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There is no denying that the past six months saw the Rotary Club of Manila purposively embarking on one successful project after another. Through the unrelenting efforts of the Club leadership, so much has been done and accomplished. Remarkably, there are numerous more in the pipeline, including various institutional and hallmark events. As we cross the halfway mark of this exciting Rotary year, let us pause to appreciate the innumerable winning moments, all fashioned and achieved in the spirit of service by no less than Asia's first Rotary Club.



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RCM'S 24TH ZOOM WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Rotary Year 2022-2023

Thursday, January 19, 20223, 12:30 PM

MODERATOR: SECRETARY EDWIN HERNANDEZ

Program Timetable

Part I

12:15 PM	Registration & Zoom In	
	Presentation of Meeting Protocol/Zoom Meeting House Rules	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	PRESIDENT HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA
	Invocation and Special Prayers	RTN HERBERT JOEY GARCIA
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	The Four (4) Way Test	STAR RTN PAUL ANTHONY KOH
	Philippine Rotary Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	Acknowledgment of Guests	
	Welcome Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	<u>RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week</u>	
	January 14	RTN KENTARO SHIGEI
	January 17	RTN TONY MELOTO
	January 17	RTN ANTON MAURICIO
	January 18	RTN JOHN BAUTISTA
	Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
	PRESIDENT'S TIME	PRESIDENT HERMINIO ESGUERRA
Part II	INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT HERMINIO ESGUERRA	VICE PRESIDENT REGINALD YU
	TOPIC: LET'S TALK RCM "RCM President's Midyear Report"	
	OPEN FORUM	
	Manila Rotary Hymn	AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale
2:00 PM	Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment	PRESIDENT HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Dear fellow Manila Rotarians,

Greetings and warmest regards to all!

It is with great pleasure to share with you the activities, events, and meetings that I attended in the past week through this edition of President's Diary.



Global Grant Rotary Vision Care Project Implementation in Tondo High School

Friday, 13 January 2023

Last Friday, we implemented our Global Grant Rotary Vision Care Project in Tondo High School with help from Cooperating Organization Physicians for Peace. It was an inspiring day as I had the opportunity to witness firsthand how this initiative can make a positive difference in the lives of many people.



Global Grant Rotary Vision Care project implementation led by yours truly and Grant Chair Aries Balanay together with Cooperating Organization, Physicians for Peace, represented by Ms. Lyne Abanilla, Tondo High School headed by Principal Rodrigo Natividad together with student beneficiaries.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Yours truly assisting the licensed optometrist of Physicians for Peace while conducting error of refraction pictures, together with Physicians For Peace COO Lyne Abanilla and Grant Chairman Aries Balanay.



Yours truly and Grant Chairman Aries Balanay together with Tondo High School Principal/Rotary President of RC Leon Guinto, Mr. Rodrigo Natividad, teachers/Rotarians from Rotary Club of Tondo Manila, and Physicians for Peace COO/Past District Governor Lyne Abanilla

PRESIDENT'S DIARY



A Tondo High School qualified beneficiary selecting her eye frame assisted by yours truly and Grant Chairman Aries Balanay during the Rotary Vision Care Mission



Tondo High School headed by Principal Rodrigo Natividad showing us the Four-Way Test and project markers painted on their school façade.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Sister Vida Cordero of Physicians for Peace conducting training for beneficiaries of Rotary Vision Care

I delivered my special message to the students, teachers and non-teaching personnel of Tondo High School, one of the school beneficiaries of the Rotary Vision Care Project.



Attendees of the Rotary Vision Care training conducted by Physicians for Peace and members of the Rotary Club of Manila

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Global Grant Rotary Vision Care Project Implementation in Barrio Obrero Elementary School

Monday, 16 January 2023

It was an exciting and fulfilling day for the Rotary Club of Manila as we led the implementation of our Global Grant Vision Care Project in Barrio Obrero Elementary School.



Grant Chair Aries B. Balanay and I together with Barrio Obrero Elementary School officials headed by Principal Rosana Ramos.



Grant Chair Aries B. Balanay and me with Physicians for Peace COO Lyne Abanilla endorsing the PERI Kit and Color Blindness test kit donation to Principal Rosana Ramos.

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Grant Chair Aries B. Balanay and me inspected the Four-Way Test and Global Grant Project Markers installed in Barrio Obrero Elementary School headed by Principal Rosana Ramos.



Grant Chair Aries B. Balanay, Principal Rosana Ramos and me assisting one of the students while undergoing auto refraction conducted by licensed optometrist of Physicians for Peace.



Yours truly assisting one of the beneficiaries of Vision Care Project during the frame selection to make sure the frame fits the student who will receive the eyeglasses

PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Aside from vision screening, the Rotary Club of Manila is also providing free Color Blindness tests to school beneficiaries. Many individuals often disregard how much not being able to distinguish specific colors can influence a person's life. It affects everything, from what jobs a color-deficient person can do down to small decisions like what food to eat.



Grant Chair Aries Balanay and me turning over the Four-Way Test marker to Principal Rosanna Ramos.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY



We identified the perfect place to prominently display the Four-Way Test marker.



Sr. Vida Cordero of Physicians for Peace conducting the training on how to take care of the eyes to students, parents, teaching and non-teaching personnel of Barrio Obrero Elementary School.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

7th Special Board Meeting

Monday, 16 January 2023

We had our 7th Special Board Meeting last Monday via Zoom. With me at the Board meeting were IPP Chito Zaldarriaga, VP Reggie Yu, Directors Hans Palacios, Albert Alday and Johnny Chotrani, BLA Raoul Creencia, Treas. Karlo Castro, Asst. Treas. PJ Garcia, RCMFI Chair Pepo Nuñez, and World Community Service (Grant) Committee Chairman Aries Balanay.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Global Grant Rotary Vision Care Project Implementation in Isabelo Delos Reyes Elementary School

Tuesday, 17 January 2023

Last Tuesday, we implemented our Global Grant Vision Care Project at Isabelo Delos Reyes Elementary School in Tondo, Manila. Through this project, over 150 pupils, teachers and parents were given free eye screenings and prescription eyeglasses.



There was a short program before the dispensing of eyeglasses



Dr. Wilma of Physicians for Peace conducting a training on how to take care of eyeglasses to the 150+ recipients of Rotary Vision Care.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Dispensing of prescription glasses



Rotary Club of Manila, represented by yours truly, received a Certificate of Recognition for generously providing eye screenings and eye glasses to the pupils, teachers and parents of Isabelo Delos Reyes Elementary School, given this 17th day of January 2023 in Tondo, Manila, signed by Louella Maricar O. Cheng, IRES Rotary Club Coordinator and Principal Eleodora B. Vergara, Principal IV.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Yours truly assisting Dr. Wilma Nieva of Physicians for Peace during the eye dispensing and fitting of eyeglasses to students.



A very happy teacher of Isabelo Delos Reyes Elem. School receiving his eyeglasses from Rotary Club of Manila Vision Care Program.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

District 3810 Chinese New Year Celebration

Tuesday, 17 January 2023

I attended the Chinese New Year Celebration of District 3810 held at Golden Bay Seafood Restaurant in Pasay City. Members of Rotary Club of Manila who were also present were PDG Rudy Bediones, Dir. Albert Alday, Rtn. Lance Tan, Rtn. Joey Garcia, STAR Rtn. Paul Koh, Grant Chair STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, Rtn. Rami Chahwan, and STAR Rtn. Arvin Arik Carranceja.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Technical Run in Preparation for Weekly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 18 January 2023

I joined the Program Committee's technical run in preparation for today's Weekly Membership Meeting (January 19, 2023). Programs Committee Chairman PD Amading Valdez, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, Asst. Secretary Mike Albana, and STAR Rtn. Paul Koh attended the meeting. Also present were ES Anna Kun Toledo and EA Amy Babiano.



As essayed by the photos above featured, the Rotary Club of Manila has been actively involved in a variety of initiatives to help promote eye health and vision care among our beneficiaries.

Our commitment to improving lives through service is unwavering as we continue to strive towards making our community healthier and more prosperous.

Let us all pledge that together, we will make an even greater difference this year!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pres. Hermie Esquerro

EDITOR'S NOTE

Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

Brilliantteering. In today's regular weekly meeting, President Hermie Esguerra will be giving his mid-year report to the Rotary Club of Manila members and guests. Since July, the President's weekly activities, which is religiously featured in Balita through the "President's Diary", has surely given everyone a glimpse of the various successfully implemented projects, solidified partnerships with other clubs, government entities, and civic organizations, as well as the awards and recognitions that the Club has thus far received from the district. Our Club has surely accomplished much over the past six months, and we have a reason to celebrate and be proud.



The completed projects and the ones in the pipeline for implementation in the coming months tell us of the resilience, strength of character, and vibrance of the country's oldest Rotary Club.

To be sure, the Club has had some unique challenges and drawbacks in the past six months, but this should be seen as part of the (necessary) process of the Club going through the crucible of severe testing. Even after more than a century of existence, Asia's first Rotary Club continues to go through the process of sharpening and polishing – and this is how a priceless creation is perfected. In fact, a billion years creation of nature, the natural diamond, still needs to undergo through a cutting and polishing process to let it achieve a perfect shape, and make it sparkle and shine.

In a process called brilliantteering, the facets of the cut diamond are polished so that it reflects and refracts the optimal amount of light. It is the polishing of the natural diamond that determines how much fire, brilliance and sparkle it will have.

When a raw diamond is first discovered, it looks unremarkable: a clear pebble or rough crystal scarred by its journey from deep within the earth's crust. It takes the diamond cutter's art to release its brilliance, fire, and scintillation.

The Rotary Club of Manila, just like a raw diamond, has to go through the same process. Since a diamond is the hardest known mineral to man, only another diamond can cut it. This explains why it is not the copper saw that cuts through the natural rough diamond, but the diamond dust it is coated with.

As we reflect on the past six months of the current Rotary year, and as we look forward to the future of our Club, let us endeavor to each be a diamond dust to collectively coat the copper saw to fashionably cut and mold our Club. Let us all positively contribute so that the process of brilliantteering will truly result in a sparkling and priceless gem that is the Rotary Club of Manila.

23RD REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The 23rd Regular Meeting had Program Committee Chair, **PD Amading Valdez**, as Moderator/Facilitator.



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



Humbly calling upon our loving Father God, **AT PJ Garcia** led the Invocation and Special Prayer.



Apart from the live singing by the members and guests in attendance, the rendition of the **Philippine National Anthem** the was made more meaningful by the **Rotary Club of Manila Audiovisual Presentation**, featuring captivating images of Manila Rotarians.

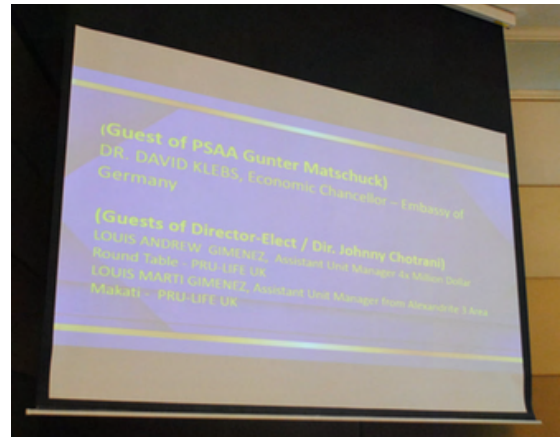


Rtn. Anton Mauricio led the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test.

23RD REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn** again electrified everybody's Rotarian spirit.



The Moderator acknowledged and introduced the Visiting Guests and Rotarians.



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

23RD REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The week's birthday celebrants were duly acknowledged, namely **Rtn. Xavy Xialcita**, **STAR Rtn. Anthony Paul Koh** and **Rtn. Jed Dayang**. This was followed by the **World Famous Music Chorale** singing the RCM's unique and captivating happy birthday song.



Pres. Hermie Esguerra delivered his message during the President's Time.



STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay duly recognized and acknowledged the donors of the Global Grant for Rotary Vision Care.

23RD REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



PP Archit Bartolome introduced the **Guest of Honor and Speaker, Hon. Felipe Medalla, Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.**



Guest of Honor and Speaker BSP Gov. Felipe Medalla, delivered his much well-received address.



Important matters were further discussed and clarified during the open forum participated by **PP Archit Bartolome**, **IPP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **PT Lito Sibayan** and **Mr. Andrew Masigan** (guest).



President Hermie Esguerra and **Programs Committee Chairman IPD Amading Valdez** presented the Token of Appreciation, attested by **Club Secretary Edwin Hernandez**, to **Guest of Honor and Speaker Hon. Felipe Medalla, Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.**

23RD REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The **World Famous Music Chorale** once again took the floor for the live and heartfelt singing of the **RC Manila Hymn**.



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2022-2023

JANUARY 2023	<u>12 January 2023</u> BSP Gov. Felipe Medalla
All Members Present	74
All Members in virtual FB	0
Make Up	3
Less: Exempt from Attendance	
On Leave	0
Total Active Members	77
Total # of Members	240
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	32%
ROTARACTORS	0
MEDIA	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	1
GOHS / GS	1
Visiting Rotarians	43
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	0
Others	0
Total attendees	119

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

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

(As of January 18, 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	Ang, Richard T.
15	Arguelles, Pablo
16	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.
17	Balanay, Aries
18	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.
19	Batur, Sinan
20	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
21	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
22	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
23	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
24	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"
25	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
26	Biltz, Oliver
27	Bogovich, Jason M.
28	Branellec, Jacques "Jack"
29	Buendia, Carlos "Caloy" C.
30	Caasi, Urbano, Jr. "Banit" S.
31	Cabangon, Edgard
32	Cabuñag, Rogelio "Roger" R.
33	Canon, Raul
34	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
35	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
36	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
37	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
38	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
39	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
40	Cenica, John T.
41	Chahwan, Rami
42	Chotrani, Johnny N.
43	Co, Ferdinand "Ferdie" C.
44	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
45	Creencia, Raoul

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

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

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

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191	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
192	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
193	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
194	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
195	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
196	Tan, John
197	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.
198	Tang, Jimmy T.
199	Tanglao, Noel V.
200	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
201	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
202	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
203	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
204	Uy, Ivan John Enrile "Ivan"
205	Valdes, Joel C.
206	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
207	Valdez, Jason
208	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
209	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
210	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"

211	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.
212	Villarica, Henry R.
213	Villegas, Raoul A.
214	Wombwell, Philip Brian
215	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
216	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.
217	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
218	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.
219	Zaladarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
220	Zeitouni, Naji
221	Zalcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.
222	Zimmer, Christopher
223	Zosa, Rolando "Roy" M.

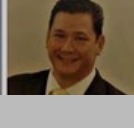
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1	Andal, Avelino "Billy"
2	Angara, Marius
3	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"
4	Yujuico, Brendon



RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

Nominees for RCManila Foundation, Inc. Election for RY 2022-2024 Board of Trustees

1. ALDAY, ALBERT		11. PASCUAL, ABRAHAM F. "Abe"	
2. ALUNAN, RAFAEL III M. "Raffy"		12. <u>PELIÑO</u> , WILFREDO "Willie"	
3. CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M. "Karlo"		13. RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR. C. "Jackie"	
4. CHOTRANI, JOHNNY N.		14. SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H. "Lito"	
5. ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V. "Jujut"		15. VALDES, JOEL C.	
6. ESGUERRA, HERMINIO S. "Hermie"		16. ZALDARRIAGA, FELIX FRANCISCO S. "Chito"	
7. GO, HENRY			
8. LOCSIN, ARSENIO Z. "Nick"			
9. MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D. "Paco"			
10. MAURICIO, ANTONILO D. "Anton"			

RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.



ELECTION - RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

RCMANILA FOUNDATION FOR YEAR 2023-2024 & PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC. BY-LAWS.

RCMANILA FOUNDATION NOMINEES

Option	Votes	
Valdes, Joel C	7%	42
Alunan, Rafael III	7%	41
Pelino, Wilfredo	7%	41
Pascual, Abraham	7%	40
Sibayan, Joselito H	7%	40
Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S	7%	40
Magsaysay, Francisco D	6%	38
Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M	6%	37
Chotrani, Johnny N	6%	37
Enriquez, Eduardo III	6%	37
Esguerra, Herminio S	6%	37
Locsin Arsenio Z	6%	37
Mauricio, Antonilo D	6%	37
Rodriguez, Joaquin Sr.	6%	37
Alday, Albert	6%	36
Go, Henry	2%	9



On January 18, 2023, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm, the Board of Trustees of RCManila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI) elected 15 new trustees.

Out of the 74 RCMFI members, a total of 43 votes—or 58.11%—were obtained through the use of Election runners.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC. BY-LAWS.

Option	Votes	
YES, I Agree	93%	40
NO, I don't Agree	7%	3



RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

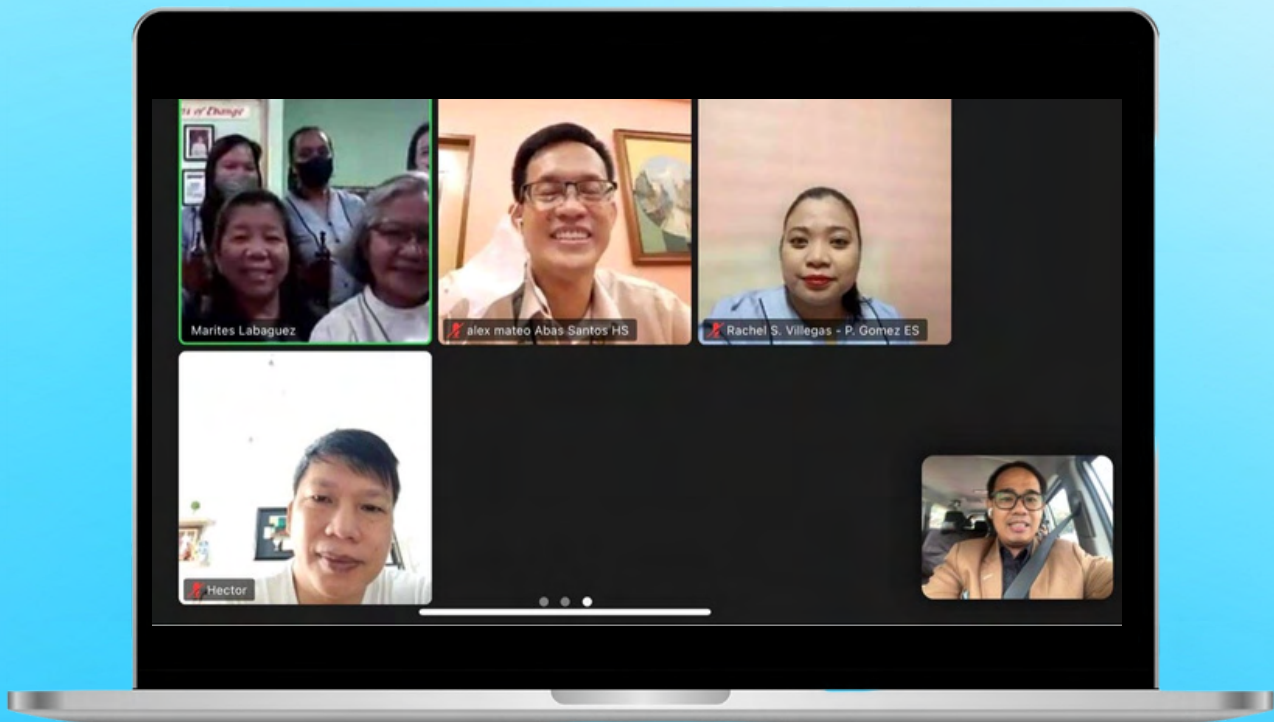
Amendment to the RCMFI By-laws was about:

RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE	EXISTING PROVISION	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
RATIONALE: To achieve continuity of projects and long-term growth of the Foundation by providing a two-year term of office for members of the Board of Trustees, who shall be elected to a term on a staggered basis.	Article IV, Section 3 Term of Office - Elected trustees shall hold office for <u>one (1) year</u> or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Trustees may be reelected after the conclusion of any term of service as trustees. Provided, that they then satisfy the qualification for serving as trustees set forth in Section 5 of the Article. Barring death, resignation, removal, or failure of qualification, each trustees shall hold office for the term for which the trustee is elected or until the election and qualification of a successor	Article IV, Section 3 <u>Staggered</u> Term of Office. Elected Trustees shall hold office for <u>two (2) years</u> or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Trustees may be re-elected after the conclusion of any term of service as Trustees, Provided, That they then satisfy the qualification for serving as Trustees set forth in Section 5 of this Article. <u>Of those first elected, the eight (8) trustees who garnered the highest votes shall hold office for two (2) years, and the remaining seven (7) trustees shall hold office for one (1) year.</u> <u>Trustees elected thereafter to fill vacancies caused by expiration of term shall hold office for two (2) years.</u> <u>However, trustees elected thereafter to fill vacancies occurring before the expiration of a particular term, shall hold office only for the unexpired period.</u> Barring death, resignation, removal or failure of qualification, each Trustee shall hold office for the term for which the Trustee is elected or until the election and qualification of a successor.

DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

Global Grant: Rotary Vision Care Project

Coordination Meeting for Global Grant # 234386 Rotary Vision Care Project



A zoom coordination meeting for Global Grant # 234386 Rotary Vision Care Project by Grant Chairman Aries Balanay with school beneficiaries **Jose Abad Santos High School** and **P. Gomez Elementary School**, together with coordinating organization **Physicians for Peace** to plan for the diagnostic and dispensing of eye glass procedure.

DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

Proposed Cleft Lip/Palate Project Meeting



Proposed Cleft Lip/Palate Project meeting was held this morning, January 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. with PAS Joel Valdez, Mr. Carlos Valdes and Grant Chair STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay. Also present was ES Anna Kun Toledo.

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Rotary Club of Manila Sponsors Nine Interactors at Interact Assembly

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The banner features the Rotary District 3810 logo, the 'IMAGINE ROTARY' logo, and the 'Interact 3810' logo. The central text reads 'LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD DISTRICT ASSEMBLY' with a megaphone icon. Below this, it says 'Rotary Club of University District' and 'Co-hosted by:'. A list of co-hosting clubs follows, including RC Manila Diamonds, RC Manila Bay, RC Chinatown Manila, RC Manila San Miguel, RC Pace Manila, RC Manila Premiere, RC Manila South, RC Manila, RC Cavite Uptown, RC Bagumbayan, RC Ermita Manila, RC Intramuros Manila, RC CEPZ, RC Pasay Cyber City, RC SanMarcelino, RC Sanjose Downtown, RC Panday Pira Manila, RC Carmona Cavite, RC Chinatown Manila, RC Malate Prime, RC Querino Central, and RC Raha Sulayman Manila.



SPECIAL FEATURE



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Philippines central bank hopes to cut rates in 2024, flags RRR reduction

By: [Neil Jerome Morales](#) - @inquirerdotnet

Reuters / 03:40 PM January 12, 2023

MANILA – The Philippines' central bank governor said on Thursday he hoped benchmark interest rates could be cut in 2024, once inflation was under control, and flagged the prospect of lowering reserve requirements for banks in the first half of the this year.

While pent-up domestic demand will carry the economy this year, it will likely fade by 2024, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Felipe Medalla said in a speech at a Rotary Club event.

"By 2024, when pent-up demand is gone, then monetary policy hopefully at that time will be much looser than what we have now," he said.

Central banks around the world, led by the U.S. Federal Reserve, have since last year raced to contain elevated inflation through large increases in benchmark rates, dampening economic growth and fuelling fears of recession.

Another easing measure could involve banks' reserve requirement ratio, with a high probability of it being cut in the first half, Medalla told reporters.

"Cutting the RRR is very important to us", he said.

Monetary authorities last cut the RRR, or the percentage of deposits and deposit substitutes banks must keep with the BSP, by 200 basis points to 12 percent in March 2020.

The BSP stands ready to take further monetary policy actions to bring inflation back to within a target-consistent path, Medalla said.

The consumer price index [PHCPI=ECI] rose 8.1 percent to a 14-year high in December from a year earlier, mainly driven by food and energy costs. The figure brought the average full-year inflation rate to 5.8 percent, also a 14-year high and above the official 2 percent-4 percent target band.

"If the U.S. is increasing policy rates, we need not match it but if it's 50 (basis points), it's hard not to respond, at least partially," Medalla said.

COGS IN THE WHEEL

*VP Reginald Yu is Moderator
at The Laureates:
The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Summit*



THE LAUREATES:
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Theme: "Today's Act, Tomorrow's Impact"

January 17, 2023
Tuesday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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The event will bring together the distinguished TOFIL Laureates, scientists, engineers, the members of the academe, decision-makers, top-level professionals, and the most prominent players who will establish long-term and short-term discussions, which will be used as a springboard toward addressing global issues with a view to support peace and inspire our people to develop solutions for societal challenges.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- To build a collective response to the pandemic concerns
- To help societies distinguish facts from fiction in a new information ecosystem
- To recommend resilient, inclusive, and sustainable solutions that will benefit all levels of stakeholders
- To create a network that will address the pressing concerns and threats using the most innovative solutions and approaches.

FELLOWSHIP

A Mini Fellowship at Rtn. Teddy Tee's Office



A mini fellowship at Rtn. Teddy Tee's office in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City was held after the weekly membership meeting last Thursday, January 12, 2023.

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