OPEN FORUM	**PT JOSELITO "Lito" SIBAYAN**
	PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION	
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn	Live RCM Music Chorale
2:00 PM	**Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment**	**PRES. HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA**

GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER'S PROFILE



Dr. Felipe Medalla, a noted economist and educator whose career spans more than four decades and four administrations, is the current Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. He has been a member of the policymaking Monetary Board since July 2011, having been appointed by former President Benigno Aquino III and President Rodrigo Duterte in July 2017.

Before joining the Monetary Board, he was a prominent figure in the academe, having taught at the University of the Philippines-School of Economics (UPSE) from 1991 to 2011. He also served as UP vice president of planning and finance from 1988-1991 before being named dean of UPSE from 1994-1998.

In 1998, Dr. Medalla was appointed Secretary of Socio-Economic Planning and Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority by then-President Joseph Estrada.

He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and his M.A. in Economics from the University of the Philippines. A certified public accountant, he graduated cum laude from De La Salle University with an economics-accounting degree.

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE



My dear fellow Manila Rotarians and guests, happy new year!

Greetings to all of you as we bid farewell to 2022 and excitedly welcome 2023. It has been an incredible journey so far, and I have no doubt that each one of us cannot wait for what lies ahead in this brand new year!

The turn of a new year is always an exciting and hopeful time. It marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another, full of possibilities and opportunities.

Speaking of the "new year," I would like to share with you a story about this period of the year:

One day, a teacher was strolling down the hallways of her school. She was suddenly mesmerized by all of the captivating New Year's decorations on each classroom wall. An overwhelming sense of serenity filled the air and as soon as she entered her own classroom, she noticed a group of students with vibrantly colored envelopes in their hands.

The teacher was curious and asked them what they were doing. The students explained that each of them had written a letter to a stranger, wishing them a wonderful New Year ahead. They intended to post these letters in the mailboxes of random people throughout their town as an act of kindness and hope.

The teacher smiled at her students and thought to herself, "What a wonderful way to start the year."

It is stories like this that reminds us how powerful small acts of kindness can be. As Rotary members, we are in a unique position to make positive change and inspire others with our words and actions.

We now have the chance to make this year even better than the last. Let us make it our mission to spread joy and help build a better world.

As Rotarians, let us use this renewed sense of purpose to be more dedicated and committed to our mission: “Service Above Self”. Let us strive to make a positive difference in our community through our actions – no matter how big or small.

As we ring in the new year, let us reflect on the accomplishments of our club over the past year and look ahead to what 2023 has in store. 2022 has been a challenging year for many of us; however, despite these difficulties, I am proud of all that we have achieved as a club.

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

From helping clean up the Pasig River by installing floating trash barriers to helping communities affected by calamities across the country, we have continued to show our spirit of service. Our members have also exemplified Rotary's core values of diversity, equity, and inclusion through our various activities, meetings, and initiatives. As President of the Rotary Club of Manila, I thank you all for your hard work and dedication throughout this past year. The challenges we faced only served to make us stronger and more resilient as a club.

As we move into 2023, let us face it with optimism and dedication to our mission. Let us be inspired by our successes of the past and use them as a platform for our future endeavors. With each kind deed we do, let us make a positive impact in our community and in the world.

This new year presents us with an opportunity to strengthen our club even further. We must continue to focus on promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies, and supporting the environment. By working together collectively towards these goals, our impact will be far greater than any one individual can make alone. Let us work together and grow together as a T.E.A.M. (together everyone achieves more).

I am confident that if all of us come together as one unified force with the same vision to solve problems and address community needs, then 2023 will be another successful year for the Rotary Club of Manila. Let us make this New Year count by committing ourselves to helping those in need while building genuine connections within our community.

This New Year's message is an invitation for each member of the Rotary Club of Manila to reflect on what unites us and how collective action can create real change in both small and large ways. Let us continue striving toward a brighter future by engaging with each other through meaningful conversations and actions that support our goals within the organization. Together, let us make 2023 a year marked by unity and progress!

My heartfelt wishes go out to each one of you this new year – may your dreams come true and may you be blessed with great health, happiness, and success!

As your president, I wish you all a Phenomenal 2023!

Let's make 2023 shine brighter than ever!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pres. Hermie Esguerra

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

My dear fellow Manila Rotarians,

As I look back on year 2022, I can't help but feel proud of all that we have accomplished at the Rotary Club of Manila. From providing community service and relief operations in areas affected by natural disasters to organizing events focusing on Rotary's Areas of Focus, we have made a real difference in our local community and beyond.

We have also had some great successes this past year—from new members joining us to achieving several goals within the organization. It is truly an honor to serve as president for such a wonderful group of people who are dedicated to making positive change in the world.

As we move into 2023, I am filled with anticipation for what lies ahead. I am confident that together we will continue working towards creating a better future through service and fellowship. Here's looking forward to another successful year!

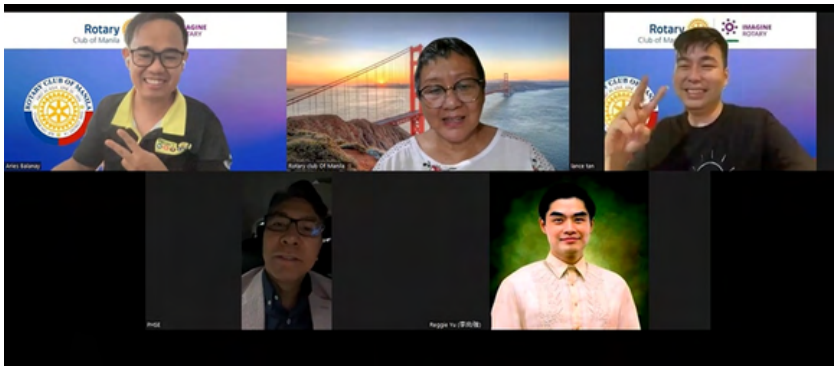
Meanwhile, here are some of the activities we organized and the events and meetings I attended from December 9, 2022 until yesterday.

Meeting to Prepare for the Press Launch of Rotary's Global Grant # 2344386 Rotary Vision Care Project

Friday, 9 December 2022

We had a virtual meeting to prepare for the press launch on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at Lakbay Museo, Ayala Malls, Parañaque City. During the press launch, we will announce our forthcoming service opportunity for public school children/youth in 15 government schools in Manila to be given improved eye vision thru Rotary's Global Grant # 2344386 Rotary Vision Care project.

Also in the meeting were Dir. Albert Alday, Grant Chair Aries Balanay, Interact Chairman Lance Tan and ES Anna Kun Toledo.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

District 3810 Christmas Anime Party

Saturday, 10 December 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Colorful, festive, merry and bright. District 3810 Christmas party at the Manila Hotel hosted by Governor Joyce Ambray and her District Executive Committee.

Thank you, Gov. Rudy Bediones, for sharing our photos.









PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Courtesy call with DOLE Secretary for TOWER Awards

Monday, 12 December 2022

Together with People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) executives, we had a courtesy call with the Office of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Secretary for The Outstanding Workers of the Republic Awards (TOWER Awards).

The TOWER (The Outstanding Workers of the Republic) Awards is a legacy project of the Rotary Club of Manila and the first in Asia.

For the past thirty years, RCM has been dedicated to honoring and recognizing outstanding blue-collar and white-collar (non-supervisory) workers in our country. We appreciate their contribution to economic development by providing a skilled workforce that propels us forward. That is why we launched this annual search for remarkable workers who are essential components of our country's manpower capacity.

RCM project partnerships are with the People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP), and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).



The meeting was attended by (from left) USec. Atty. Benjo Benavidez, PMAP Professional Staff Margaux Angeli Norega, PMAP Executive Director Mr. Rene M. Gener, RCM President Hermie Esguerra, DOLE Secretary Bienvenido "Benny" E. Laguesma, RCM PP Susing Pineda, RCM PP Teddy Ocampo, DOLE USec. Ciriaco Lagunzad III and DOLE Head Executive Assistant Mr. Hero Hernandez.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Meeting with Physicians for Peace, RC Manila's Partner for the Rotary Vision Care Project

Monday, 12 December 2022

Grant Chair Aries Balanay and I met with Physicians for Peace, headed by Gov. Lyne Abanilla, to discuss the press launch of the Rotary Vision Care Project under Global Grant GG 2344386. The press launch was scheduled on December 14, 2022 in Lakbay Museo, Ayala Mall, Macapagal Blvd., Parañaque City.







PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Inspection of the Four-Way Test marker at Isabelo Delos Reyes Elementary School

Monday, 12 December 2022

Grant Chair Aries Balanay and I inspected the Four-Way Test marker at Isabelo Delos Reyes Elementary School in Tondo, Manila. School Principal Ms. Eleodora Vergara joined us at the inspection. This was part of our preparation for the launch of the Global Grant Vision Care Project on January 10, 2022. It was also a site inspection of the possible installation of the WASH project.







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In the afternoon, I delivered a brief talk to the 242 teachers of Isabelo Delos Reyes Elementary Schools about the launching of the Vision Care Program for the elementary pupils and teachers in the school, in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd). With me were School Principal Ms. Eleodora Vergara and Grant Chair Aries Balanay.





PRESIDENT'S DIARY

District 3810 Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 13 December 2022, 5:00 p.m.

I joined the Rotary International District 3810 Executive Committee on December 13, 2022 held at Conrad Manila.











Members of the District Executive Committee received a gift from me and DG Joyce Ambray.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

24th Handover and Induction Ceremony of RC Hiyas ng Maynila

Tuesday, 13 December 2022, 6:00 p.m.

I attended the 24th Handover and Induction Ceremony of RC Hiyas ng Maynila at the University of Perpetual Help in Biñan, Laguna.













PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Received a Plaque of Appreciation from the Department of Education

Tuesday, 13 December 2022



On behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila, Grant Chair Aries Balanay and I proudly received the Plaque of Appreciation from the Department of Education (DepEd) for our Club's continued love and support to all learners.

The awarding was held at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, Mandaluyong City. The Plaque of Appreciation was signed by Hon. Sara Z. Duterte, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, Secretary Department of Education, given by DepEd Usec. Gerald L. Chan and DepEd Dir. Edel Carag.







PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Press Launch of Rotary Vision Care Project to Provide Free Eye Screening and Eyeglasses to Children in the City of Manila

Wednesday, 14 December 2022 10:00 a.m.



We are proud to join forces with Rotary International District 3810, Rotary International District 3450, and Rotary International District 3310 to deliver much-needed eye care assistance through their joint initiative – the Rotary Vision Care Project. This mission, funded by Global Grant 2344386, will provide children, parents and educators in fifteen schools in the City of Manila with complimentary eye testing and eyeglasses.

We are excited to offer free eye care services in Manila through the Rotary Vision Care Project, and we would like to express our deepest appreciation for the generous support provided by Rotary International District 3810, Rotary International District 3450, and Rotary International District 3310 for their commitment to the Rotary Vision Care Project. Our shared goal of fostering healthier communities drives us to achieve success together. We look forward to this exciting venture!

The Rotary Club of Kowloon East and the Rotary Club of Singapore are international partners on this project, with Physicians for Peace providing a cooperating organization role.

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Left photo: SMNI TV Network interviewing me about the Rotary Vision Care project
Right photo: Extending my special thanks to our project partners – the Department of Education, Physician for Peace and Rotary District partners for making our dream project a reality project.



Team dancing of project partners: Rotary Club of Manila, Department of Education and Physician for Peace

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Champion Team Christmas Party

Wednesday, 14 December 2022, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

I joined the Champion Team Christmas Party with the Champion PDG Liza Elorde, Class Presidents and District Officers Fellowship at Elorde Grand Ballroom in Paranaque City, hosted by the Elorde Family.











With RC Manila Premier members

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Meeting with RC San Francisco 2 USA for the Proposed Global Grant for Cleft Lip/ Palate Project

Thursday, 15 December 2022 10:00 a.m.

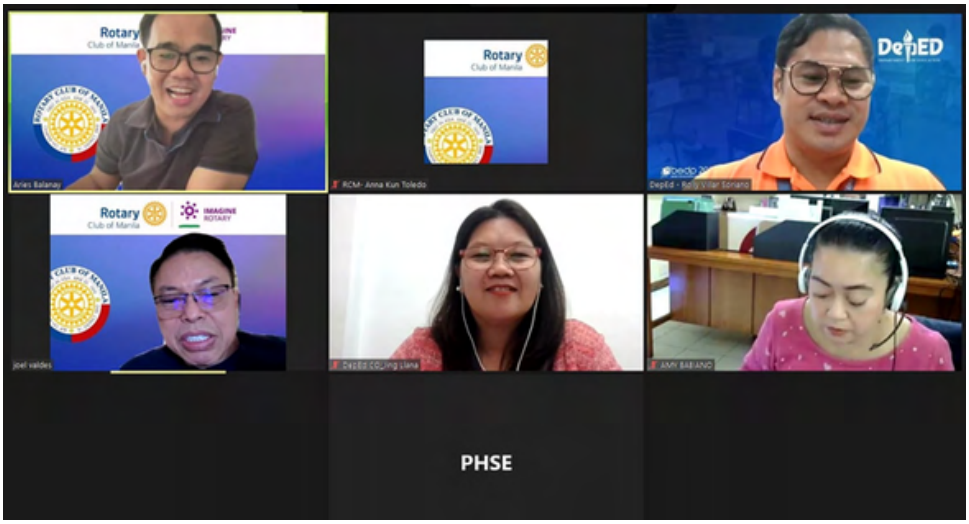
We had a Zoom meeting for the proposed Global Grant for Cleft Lip and Palate Project with RC San Francisco 2 USA. Also in attendance were Grant Chairman Aries Balanay, International Relations Chairman PD Nick Locsin and Ambassador to RC San Francisco/PAS Joel Valdes.



Meeting with the Department of Education for the Proposed Global Grant for Cleft Lip/Palate Project

Friday, 16 December 2022 10:00 a.m.

We had a virtual meeting with Rolly Villar Soriano and Jing Llana from the Department of Education on December 16, 2022 to discuss the proposed Global Grant for Cleft Lip/Palate project. With me at the meeting were Grant Chair Aries Balanay, Cleft Project Chair PAS Joel Valdes, ES Anna Kun Toledo and EA Amy Babiano.



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RCM Community Oral Health Program

Mithing Pangarap Educational Foundation Inc. Christmas Party 2022 and Oral Health Awareness
Saturday, 17 December 2022, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This event, held on the second floor of Gawad Kalinga Building Paradise Height, Rodriguez St., Balut, Tondo, Manila, is the start of our Community Oral Health Program. It will be followed up with dental missions in January 2023.

Let us significantly impact the health of each of these children while giving them a special Christmas 2022 celebration and a future they can truly smile about!





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Also in attendance were SAA Jason Bogovich and Laura Bogovich, PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan, Rtn. Emilio Gonzales La'O, Disease Treatment and Prevention Chairman PD John Cutter, and Rtn. Ronald Martinez.









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Rotary District 3810 Presidents-Elect Christmas Party

Saturday, 17 December 2022, 6:00 p.m.

I attended the Rotary District 3810's 4th Presidents-Elect Fellowship and Christmas Party with Governor Joyce Ambray, DGE Lai dela Cruz, District Officers and Presidents-Elect at Century Park Sheraton.





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Christmas Party with First Class Presidents (FCP) and Governor Joyce Ambray

Saturday 17 December 2022

I joined the Christmas Party with the First Class Presidents (FCP), Governor Joyce Ambray, PDG Rudy Bediones and Lady Sharon at Heritage Hotel.








PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Fifth Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, 20 December 2022

We had the Fifth Special Board Meeting last December 20, 2022 at the Boardroom of Conrad Manila. I happily hosted lunch at China Blue after the Board meeting.







PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Meeting with Korea RI District 3630 and RI District 3810 about Global Grant on Supporting the Environment

Tuesday, 20 December 2022

I had a meeting with Korea Rotary International District 3630 represented by DRFC/PDG Lee, RI District 3810 Governor Joyce Ambray and SDG Jay Jang regarding another Global Grant on supporting the environment—a grant to purchase an Aquatic Trash Skimmer that will collect the water hyacinth and trashes trapped by the floating trash barriers that we donated to DENR-PRCMO to clean up the tributaries and esteros (estuaries) of Pasig River.

This project will be a joint undertaking/ Global Grant of RC Manila and our Korean sister club, RC Sang Ju Central, Korea.

Another Memorandum of Agreement between RCM and DENR-PRCMO is necessary in order to lodge a Global Grant to RI.







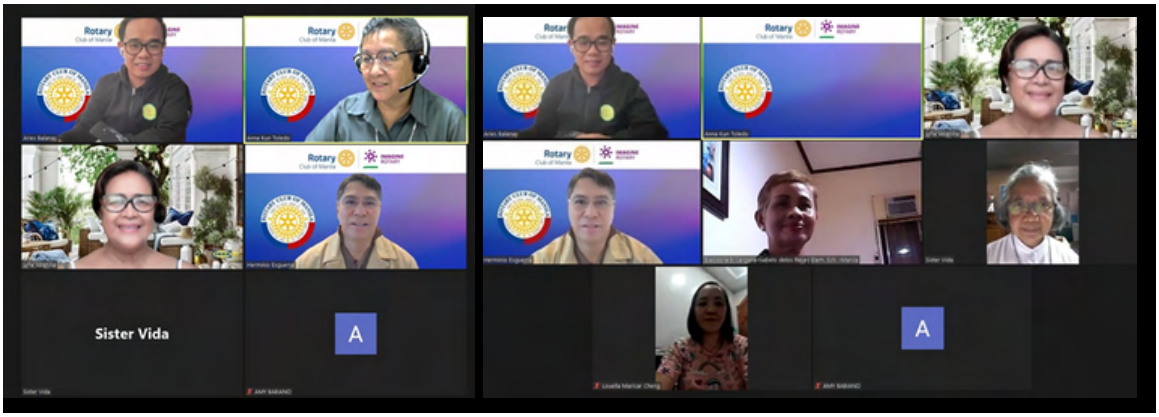


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Coordination Meeting to Prepare for the Launching of the Rotary Vision Care Project

Monday, 2 January 2023, 9:00 a.m.

We had a coordination meeting to prepare for the launching of the Rotary Vision Care project that will start with Isabelo Delos Santos Elementary School in Tondo, Manila. Present with me during the meeting were Grant Chair Aries Balanay, Physician for Peace Team - PDG Lyne Abanilla and Sister Vida, Isabelo delos Santos Elementary School Principal Ms. Eleodora B. Vergara and project school coordinator Ms. Louella Cheng. Also present were RCM Secretariat ES Anna Kun Toledo and EA Amy Babiano.



7th District 3810 Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 3 January 2023, 6:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

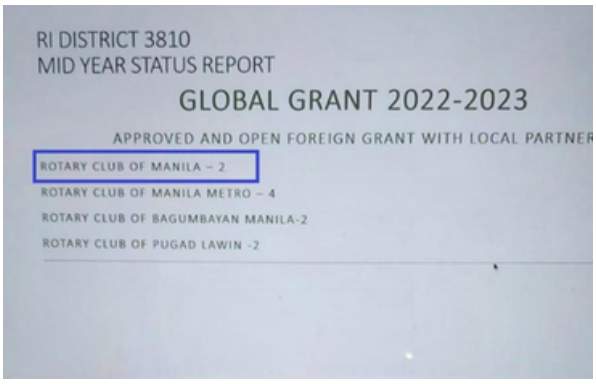
I attended the 7th District Executive Committee Meeting which was held via Zoom. The agenda included the updates on the TRF and Membership, Mid-Year Review updates, District Conference 2023, and the upcoming District activities (Early Act and InterAct Assembly, Chinese New Year, District Shootout, District Sportsfest, Vocational Seminar, Youth Conference, and District Valentine Fellowship.

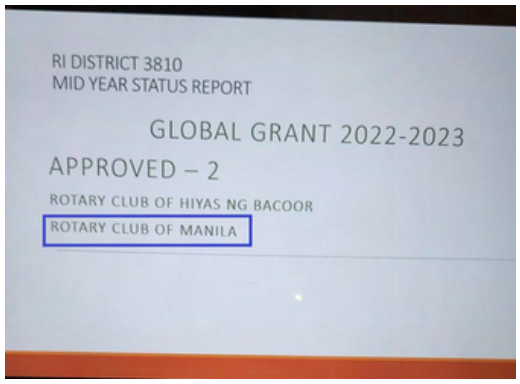


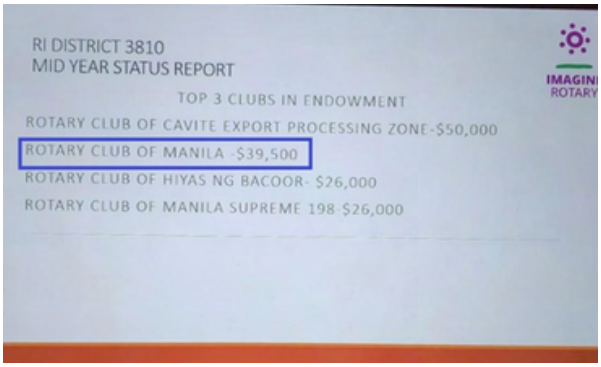


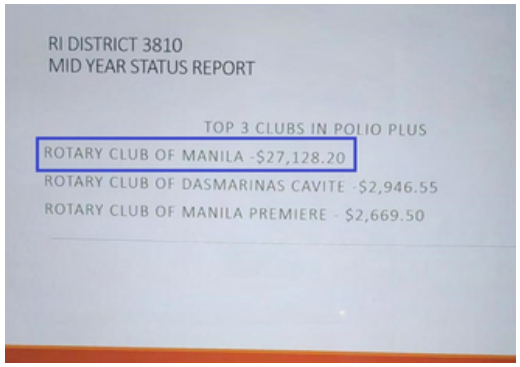
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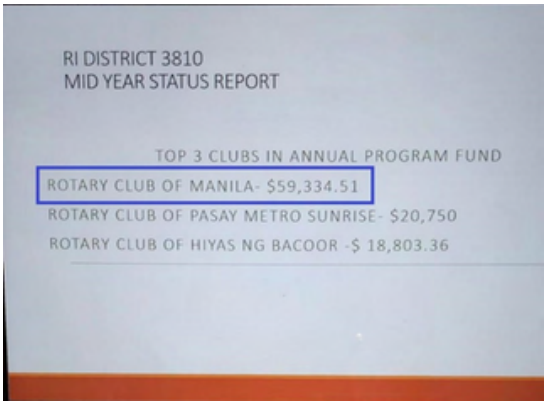


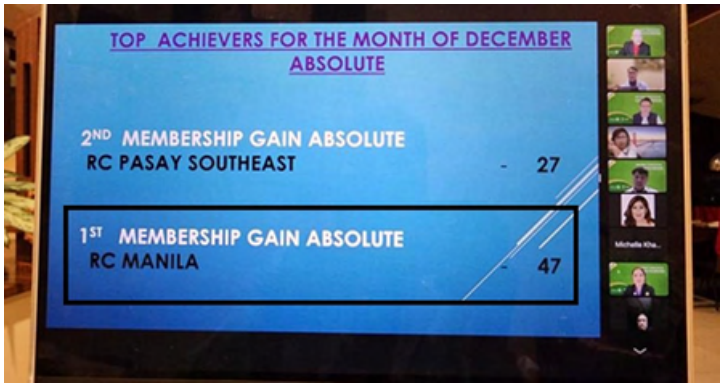




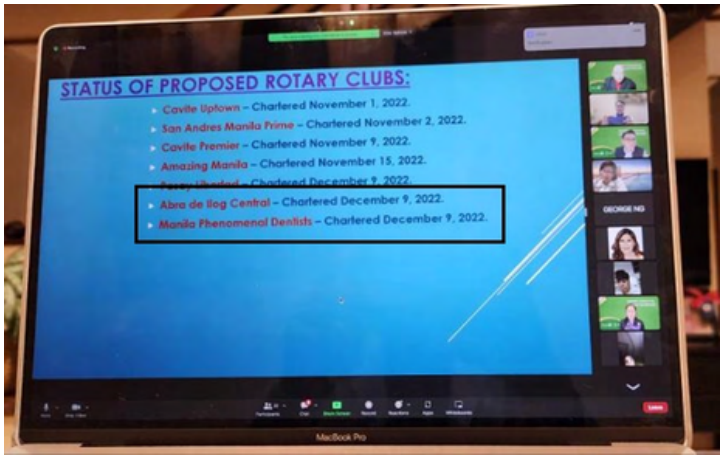


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Global Grant Meeting

Tuesday, 3 January 2023, 9:00 p.m.

I had a meeting with Grant Chair Aries Balanay and District Senior Deputy Governor Jay Jhang for a Global Grant Project—an initiative together with RC Sang Ju Central of District 3620 of South Korea—for the donation of Aquatic Trash Skimmer, an equipment that cleans up floating solid wastes in reservoirs, rivers, lakes and seashores.



Food Tasting at Manila Hotel for the Membership Meeting

Friday, 6 January 2022, 12:00 p.m.

House Chairman PD Art Lopez, Program Chairman PD Amading Valdez and I attended the food tasting meeting at the Ipil Room, Manila Hotel in preparation for the Membership Meeting on January 12.



Manila Hotel's Banquet Event Manager Kenneth Bermudez joined the food tasting.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

District 3810 Monthly Meeting and New Year Party

Saturday, 7 January 2022

District Governor Joyce Ambray and I hosted the District Monthly Meeting and Phenomenal Leaders Family New Year Party on January 7 at Esguerra Farms.







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During the meeting, RC Manila received the following awards:

Achievement Award for Top 1 in TRF Annual Fund Program with Absolute Giving of $3,333,.30 for the month of December 2022





Top 3 in Membership Development for the month December 2022



Top 1 in Membership increase in absolute





PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Mobile WASH and Internet Connectivity Project Update

Sunday, 8 January 2023

The Mobile WASH and Internet Connectivity project—a joint initiative of RC Manila, RC Paco and RC Lauhana, Hawaii and built by the engineers at Esguerra Farms—was transported from Lipa to RC Paco Manila for final branding and commissioning. The official turnover will be announced soon.
Project cost: P650,000

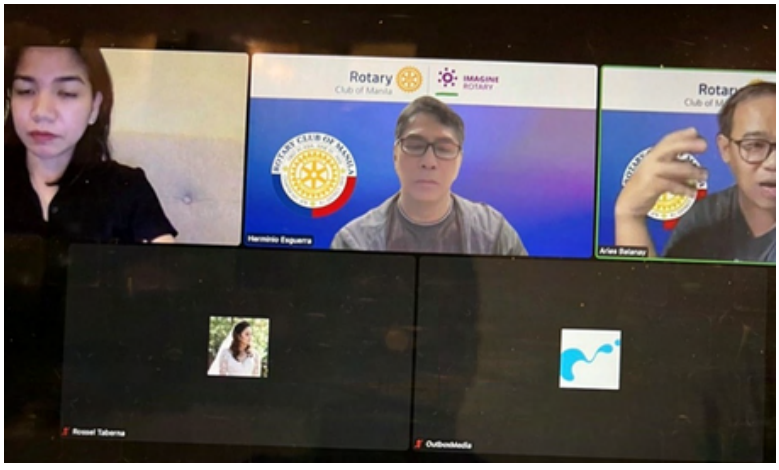




Brainstorming Meeting with Outboxed Media Production for the Rotary Public Imaging Campaign

Sunday, 8 January 2023

Together with Grant Committee Chairman Aries Balanay, we had a brainstorming session for the Rotary Public Imaging Campaign with Outboxed Media Production, represented by Ms. Rossel Taberna and Ms. Luhvi.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

First implementation of Global Grant #2344386 Rotary Vision Care Project

Tuesday, 10 January 2023

I am happy to announce that we had our first implementation of the Rotary Vision Care last Tuesday, January 10th, at the Isabelo de los Reyes Elemetary School in Tondo, Manila.

Our cooperating organization, **Physicians for Peace**, conducted an orientation seminar for the teachers and students, which was followed by Pre-Screening, Refraction, and Framing activities.



Yours truly addressing the parents, teachers and students of Isabelo de los Reyes Elementary School.



Manila Rotarians with the teachers and students after their orientation seminar by cooperating organization Physicians for Peace

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From left: STAR Rtn. Teddy Garcia, Rtn. Rami Chahwan, DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Yours truly, PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan III and Grant Committee Chairman STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay during the first implementation of Global Grant #2344386 Rotary Vision Care



Yours truly trying the color blindness test of cooperating organization Physicians for Peace

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Manila Rotarians PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan III, Rtn. Rami Chahwan, Grant Committee Chairman STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay and DE/Dir. Albert Alday joined me in the Color Blindness Test for the children given by the Physicians for Peace.



DE/Dir. Albert Alday, Grants Chairman STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay and yours truly helping out a personnel of Physicians for Peace in the refraction of the school children.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Second implementation of Global Grant #2344386 Rotary Vision Care Project

Wednesday, 11 January 2023

Yesterday, we were at J.P. Rizal Elementary School, the second school where we implemented the Global Grant #2344386 Rotary Vision Care Project.



At the Four-Way Test marker which we installed at J.P. Rizal Elementary School





PRESIDENT'S DIARY

I am happy to share the entire schedule of the Global Grant #2344386 Rotary Vision Care project implementation for those who wish to join us.

Proposed Date of Vision Screening	Proposed Date of Dispensing	Proposed Date for Monitoring and Evaluation	Districts	School	4-14 Y/O	Aged 15 above Parents and Teachers	Total Patients / Recipients
January 09, 2023	January 23, 2023	July 22, 2023	District 1	I. delos Reyes Elementary School	50	100	150
January 11, 2023	January 25, 2023	July 24, 2023	District 1	J. P. Rizal Elementary School	50	100	150
January 13, 2023	January 27, 2023	July 26, 2023	District 1	Tondo High School	50	100	150
January 16, 2023	January 30, 2023	July 29, 2023	District 2	Bo. Obrero Elementary School	50	100	150
January 18, 2023	February 01, 2023	July 31, 2023	District 2	Lakan Dula Elementary School	50	100	150
January 23, 2023	February 06, 2023	August 05, 2023	District 2	Torres High School	50	100	150
January 25, 2023	February 08, 2023	August 07, 2023	District 3	P. Gomez Elementary School	50	100	150
January 27, 2023	February 10, 2023	August 09, 2023	District 3	Abad Santos High School	50	100	150
January 30, 2023	February 13, 2023	August 12, 2023	District 4	P. Burgos Elementary School	50	100	150
February 01, 2023	February 15, 2023	August 14, 2023	District 4	Recto High School	50	100	150
February 03, 2023	February 17, 2023	August 16, 2023	District 5	J. Lukban Elementary School	50	100	150
February 06, 2023	February 20, 2023	August 19, 2023	District 5	A.A Quezon Elementary School	50	100	150
February 08, 2023	February 22, 2023	August 21, 2023	District 5	Araullo High School	50	100	150
February 10, 2023	February 24, 2023	August 23, 2023	District 6	Sta. Ana Elementary School	50	100	150
February 13, 2023	February 27, 2023	August 26, 2023	District 6	E. Aguinaldo High School	50	100	150
				TOTAL	750	1500	2,250

Today, I will be giving Certificate of Appreciation to the donors of Global Grant Rotary Vision Care project.

My fellow Rotarians, we happily ended 2022 with a bang and excitedly started 2023 with plenty of energy and activities.

Let us continue our journey of service and leadership together this New Year!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pres. Hermie Esguerra

EDITOR'S NOTE

Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita



2023. As we welcome a brand new year which we hope to be a full year with zero lockdowns and other forms of restrictions, we look forward to an uplifting period of resurgence, recovery and normalcy. We also want to see our country gain full momentum, and quickly get back to the upward economic trend that was derailed by the pandemic. We are hoping, too, that our government will earnestly address social issues that stymie growth, such as corruption, poverty, inequality, and unemployment.

The past decade has seen the Philippines' steady economic growth. Our government's efforts and policy endeavors have catapulted the country onto a path of faster growth.

Then the pandemic struck.

But even before the global health crisis enveloped us all, the Philippines' economic gains have not yet fully trickled down to those must benefit it most - - those who are in the peripheries of our society. This new year, after being whipped and battled by the crippling global pandemic, the country is (or must be) poised to fight back and continue its march to better the economic life of all.

Clearly, however, the economic resurgence that we all dream about will not be easily achieved or given to us on a silver platter. Our political leaders and economic managers have to do things right, judiciously adopt the correct policies, and carefully navigate through the many factors that can either propel or derail our efforts to realize our goal of becoming a true emerging economy.

Writers have explained that "many factors can present themselves as headwinds or tailwinds, such as regulations, exchange rates, or political and external forces. Hence, it is crucial to analyze such situations to determine if they will act as a tailwind or headwind and plan accordingly."

How will our financial leaders capitalize on or influence the factors and events that help increase growth or cause positive effects on profits and revenue? Will the government, for instance, continue to promote mobility to fuel growth acceleration in wholesale and retail trade, transportation, and the tourism sector in general? Will an aggressive public infrastructure program mitigate the impact of global headwinds coming our way? What measures will our leaders adopt to address factors such as high interest rates, inflation, and peso devaluation?

We are certainly interested to know the answer to all these, as we usher a new year. Thankfully, the State of our Economy will be reported by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Felipe Medalla, during his Special Address to the Nation in 2023's first regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2022-2023

December 2022	01 December 2022 Atty. Jose "Joey" former Philippine Senator; President, Manila Hotel & MH F&B Ideas	08 December 2022 Christmas Meeting
All Members Present	53	52
All Members in virtual FB	0	0
Make Up	11	6
Less: Exempt from Attendance	4	0
On Leave	0	0
Total Active Members	60	58
Total # of Members	**235**	240
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	26%	24%
ROTARACTORS	0	0
MEDIA	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	1	0
GOHS / GS	1	0
Visiting Rotarians	43	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	0	63
others	0	0
total attendees	98	121

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of January 11, 2023, 12:00 PM)

FULLY PAID

1	Abastillas, Celso E.
2	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.
3	Abriam, Ariel
4	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.
5	Agnes, Jerry A.
6	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"
7	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
8	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"
9	Alday, Albert S.
10	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.
11	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.
12	Alvarez, Servando, Jr.
13	Ampil, Alvin
14	Arguelles, Pablo
15	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.
16	Balanay, Aries
17	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.
18	Batur, Sinan
19	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
20	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
21	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
22	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
23	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"
24	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
25	Blitz, Oliver
26	Bogovich, Jason M.
27	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"
28	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.
29	Caasi, Urbano, Jr. "Banit" S.
30	Cabangon, Edgard
31	Cabuñag, Rogelio "Roger" R.
32	Canon, Raul
33	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
34	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
35	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
36	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
37	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
38	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
39	Cenica, John T.
40	Chahwan, Rami
41	Chotrani, Johnny N.
42	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.
43	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
44	Creencia, Raoul
45	Cruz, Avelino "Ave" V.

46	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
47	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
48	David, Virgilio "Vee"
49	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
50	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.
51	De Venecia, Jose "Joe" C.
52	Dee, Marcus L.
53	Del Rosario, Oscar
54	Del Valle, Randolph "Randy"
55	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"
56	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel
57	Diokno, Benjamin "Ben" E.
58	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"
59	Domingo, Rico V.
60	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.
61	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
62	Echavez, Antonio
63	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
64	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
65	Engelbrecht, Francois
66	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
67	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
68	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.
69	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
70	Evaristo, Frank A.
71	Everingham, Richard Jack
72	Fajardo, Beda G.
73	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
74	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
75	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.
76	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
77	Garcia, Theodore
78	Garcia, Victor
79	Gaspar, Fernandeo "Nando" L.
80	Gierran, Dante "Dan"
81	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
82	Go, Henry Sy
83	Go, Michael
84	Gonzales, Michael Raymond
85	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
86	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
87	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
88	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
89	Hallare, Nicolo "Nic"S.
90	Hallerbach, Mathias

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91	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
92	Hernandez, Edwin
93	Hesse, Uwe
94	Hortaleza, Rolando
95	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
96	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.
97	Joseph, Ralph L.
98	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.
99	Jucaban, Jeric J.
100	Juico, Francis E.
101	Kalaw,Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
102	Koh, Paul Anthony
103	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
104	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
105	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez
106	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
107	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"
108	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
109	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
110	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
111	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
112	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
113	Lim, Richard
114	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
115	Locsin, Roberto R.
116	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
117	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.
118	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
119	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
120	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
121	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
122	Magbanua, Gerry
123	Magpale, Jose Paolo
124	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
125	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
126	Mangalile, Senen
127	Martinez, Ronald
128	Masters, Lance A.
129	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
130	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
131	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
132	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
133	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
134	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
135	Montinola, Antonio "Tony" J.
136	Mueller, Klaus
137	Naravannamoorthy, Nantha K.
138	Nolido, Ramon Alberto "Ramby" B.
139	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
140	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.

141	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
142	Okajima, Hiroyuki
143	Ong, Jovee K.
144	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
145	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L. "Mike"
146	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
147	Palacios, Albert "Hans"C.
148	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
149	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
150	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"
151	Patterson, Colin David
152	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.
153	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
154	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
155	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
156	Pizarras, Jordan M.
157	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
158	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.
159	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
160	Ramos, Claver P.
161	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
162	Recto, Philip H.
163	Reyes, Crispino "Babes" P.
164	Reyes, Edgardo "Ed" P.
165	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
166	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean "Sean" H.
167	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.
168	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
169	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.
170	Rono, Marlon
171	Roxas, Michael
172	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel "Rocco" M.
173	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
174	Schmitz, Steffan
175	Schneider, Bernd
176	Schoucair, Farid Alain
177	Serapio, Carlos G. “Caloy”
178	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
179	Shigei, Kentaro
180	Shimoda,Shigeru
181	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
182	Sicat, Michael Allan E. "Mike"
183	So, Warren
184	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.
185	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
186	Souvlakis, Nicolas
187	Stranathan, Ike
188	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
189	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
190	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"

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191	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
192	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
193	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
194	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
195	Tan, John
196	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.
197	Tang, Jimmy T.
198	Tanglao, Noel V.
199	Taylor-Dormond , Marvin
200	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
201	Tejumal, Michael "Mike"
202	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
203	Uy, Ivan John Enrile "Ivan"
204	Valdes, Joel C.
205	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
206	Valdez, Jason
207	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
208	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
209	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"
210	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.
211	Villarica, Henry R.
212	Villegas, Raoul A.
213	Wombwell, Philip Brian
214	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
215	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.
216	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
217	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.
218	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
219	Zeitouni, Nagi
220	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.
221	Zimmer, Christopher
222	Zosa, Rolando "Roy" M.

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1	Andal, Avelino "Billy"
2	Angara, Marius
3	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"
4	Yujuico, Brendon



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Chartering the New Rotary Club of Manila Phenomenal Dentists

Rotary

15 December 2022

DG Joyce Michelle Ambray
Rotary International District 3810
Via Email: toothfairy_joyce@yahoo.com

Dear District Governor Joyce,

RE: Charter of Rotary Club of Manila Phenomenal Dentists, Manila, Philippines

Congratulations on the successful chartering of the Rotary Club of Manila Phenomenal Dentists which was admitted to membership in Rotary International on 9 December 2022.

Your leadership in providing the opportunity for Rotary to strengthen in your District is recognized by Rotary International and we thank you for this.

We are thrilled to forward to you the Charter Certificate for the club signed by the President of Rotary International. We invite you to arrange for this to be framed and presented to the club at its upcoming Celebration of Charter event.

With the recent change in Board Policy, your New Club Advisor Herminio Esguerra is required to maintain links with the club for a total of three years, to mentor and to guide the club as they begin to grow and develop into a successful and fully independent club in your District.

Rotary International has, as you are aware, an excellent array of resources for all members of the new club and some more specific to the Board. We have attached a listing of these with the links to the respective publications or link on www.rotary.org.

We ask that you include in your next District Newsletter, the news of the charter of the Rotary Club of Manila Phenomenal Dentists.

As a reminder, any costs you have personally incurred in chartering this club should be included in your District Governor expenses claim. This claim must be lodged prior to 31 July 2023 or with your interim expenses which can be lodged at any time now.

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Jennifer Jones
President, 2022-23
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9 December 2022

Dear charter members:

Allow me to congratulate you on chartering the new Rotary club of Manila Phenomenal Dentists, Manila, Philippines.

We join Rotary because we love people and love spending time together. Through your commitment to Rotary, you express your belief in Rotary values, the importance of friendship and your commitment to Service Above Self.

As our vision statement says: Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change —— across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Thank you for being an active Rotary leader, and for being a part of the Rotary family. Your commitment helps demonstrate how we *Imagine Rotary*.

Warmest regards,

Jennifer Jones
President, Rotary International 2022-23

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of our Club & District Support team and I have attached a copy of the listing of your Regional RI Staff (Sydney) for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Dayne Desmond
Coordinator, Club and District Support
South Pacific and Philippines

Att: Regional Office SPPO Staff Information Sheet



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Chartering the New Rotary Club of Abra de Ilog Central, Occidental Mindoro

Rotary

15 December 2022

DG Joyce Michelle Ambray
Rotary International District 3810
Via Email: toothfairy_joyce@yahoo.com

Dear District Governor Joyce,

RE: Charter of Rotary Club of Abra De Ilog Central, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines

Congratulations on the successful chartering of the Rotary Club of Abra De Ilog Central which was admitted to membership in Rotary International on 9 December 2022.

Your leadership in providing the opportunity for Rotary to strengthen in your District is recognized by Rotary International and we thank you for this.

We are thrilled to forward to you the Charter Certificate for the club signed by the President of Rotary International. We invite you to arrange for this to be framed and presented to the club at its upcoming Celebration of Charter event.

With the recent change in Board Policy, your New Club Advisor Mark Eugene Tan is required to maintain links with the club for a total of three years, to mentor and to guide the club as they begin to grow and develop into a successful and fully independent club in your District.

Rotary International has, as you are aware, an excellent array of resources for all members of the new club and some more specific to the Board. We have attached a listing of these with the links to the respective publications or link on www.rotary.org.

We ask that you include in your next District Newsletter, the news of the charter of the Rotary Club of Abra De Ilog Central.

As a reminder, any costs you have personally incurred in chartering this club should be included in your District Governor expenses claim. This claim must be lodged prior to 31 July 2023 or with your interim expenses which can be lodged at any time now.

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Dear charter members:

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South Pacific and Philippines

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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Chartering the New Rotary Club of Manila Phenomenal Dentists and Rotary Club of Abra de Ilog Central, Occidental Mindoro

Listing of Regional RI Staff (Sydney)

Rotary International
South Pacific and Philippines Office

Street & Postal Address (From September 2021):	**Office Hours:**
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Manager, International Office and Financial Services	Grace Ramirez	Grace.Ramirez@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9830

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Senior Coordinator, Fund Development	Mark Anderson	Mark.Anderson@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9841
Senior Coordinator, TRF Services	Robert Byrne	Robert.Byrne@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9843
TRF Correspondent	TBA		Ph: +61 2 8894 9842

- Fund Development
- Paul Harris Fellow Recognition – process applications and issue regalia & certificates
- Maintain record of club recognition points
- Issue benefactor recognitions, bequest and major donor recognition
- Provide assistance and clarification on all Rotary Foundation matters
- Assist with The Rotary Foundation contribution enquiries

CLUB & DISTRICT SUPPORT

Supervisor	Andrew Best	Andrew.Best@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9820
Coordinator	Trudy Grice	Trudy.Grice@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9821
Coordinator	Mary Jayne Desmond	MaryJayne.Desmond@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9822

- Admission of new Clubs (Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Community Corps, Satellite clubs)
- Applications for change of name, change of club & district locality, merger of clubs and applications for club & district incorporation
- Licensing inquiries and advice re Licensed Vendors & Use of Rotary mark and brand centre guidance
- Special club and member anniversary recognition (25th 50th, 75th, 100th), other special years by request
- www.rotary.org enquiries including My Rotary guidance, Rotary Club Central, Reports, Showcase & Ideas
- Assist the district governors, clubs and Rotarians in their communications with other departments.
- Training of clubs and district leaders

MEMBERSHIP

Regional Membership Officer, Membership Development	Barbara Mifsud	Barbara.Mifsud@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9850

- Provides support on using key RI membership resources: publications, tools, online resources, and reports
- Provides assistance and guidance with membership strategies including attraction, engagement, retention, diversity, etc.
- Works with zone membership team to conduct trainings, workshops, and presentations

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Senior Coordinator	Angela Stavrogiannopoulos	Angela.Stavro@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9870

- Support in localising and implementing regional marketing campaigns and other materials to support the priorities of Rotary International
- Support in designing and implementing tailored communications and branding strategies that increase the impact
- Cultivate strong relationships with top tier international and national print, broadcast and digital outlets
- Provide consultation and training to local Rotary clubs, districts and zones for planning successful public facing events
- Support Zone and Regional Leaders and clubs with training, toolkits and other resources.

FINANCE

Financial Accountant	Sally Furto (Aust & NZ)	Sally.Furto@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9832
Financial Accountant	Melissa Asanza (Australian Donations)	Melissa.Asanza@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9833
Financial Accountant	Catherine Bedona (TRF & RI - Philippines)	Catherine.Bedona@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9831

- Collect per capita dues and other payments to Rotary International
- Process Semi Annual reports on club membership and inquiries on SAR payments
- Assist clubs & districts with inquiries on: club remittances and balances, reinstatements after payment following termination
- Process The Rotary Foundation contributions
- Make payments to Rotarians travelling at RI or Rotary Foundation expense & Rotary Foundation Scholars
- Make Global payments on behalf of TRF and Rotary International (SPAs)

DISTRICT GRANTS & OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

District Grants Officer, Administration	Bernadette Horrell	Bernadette.Horrell@rotary.org	Ph: +61 2 8894 9800

- Approves District Grants application and reports. Assists with all enquiries about Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation.

Updated:13 December 2022

GLOBAL GRANT
2344386 ROTARY VISION CARE

Rotary Vision Care Project to Provide Free Eye Screening and Eyeglasses to Children in Manila

The Rotary Club of Manila is proud to join forces with Rotary International District 3810, Rotary International District 3450, and Rotary International District 3310 to deliver much-needed eye care assistance through their joint initiative - the Rotary Vision Care Project. This mission, funded by Global Grant 2344386, will provide children, parents, and educators in fifteen schools in Manila with complimentary eye testing and eyeglasses.



"This Rotary year, the Rotary Club of Manila embarked on a journey in providing eye screening and eyeglasses to 15 schools in Manila. This project is in line with the United Nations' Sustainability Development Goal 3 (SDG3) to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all regardless of age by ensuring that children who may be vision-impaired may enjoy inclusive and equitable quality education; lifelong learning opportunities for all is promoted (SDG4) leading to their productive employment and access to decent work for them to attain sustainable economic growth (SDG6); thus, contributing to ending the threats of extreme poverty to these children (SDG1) and enable them to end hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition (SDG2)," said Grant Committee Chairman Aries Balanay during the press launch of the Rotary Vision Care Project at Lakbay Museo in Ayala Malls, Paranaque City.

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2344386 ROTARY VISION CARE

The project will target beneficiaries including children in Day Care Centers (4 to 7 years old), children in elementary schools (8 to 14 years old), parents and teachers (18 years old and above).

The 15 school beneficiaries under the School Division of Manila are Isabelo delos Reyes Elementary School, J. P. Rizal Elementary School, Tondo High School, Barrio Obrero Elementary School, Lakan Dula Elementary School, Torres High School, P. Gomez Elementary School, Abad Santos High School, P. Burgos Elementary School, Recto High School, Justo Lukban Elementary School, Aurora A. Quezon Elementary School, Araullo High School, Sta. Ana Elementary School, and Emilio Aguinaldo High School.

"We are excited to offer free eye care services in Manila through the Rotary Vision Care Project, and we would like to express our deepest appreciation for the generous support provided by Rotary International District 3810, Rotary International District 3450, and Rotary International District 3310 for their commitment to the Rotary Vision Care Project. Our shared goal of fostering healthier communities drives us to achieve success together. We look forward to this exciting venture!" said Rotary Club of Manila President Herminio Esguerra.

The Rotary Club of Kowloon East and the Rotary Club of Singapore are international partners on this project, with Physicians for Peace providing a cooperating organization role.



GLOBAL GRANT
2344386 ROTARY VISION CARE



Pres Hermie Esguerra said in his thank you message: "I would like to congratulate our team, Rotary Vision Care Global Grant Project Press Launch for a very successful launching this morning, December 14, 2022, held at the Lakbay Museo Food Wanderer, Ayala Manila Bay Mall in Parañaque City."

The Press Launch was and seamlessly managed by the team:

- RCM Global Grant Chairman STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay gave an overview of the global grant project.
- Rtn. Lance Tan provided the perfect venue in his museum and was in charge of inviting the press from various broadsheets to cover it.
- Rtn. Joey Garcia took charge of the logistics and the food. -Project Manager and Co-Chair DE/Dir. Albert Alday delivered the invocation.-VPE/VP Reggie Yu did the presentation and introduced the Rotary Club of Manila to the press by showcasing our various projects.
- STAR Rtn. Paul Koh was in charge of relations with Physicians for Peace, one of our cooperators, being a doctor himself.
- Rtn. Inov Talusan and DE/AS Mike Albaña lent much-needed moral support through their presence despite their busy schedule.

- Our Secretariat led by ES Anna Toledo and EA Amy Babiano ably assisted Rtn. Joey Garcia and Rtn. Lance Li in the logistics.
- The public school representatives, DepEd, and our cooperators came in full force. Indeed, this will open the eyes of the public to the Rotary Club of Manila's role as People of Action.

Again, thanks to all of you for the **TEAM** effort because
- **T**ogether
- **E**veryone
- **A**chieves
- **M**ore

Congratulations again for a job well done!
Cheers!

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Program Moderator Rtn. Joey Garcia started the program with an Invocation led by Dir. Albert Alday, that was followed by the Singing of the Philippine National Anthem.



Dir Albert Alday as the invocator.



Moderator Rtn. Joey Garcia introduced the host of the event, Rtn. Lawrence Li Tan.





Opening Marks by Pres. Hermie Esguerra was followed by a presentation of a snapshot of the history, institutional projects, and Rotary Area of Focus projects by VP Reggie Yu.

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GG #2344386 Chairman Aries Balanay giving an overview of the project







Project partners – PDG Lyne Abanilla, Department of Education USec Edel Carag and DepEd Focal person for SDO Manila, Mr. Aaron Tolentino share their message of acknowledgement and hope that this global grant will only be the first initiative that will allow more service opportunities to follow.

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Manila Rotarians with project partners

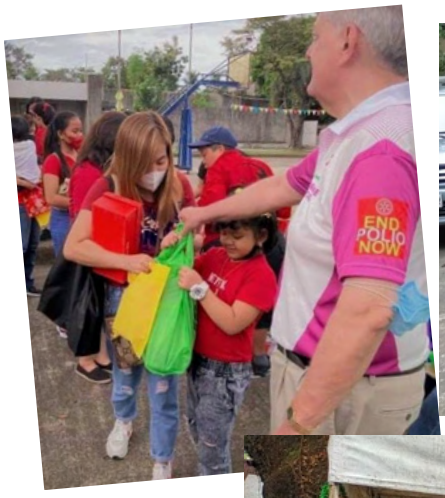




A photo opportunity with the school beneficiaries

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Gift Giving at the Philippine General Hospital









Deepest thanks to our fellow Rotarians who have generously supported our efforts!

The gift-giving was held last Monday, December 19, 2022 at the Philippine General Hospital.

Presenting the gifts of Rotary Club of Manila were Project Chair/Past Director John Cutter and Rtn. Ronald Martinez.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Gift Giving at the Philippine General Hospital







The beneficiaries joyful upon receiving their individual gifts.

Not to mention the 70 families who are staying in Manila and their 200+ members who received food support.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Update on Typhoon Paeng Disaster Relief in Mindanao

by Rtn. Inggy Bertelsen

On the second of January 2023, the Rotary Club of Manila and one of our oldest daughter clubs, the Rotary club of Davao partnered together to distribute the 50 shelter kits that were donated by RCM. This was still part of the Typhoon Paeng Relief Operations coordinated by Disaster Relief Chairman Mike Albaña, and the Philippine Coast Guard shipped them from Manila to deliver them to Davao.

On a rainy Monday, RCM member PP Inggy and a group of 20 members from RC Davao traveled to the town of Santa Maria to deliver the shelter kits. Santa Maria is a small municipality in Davao Occidental with its nearest biggest city, the town of Digos. It has around 48,000 people, most of whom are indigenous. It is a very poor region with few sources of income (copra and fishing), almost no tourism and therefore an abundance of unspoiled coastline.

RC Davao is a club in transition. There is still a cohort of older members. PDG Salvador Bading Angala of district 3810 is the most recognized. President Lester Suarez is a young businessman from under 40 with a big passion for serving the Areas of Focus. He also acknowledges that young blood is needed so they inducted a big group of under 30 Rotarians during his induction.

This made for a vibrant group of people that, despite the rain, organized the unloading of the truck and putting up of tables and banners and preparing of the food in no time. Next to that they were well prepared by the local LGU with whom they coordinated to get a list of beneficiaries in advance so the help would come at the right place. They agreed with the LGU and vice mayor in advance that the handing out would be done in small groups. This is to avoid a big rush or stampede of people that were not standing on the list.

After the first batch, we did interviews with some affected IP and had a wholesome lunch together by the beach. At around 4pm, we headed back to Davao.

RC Davao was hoping they did us proud and that we could have another project with them in the future. Since the whole program went with no issues, it has my and hopefully the club's blessing.

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BAGYONG PAENG SHELTER KITS BENEFICIARIES

Sitio Tulay, Sta. Maria, Davao Occidental

AHING, ANITA
AHING, CARMILITA
COMENDADOR, CATHERINE
DINIAR, MARILOU
DIOLATA, AWING
DIOLATA, BEBE
DIOLATA, BOBONG
DIOLATA, EDUARDO
DIOLATA, EDWIN
DIOLATA, ELIZABETH
GAMIAO, JUMFREY
GAMIAO, YONELA
IMPAS, HARRY JAY
LAGULING, LARRY
LALOYAN, JOLITO
LAPARAN, CLARISA
LAPARAN, NORMELITA
LORTEZ, IVY
LORTEZ, VICTOR
LUBALAN, ELFIDIA
LUBALAN, EMELITA
LURA, ENDA
MANDAY, AMY
MANGUBA, MEDARD
MANGUBA, MELANI
MANGUBA, MERCITA
MENDOZA, NERISA
MIODE, MELY
MONTESA, JOVELYN
OSO, ELIZABETH
PADO, JEROME
PADO, JUNJUN
PADO, TATA
PANISAN, JOJO
PANISAN, TATANG
PENECIOUS, NICOLE
SAGABAEN, JANET
SAKILI, GEFERINA
TALAGTAG, MELJEN

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The Worst is Over And the Best is Yet to Come



By Benjamin E. Diokno
Philippines Secretary of Finance

After the highly unprecedented pandemic, followed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and a weakening China growth, the global economy is likely to face a mild recession next year. But for the Philippines, the worst is over, and better years are expected.

All things considered, the Philippines did very well in 2022 – both politically and economically. The 2022 presidential and local elections were peaceful and the transfer of power was frictionless. Both feats should be the envy of most democratic governments. President Marcos Jr.'s absolute majority win – 31 million votes or 58.7 percent of the total votes cast – gives him a strong mandate to push further game-changing reforms.

2022 Economic Growth Exceeding 7.5% is Doable

On the economy, after a modest recovery in 2021, the Philippine GDP will likely grow much faster than the official target range of 6.5 to 7.5 percent this year. All sectors will be surging, led by manufacturing and construction, while strong domestic demand is supplemented by exports. Employment rate, a key metric in a labor-rich country, has exceeded pre-pandemic levels, creating some 4.6 million new employment.

The manufacturing sector is one source of optimism. The S&P Global Philippines PMI has mostly been on an expansion mode, reaching 52.7 percent index points in November. Jobs in the manufacturing sector increased by 10.42 percent in October 2022 year-on-year as improved sales signaled business expansions and higher capacity use. The expanded job creation is a sign of future growth prospects for the sector. Looking ahead, output expectation in the next 12 months remains optimistic with hopes of demand expansions.

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The employment outlook is another source of optimism. Unemployment rate slid to 4.5 percent, lower than the 5.3 percent unemployment rate during the pre-pandemic period. There were 4.6 million new jobs in October 2022 compared to the level posted during the pre-pandemic period. Underemployment rate in October 2022 (14.2 percent) was lower than the January 2020 pre-pandemic period (14.8 percent).

More Filipinos 15 years and older have joined the workforce. The labor force participation rate (LFPR) in October was 64.2 percent, higher than the 61.7 percent recorded in the January 2020 pre-pandemic period.

Inflation, which has been a challenge for almost all countries -- both developed and emerging -- has been a major concern for Philippine authorities too. But for the Philippines, the outlook is that inflation will start to ease next year and will be within the target band of 2.0 to 4.0 percent by 2024. This positive prediction is based on the very close coordination between monetary and fiscal authorities and the falling prices of oil and related commodities.

Oil prices, a major source of imported inflation, have gone back to levels before the Russia-Ukraine conflict amid worries over global demand outlook. Rising COVID cases and the strict quarantine measures in China have had dampening effects on crude oil prices and other energy commodities. In brief, the oil futures market remained in backwardization as of 29 November 2022, owing to weak demand due to production disruptions in China, tighter global financial conditions, and deteriorating world growth prospects.

Economic Outlook for 2023

Many institutions and experts have predicted a global recession in 2023, and consequently, downgraded Philippine GDP growth outlook to less than 6 percent. The Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) predicts that the Philippine economy will grow by 6.0 to 7.0 percent in 2023 in the face of external headwinds. But an average GDP growth of 6.5 percent is nothing to be sneezed at: it is still one of the highest, if not the highest, growth rates among ASEAN+6 economies.

There are many reasons for this optimistic view.

First, the early approval of the 2023 national budget. This means that the programs and projects of the national government will start to run from day one of the new year. This is especially relevant for public construction which is about one-fifth of the P5.2 trillion national budget. Ideally, public construction has to start in the first half of the year because of the favorable weather conditions: more sunny, less rainy, days.

Second, the early adoption of the first-ever Medium-Term Fiscal Framework, (MTFF) FY 2023-2028, which President Marcos Jr. unveiled in his State of the Nation Address (SONA). The MTFF serves as the new administration's North Star as it pursues economic and

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social transformation within a regime of fiscal consolidation. In the spirit of national unity, the MTFF was swiftly embraced by both Houses of Congress through a joint resolution. As a result, both the Executive and Legislative Departments of government are on the same page, pursuing the same national aspirations, at least for the next three years. This unprecedented achievement and display of unity may yet be the envy of all democratic governments in the world.

Third, the swift approval of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 (PDP). The PDP is a coherent **Plan for Economic and Social Transformation** that accelerates economic and social recovery towards inclusive and resilient prosperity. It puts flesh into President Marcos Jr.'s skeletal 8-point socioeconomic agenda which he mentioned in his first SONA.

Fourth, is the strong international credit profile of the country, even among higher-rated peers. In a sea of downgrades as a consequence of the pandemic, major credit agencies (Moody's, S&P, and Fitch) have maintained the Philippines' investment-grade credit ratings.

Fifth, is the stable and resilient banking system, characterized by: strong capitalization well above international norms; rising assets funded mainly by deposits; satisfactory loan portfolio with low and falling non-performing loans (NPL) ratio; and strong liquidity position to fund requirements during shocks.

Sixth, the adequate buffers against external headwinds. The country has a hefty level of gross international reserves (US$95.1 billion, Nov 2022); low external debt/GDP ratio (26.8%, end September 2022); and a favorable external debt profile: by maturity (15.2% short-term, 84.8% medium and long term), by borrower (40% private sector, 60% public sector), and by interest type (56.7% fixed rate, 42.4% variable type, and 0.9% non-interest bearing). In addition, the country has a steady supply of foreign exchange from overseas Filipino remittances, export revenues from Business Process Outsourcing firms, tourism receipts, and inflows from foreign direct investments.

Seventh, a more favorable economic environment that removes barriers to foreign investments and further opens economic sectors to foreign equity. The government has crafted policies that allow for more participation in Philippine industries. Foreign investors can have 100% ownership of micro and small domestic enterprises with a paid-in equity capital of US$100,000 but not to or more than US$200,000, subject to some conditions. The Retail Trade Liberalization Law was amended to allow more foreign players in the retail market by lowering the minimum paid-up capital for foreign corporations from US$2.5 million (P125 million) to US$500,000 (P25 million), and removing the required net worth, number of retailing branches, and retailing track record conditions. The Public Service Act was amended to allow up to 100% foreign ownership of public services such as telecommunications, airports, railways, shipping and expressways. These game-changing laws are expected to boost foreign direct investments, in

particular, and the economy, in general.

Eighth, the young, tech-savvy, mostly English-speaking labor force. In an aging world, this is a formidable asset. The government has to deliver on its commitment to invest in its people to develop them into an agile, competent, and competitive workforce by investing in their education and health care.

Ninth, the strong commitment to continue and further expand the "Build, Build, Build" program, but with a twist – now with enhanced private sector participation. The IRR of the Build-Operate-Transfer Law was amended within the first 100 days of the Marcos administration to create a more competitive and enabling environment for public-private partnership (PPP) for infrastructure development. As of 31 October 2022, there are 283 PPP projects (206 under implementation, 77 in the pipeline) worth P5.3 trillion. Moreover, the government is committed to keep 5% to 6% infrastructure spending-to GDP ratio for 2022-2028.

The Philippines' future is bright

As long as the country stays united and its political leaders and policy makers remain focused on economic growth, the Philippines' future remains bright. The trajectory of its growth will make the country one of the leading economies in the Asia-Pacific region.



Remembering PD Celso Abastillas







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President Herminio S. Esguerra's Message



This afternoon's Gathering, a.k.a.,
REMEMBERING
A Life of Selflessness

Good afternoon.

To you Ging, your lovely children, family, relatives, friends, and your extended families, please accept my personal as well as from the members and staff of the Rotary Club of Manila, our prayers and Deepest Condolences on the untimely passing of our dear Celso.

Indeed it was a shocking sad news to all of us Manila Rotarians.
We will miss Celso not only in person but as well as his valuable dedication to our Club and to the Rotary.

In the midst of this sadness, I am however much privileged as President of RCM to be the main presenter of our dear Celso's Rotary name badge.

The Rotary name badge is a symbol of our oneness in Friendship, Service, and a representation of our business/profession and Classification.

Symbolic of a soldier who has served his country well, the Rotary Name Badge is a manifestation of a Rotarian's dedication to the promotion of Rotary tenets and objectives, as well as the Rotary five Core Values which RCM Past Director Celso Abastillas lived and exemplified:

FELLOWSHIP
INTEGRITY
DIVERSITY
SERVICE
LEADERSHIP

Aside from being a PD Director of Rotary Club of Manila in RY 2020-2021, our dear Celso also served as a Trustee of RCManila Foundation and likewise became the First Chairman of the Audit, Risk Management and Good Governance Committee of the Foundation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Executive Officers, members and staff of the Rotary Club of Manila, FIRST IN ASIA, we are presenting the to the Family of our dear Celso the Name Badge of a Rotary Hero - who served his club, the Rotary and his country well.

My I invite Ging and the family to receive PD Celso' Rotary Name Badge

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Pres. Hermie Esguerra presents the RCM name badge of PD Celso Abastillas to spouse Ging Abastillas.



Abastillas family in a posterity photo with RCM members





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"Dear Father, there is a season and time for everything in this world. Today you have granted us a chance to celebrate the life of our loved one, and we want to say thank you. Even though we are finding it hard to accept what has happened, we know that everything works out together for good.

Father, give us the peace and comfort as we start this funeral program. Give us the strength to share the beautiful moments that we shared with Celso, our beloved departed. Let the things we share about our beloved Celso bring joy and healing in our hearts. Let your light shine upon our hearts, that we may be able to give our last respects lovingly.

Let your grace be upon each individual gathered here today [both physically and virtually]. We celebrate a life of love and integrity and grace, a life that was a legacy to those left behind. May this not be a day of mourning, but a day of celebration for a life that touched us all. Lastly, Bless this gathering today, Father, and we give thanks to you for the life we have in you.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Eulogy and invocation by Rtn Gerry Magbanua



Eulogy by DGN Jackie Rodriguez



Eulogy by PP Frank Evaristo

Remembering PD Celso Abastillas

My warmest greetings to one and all.

If I may call out to his family Starting with his wife Ging. The kids: Abby (43) Pam (41) Vanessa (38) and the unico hijo Jay-Ar (34). From these fine children He had 5 Apos – Ben -12, Thea, 9, Alli 7 Wiliam 8 and Lucas 5.

To each and everone of you my deepest personal condolences.

I stand here before you to pay tribute to a man we all knew. Some knowing him better than others.

I was not that close to Celso – but he was one of the better liked Rotarians that I would regularly sit next to during our pre-pandemic FTF meetings.

I learned recently the following about Celso:

He was born in Isabang Quezon... grew up in.

He graduated Cum Laude in UE (Accountancy)

He was a working student – taught Accountancy.

He was also very good at courting and winning the right woman whom he eventually married (allegedly a fairly short courtship) but knowing how convincing Celso would get once he latched on to an idea... I am not surprised.
He spearheaded a lot of innovation patents in their enterprises – The TAWI Group of Companies which as we all know specialized in Wood products.

Because of his initiatives, the Company received an award from no less that DTI itself for having the most number of patents submitted.

He was very much an outdoors man. Loved mountain hiking, and would spend a lot of



Eulogy by IPP Chito Zaldarriaga

time in Highlands / Midlands playing golf. exercising. His spare time was spent reading, writing his personal memoirs. He had to be productive all the time.

I was asking myself what this remarkable man would have wanted me to share with all of you this afternoon. And after looking back at the times we spend together... I am 100% sure that this is what he would have me share with all of you.

4 basic truths.

One:

God Loves you and desires that you

Have Eternal Life with Him : John 3:16 – " For God so Loved the World that He gave His only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have ETERNAL LIFE"

Have an Abundant and Meaningful Life with Him

John 10:10 – "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they have life and Have it abundantly."
But most people are NOT experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because:

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Truth #2

Man has a SIN Problem that SEPARATES him from God.

Everyone has sinned - Rom 3:23 " Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

The Penalty of sin is DEATH

Rom 6:23 " For the wages of sin is death..."

Bible talks of 2 kinds of death –
Physical Death – we will all end up dying
Spiritual Death – or Eternal Separation from God

Revelation 21:8 – " But for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and ALL LIARS, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Truth #3

JESUS CHRIST is GOD's ONLY way to Eternal Life.

He is the ONLY way.
John 14:6 – Jesus says:
"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

He COMPLETELY paid for the penalty of your sins.

1 Peter 3:18
"For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous. In order to bring you to God."

HIS RESURRECTION PROVES THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD, THE MESSIAH, THE ONLY SAVIOUR.

ROM: 1:3-4
"the gospel concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of Holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord"

HE PROMISES ETERNAL LIFE
JOHN 3:36
"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath."

MERELY KNOWING WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR US IS NOT ENOUGH

Truth #4

WE MUST PLACE OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE US

Ephesian 2:8-9
For by Grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the GIFT OF GOD – not the result of works, so that no one may boast."

ARE YOU WILLING TO ACCEPT THIS GIFT OF GOD?

PRAY THIS PRAYER IN FAITH:
"LORD JESUS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LOVING ME.
I CONFESS THAT I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU. THANK YOU FOR DYING ON THE CROSS FOR MY SINS.
TODAY, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU AS MY PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR.
I ACCEPT YOUR FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE AND I SURRENDER MY LIFE TO YOU.
THANK YOU FOR FORGIVING MY SINS. FROM THIS DAY ON,
I CHOOSE TO FOLLOW YOU – AMEN.

If you have just trusted Jesus Christ , then the following have happened to you:

YOUR ETERNAL LIFE WITH GOD BEGINS TODAY!

This is not a religion guys. It is a relationship which I am positive our dear Celso would want us all to have before our time is up!

Thank you and may God bless us all.

Remembering PD Celso Abastillas

Eulogy of Program Chairman
PD Amading Valdez



Reflection on the Death of a Rotarian

What a week that was. Saturday, December 31, 2022 ended with a bad note. Rotarian CELSO ABASTILLAS , a friend of 35 years, died.

The news came through a Viber message from his eldest daughter.

Disbelief, then denial, then a call to confirm. It did not sink immediately, the reaction is not the kind of grief fit to the news, the appropriate one suspended or postponed as if the story may still change.

Then the many "ifs"!

If he only went to the hospital would he be still alive today?

My son, a Muslim, said that the end has been predestined. Once life has a deadline, a dateline from birth to death. It has to be accepted.

Then why the medical research, the advancement of knowledge to determine what ills and what heals?

We only deal with the quality of life, he said, a son advising his father whose light dimmed because of the loss of a friend.

Then the reflection: One avoids the debilitating germs or bacteria because of the fruits of these painstaking medical or scientific research, or avoid accidents or the acts of malice or intent to harm because of deterrence from technological advances, safety protocols, moral discipline from education, social pressures or religious fears.

These are part of living like in a video game which are lifelines to avoid challenges as you play on.

Yes life is a game! A supreme power or energy created the scene and circumstance from the beginning of life!

Let us enjoy life. Rotary life is a ride to make it happen!

Happy New Year to all!

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Eulogy by Centennial Pres. Susing Pineda



Eulogy by PD Beda Fajardo



Eulogy by PP Francis Juico



Members in attendance



Family of the late PD Celso Abastillas

Remembering PD Celso Abastillas













Family members and RCM members held hands and sang the Auld Lang Syne

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Pasig River cleanup

By ... - December 14, 2022



DENR-PRCMO and Rotary Club of Manila cleanup team working on waste trapped in floating trash barriers.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office (DENR-PRCMO) and the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) have joined forces to clean up the Pasig River.

As part of Rotary's supporting the environment initiative—one of Rotary's seven areas of focus—RCM has donated 395 floating trash barriers that will be used to prevent the trash from flowing into the river.

The Pasig River clean-up is a flagship project of the Rotary Club of Manila, and the club is committed to helping PRCMO clean up the Pasig River as part of its more significant effort to improve environmental conditions in the area. The club's donation of 395 heavy-duty floating trash barriers will go a long way in preventing the trash from flowing into the river and polluting it.

DENR-PRCMO and the Rotary Club of Manila are confident that by working together, they can help restore Pasig River and make it the vibrant waterway it once was.

They are committed to continuing their partnership to bring about positive changes for the environment, the people, and future generations.

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COLEGIO DE CALUMPIT INC.
(Formerly Calumpit Institute)

CITATION
of
RAUL C. PAGDANGANAN, CPA
MAJOR FRANCISCO F. DEL ROSARIO
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

With the formidable completion of his secondary education as the batch valedictorian at Calumpit Institute (now Colegio de Calumpit), he carried on with an ardent educational cruise to one of the country's highly wished-for academes – the University of the Philippines, for his tertiary instruction with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Accountancy in 1981. Thereupon, he set off as a Licensed/ Certified Public Accountant, with no less than being on the Licensure Examination's Top 20.

He spared no effort and very soon made a name that lingers...The world of the competent and well-qualified came to know of his existence. He generously empowered the various institutions and establishments with which he was affiliated at one point with his wisdom and skills. He is the former President and CEO of De Los Santos Medical Center. He also became the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Jesus Delgado Memorial Hospital and the Board Director of Marikina Valley Medical Center. He is incessantly blasting off his awe-inspiring walk of life . Currently, he acts as the President & CEO of Cardinal Santos Medical Center. Concurrently he is the President of Colinas Healthcare, Inc. (CHI) and President of Cardinal Medical Charities Foundation, Inc. (CMCFI) . Just recenty, he was chosen as one of the Members of the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines.

The most prestigious award-giving bodies won't be able to repel the delight which is definitely evident in his achievements. He was recognized by the Rotary Club District 3780, "2018 Rotary Golden Wheel Award for Good Governance in Hospital Administration"; then, by the City of Mandaluyong in the "2019 Ulirang Mandaleno Award for Leadership and Professional Excellence"' and ultimately, by our own Provincial Government as "Gawad Dangal Ng Lipi 2022 para sa Kalusugan".

He has indeed brought so much honor and pride to our beloved institution.. Truly, he is not just a man of knowledge but someone with a good heart. His Alma Mater is truly proud of him.

Given this 17th day of December, 2022 hereat Calumpit, Bulacan on the occasion of the 75th Founding Anniversary of the school.

SIGNED:

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RECOGNITION CORNER

COLEGIO DE CALUMPIT INC.
(Formerly Calumpit Institute)

CITATION
of
ROBERTO M. PAGDANGANAN, PhD
MAJOR FRANCISCO F. DEL ROSARIO
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A consistent honor student and scholar during his days at the academe, Roberto M. Pagdanganan or simply "Obet" to his family and friends can be best described as a person who has a great passion for life and a man with a heart of gold. With his outstanding academic record, it is not surprising that he has amassed noteworthy awards, such as the valedictorian of his batch at Calumpit Elementary School in 1959 and batch valedictorian at Colegio de Calumpit Inc (formely Calumpit Insitute) in 1963. His desire to hone his gift continued as he was bestowed the Summa Cum Laude award at Manuel L. Quezon University in 1968 with the degree of Bachelor Science in Chemical Engineering. He pursued his MBA degree at De La Salle University in 1977 and was conferred a Doctorate Degree in Educational Management (Honoris Causa) by Bulacan State University.

He received numerous awards and recognitions, and even held different positions in the corporate world. With his extensive experience in government service, 'Ka Obet", now on his 4th term as the President of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines has been awarded the "Gawad Dangal ng Lipi 2022" recognition for public service. His compassion for the less fortunate has strengthened his resolve to help fight poverty and to improve the quality of life of the Filipino people, this is indeed an act worthy of emulation.

With the guidance of the Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" and with his open heart and helping hands, he proved that a CCIAN is always Truly the Finest

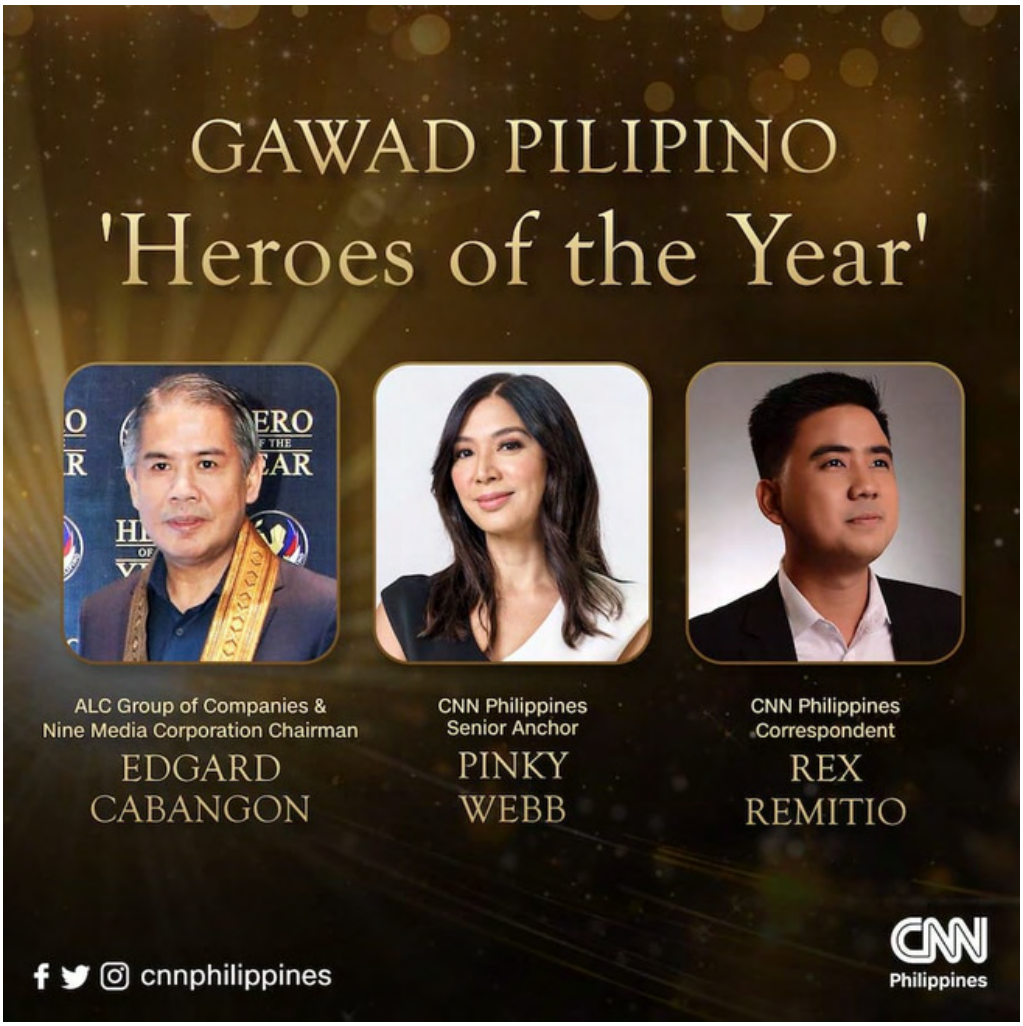
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Congratulations, Edgard Cabangon, Pinky Webb, and Rex Remitio!

They were among the **100 Heroes of the Year** awarded by **Gawad Pilipino**.

Gawad Pilipino honored this year COVID-19 frontliners — including uniformed personnel, medical workers, public servants, non-government organizations, and journalists.

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Rtn. Teng Catalan with President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. and First Lady Liza A. Marcos During Their Visit to China



Rtn. Teng Catalan with President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. and First Lady Liza A. Marcos during their visit to China; Beijing Philippine Embassy officers, Deputy Chief of Mission Dinno Oblena and Chief of Presidential Protocol Ambassador Adel Cruz, Ambassador Jaime Flor Cruz, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Ricky Manalo and House Speaker/RCM Rtn. Martin Romualdez.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

Senen Mangalile Assumes Post as Consul General in New York



Top Filipino diplomat Senen Mangalile assumes post as consul general in New York.

Asserting the country's importance to NYC, Mangalile will keep the city lukewarm to Filipino overtures through "protecting the rights of migrants, strengthening economic linkages and celebrating the significant contributions of Filipino-Americans to the fabric of American society."

Mangalile was minister of the Philippine Embassy in Switzerland.

He succeeds journalist/diplomat Elmer Cato, who, it can be recalled, was unceremoniously recalled to Manila before President Marcos' trip to New York last year for the United Nation's General Assembly.

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Manila Rotarians in a Courtesy Call with PVP Babe Romualdez



DE/Dir. Albert Alday and STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay in a privileged courtesy call with fellow Manila Rotarian and Past Vice President His Excellency Jose Manuel "Babe" Romualdez last December 28, 2022 at the Philippine Embassy in Washington DC, USA.

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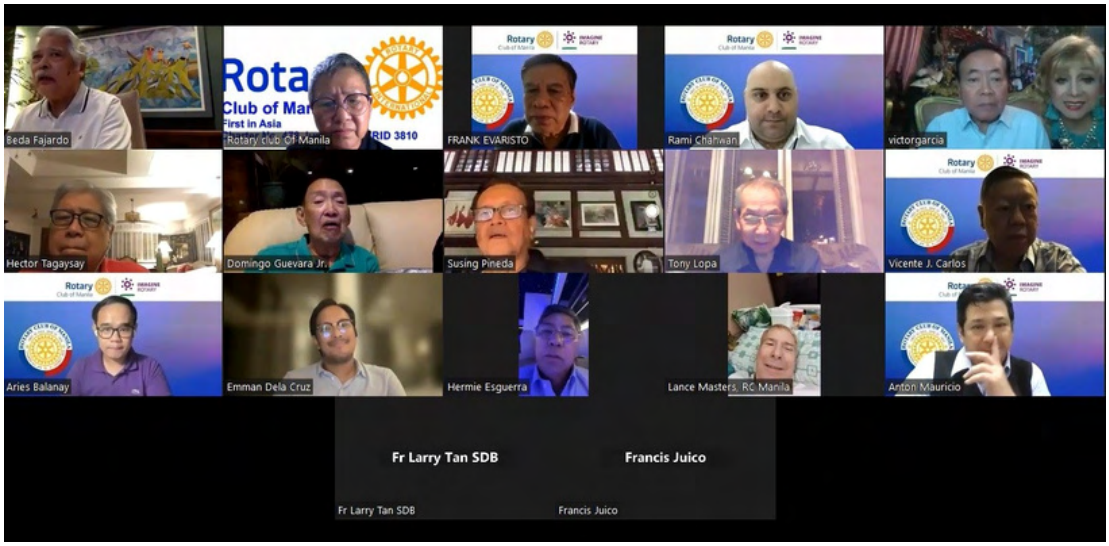






FIRST FRIDAY MASS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY





The first Friday Mass held on January 6, 2023 via Zoom was presided by Rev. Fr. Larry Tan. Participants were Pres. Hermie Esguerra, PDG Vince Carlos, PP Boy Guevara (Commentator) and spouse Monette, PP Francis Juico (led the Intercessory Prayer), PP Frank Evaristo, PVP Lance Masters, Centennial President Susing Pineda (led the Prayer of Humble Faith and Hope, PD Art Lopez (read the First Reading and Responsorial Psalm), PD Beda Fajardo (led the Prayer of the Faithful), Rtn. Vic Garcia (led the Prayer for Spiritual Communion) with spouse Connie Garcia, PDSAA Tony Lopa, PT Chito Tagaysay, Rtn. Rami Chahwan, Rtn. Anton Maurivio, Rtn. Emman dela Cruz, Grant Committee Chairman Aries Balanay, and Rtn. Joel Talamapas.

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