

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. ENRIQUE A. MANALO
Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs

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Our country's ambassadors who are posted overseas have a wide range of important and sensitive responsibilities dealing with foreign relations. Each task must be delicately carried out in a diplomatic manner – all geared toward catering to our country's needs, and keeping a positive relationship with the host nation. Ambassadors, by the nature of their work, are able to establish a unique relationship with the host country, and are thus in a position to articulate and even help in the development of foreign policy with that nation. As the country's official representative, ambassadors offer up our position on many political, social, and economic platforms. Ultimately, an ambassador's actions are meant to protect our nation's interests within the host country. Without doubt, a diplomat plays a huge and important role, especially in a world where ensuring and preserving good political and economic relations with other nations is an imperative.



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RCM'S 30TH WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Rotary Year 2022-2023

DATE: March 9, 2022, Thursday

TIME: 12:30 PM

VENUE: Ballroom I, New World Makati Hotel

MODERATOR: PDG VICENTE "Vince" J. CARLOS

Program Timetable

Part I

12:15 PM Registration

12:30 PM Call to Order

Invocation and Special Prayers

Philippine National Anthem

The Four (4) Way Test & The Rotarian Pledge

Philippine Rotary Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Welcome Song

RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week

PRESIDENT HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA

STAR RTN. D. EDGARD CABANGON

AVP of RCM (World Famous) Music Chorale

RTN. JOEL TALAMPAS

RCM (World Famous) Music Chorale

March 7

RTN. TONG PAYUMO

PRESIDENT HERMIE ESGUERRA

RTN. JUN ALVAREZ

March 8

RTN. BREN EGAN

March 9

RTN. NILO AVENTURA

Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song

RCM (World Famous) Music Chorale

President's Time

PRESIDENT HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA



RCM'S 30TH WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Part II INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER

DGN JOAQUIN "Jackie" C. RODRIGUEZ

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Part III PRESENTATION OF ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA CARLOS P. ROMULO Foundation for Peace and Development

PRES. HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA
DGN JOAQUIN "Jackie" C. RODRIGUEZ
Programs Committee Chairman
Chairman of the Outstanding Ambassador Award

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MESSAGE on Behalf of The Carlos P. Romulo Foundation for Peace and Development

DGN JOAQUIN "Jackie" C. RODRIGUEZ

Special Token by ALC Group of Companies

STAR RTN. D. EDGARD CABANGON
Chairman, ALC Media Group

Special Token by the Chairman of the RCM Program Committee

PD DEAN AMADO D. VALDEZ

Rotary Club of Manila Hymn

RCM (World Famous) Music Chorale

2:00 PM Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment

PRESIDENT HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA

GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER'S PROFILE



H.E. (Mr.) ENRIQUE A. MANALO

Married to Mme. Pamela Louise Hunt, has two sons

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Secretary for Foreign Affairs	30 June 2022
Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations	24 Jul 2020 – 29 Jun 2022
Undersecretary (Deputy Minister) for Policy Department of Foreign Affairs, Manila	Apr 2016 – 23 Jul 2020
Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs Department of Foreign Affairs, Manila	08 Mar 2017 – 17 May 2017
Undersecretary (Deputy Minister) for Policy Department of Foreign Affairs, Manila	Aug 2007 – Feb 2010
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Embassy of the Philippines to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	Feb 2010 – Sep 2011
Head of the Philippine Mission to the European Union Brussels	Feb 2010 – Sep 2011
Ambassador and Permanent Representative Philippine Mission to the United Nations and other International Organizations, Geneva	Oct 2003 – Jul 2007
Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Philippine Mission to the United Nations, New York	Dec 2002 – May 2003
Deputy Permanent Representative Philippine Mission to the United Nations, New York, USA	May 2003 – Oct 2003
Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Philippine Mission to the United Nations, New York	Dec 2000 – Oct 2001
Deputy Permanent Representative Philippine Mission to the United Nations, New York	Nov 2001 – Dec 2002
Assistant Secretary for European Affairs Department of Foreign Affairs, Manila	1998 – 2000

GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER'S PROFILE

PARTICIPATION AT SELECTED INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO), London, UK

Chairman, 23rd Session of the IMSO General Assembly 2014-2016

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland

Chairman, 41st and 42nd Sessions of the General Assembly, WIPO 2005 - 2007

Chairman, WIPO Construction Selection Board 2006 – 2007

Chairman, WIPO Panel Discussion on Making Intellectual Property Work for Development 26 Apr 2007

Chairman, WIPO Open Forum on the Draft Substantive Patent Law Treaty 1 – 3 Mar 2006

Selected Intergovernmental Meetings

Head of Philippine Delegation to various Bilateral Political Consultations, Joint Commission Meetings and other Deputy Foreign-Minister level mechanisms Apr 2016 to Jul 2020
Aug 2007 – Feb 2010

Co-Leader, Negotiations on the Philippines-European Union Partnership Cooperation Agreement (PCA) Jan 2009 – Jun 2010/
Jan 2020

Chair, 1st Philippines-China Inter-Governmental Joint Steering Committee on Oil and Gas Cooperation, Beijing 28 Oct 2019

Philippine Sherpa (Senior Official) to the National Security Summit (NSS), Washington D.C. Jul 2009 – Apr 2010

Head of Philippine Delegation, Asia-Europe Meeting Senior Officials Meetings (ASEM) Aug 2007 – Feb 2010

Chairman, 3rd Regular Meeting of the Ballistic States to the Hague Code of Conduct Against Ballistic Missile Proliferation, Vienna 17 – 18 Nov 2004

Chairman, ECOSOC Summit Meeting on Non-Aligned Countries, Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Kuala Lumpur 2003

Chairman, ECOSOC Ministerial Meeting of Non-Aligned Countries, Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Durban 2002

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Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Philippine SOM Leader to ASEAN Senior Officials' Meetings (ASEAN-SOM)	Apr 2016 to Jul 2020 Aug 2007 – Feb 2010
Chair, ASEAN Joint Consultative Meeting, Manila	12 Oct 2017
Chairman, ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, Manila	April 2017
Chairman, ASEAN London Committee	Jul-Dec 2013
Chairman, ASEAN Brussels Committee	Jul – Dec 2010
Chairman, ASEAN Geneva Committee	Jan – Jun 2004

Selected United Nations Recent Meetings

Presenter, Philippine Voluntary National Review at the 2022 ECOSOC High Level Political Forum	12 July 2022
Chair, Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in on Small Arms and Light Weapons – Eighth Biennial Meeting of States	27 June – 01 July 2022
Co-Chair, Group of Friends on Voluntary National Reviews on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs	25 June 2022
Chair, 86 th Plenary of Meeting on UN Responsibility to Protect (R2P)	23 June 2022
Chair, Eighth Biennial Meeting of States Civil Society Briefing	16 June 2022
Chair, 78 th Session of the Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the use of force (Democratic People's Republic of North Korea	08 June 2022
Chair, Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly	10 May 2022
Chair, 55 th Session of the UN Commission on Population and Development: 7th Formal Meeting	29 April 2022
Chair, 55 th Session of the UN Commission on Population and Development: 4 th Formal Meeting	26 April 2021
Chair, 55 th Session of the UN Commission on Population and Development: 3rd Formal Meeting	25 April 2022

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Chair, of the resumed session of the 10 th General Assembly Plenary Meeting of the 11 th Emergency Special Session on Ukraine	23 March 2022
Chair, Plenary of the 3 rd Committee	16 December 2021
Chair, 47 th Plenary of the General Assembly on Oceans	07 December 2021
	23 November 2021
Chair, High Level Meeting on Trafficking in Persons	22 November 2021
Chair, Interactive Panel Discussion of the High Level Meeting on Trafficking in Persons	29 October 2021
Chair, Informal meeting of the Plenary on the Report of the UN Secretary General entitled "Our Common Agenda" in his capacity as Vice President of the 76 th Session of the United Nations General Assembly	
Co-Chair, Group of Friends of Voluntary National Reviews Workshop	25 October 2021
Chair, of the 75 th Session of the United Nations High Level General Debate	21 September 2021
Chair, Like-Minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries	25 Jul – 31 Dec 2020
71 st to 74 th /62 nd to 64 th Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and Other Related Meetings, New York	2016 – 2019 / 2007 – 2009
Chairman, UNCTAD Expert Meeting on Methodologies, Classification, Quantification and Development Impacts on Non-Tariff Barriers, Geneva	5-7 Sep 2005
Chairman, UNCTAD Expert Meeting on the Impact for Development, Geneva	2005
Chairman, 44 th Session of the UNCTAD Working Party on The Medium-Term Plan and Programme Budget, Geneva	31 Jan – 2 Feb 2005
Head of Philippine Delegation, UNCTAD XI Conference, Sao Paulo	11 – 18 Jun 2004

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Chairman, UNCTAD Expert Meeting on Market Entry Conditions Affecting Competitiveness and Exports of Goods and Services of Developing Countries: Large Distribution Networks, Taking into Account the Special Needs of LDCs, Geneva	26-28 Nov 2003
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Chairman, UNCTAD Expert Group on Non-Tariff Barriers, Geneva	Nov 2003
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Head of Delegation, 61 st Session of the Human Rights Commission (UNCHR), Geneva	2006
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Vice-Chairman, UN Preparatory Committee for Rights of Persons with Disabilities, New York	2002 – 2003
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Chairman, UN Negotiating Committee of the Preparatory Committee for Rights of Persons with Disabilities, New York	2003
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Head of Delegation, UN Special Session of The Problem of HIV-AIDS in all its Aspects, New York	2001
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EDUCATION

M.A. Economics, University of the Philippines, Manila	1976
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B.A. Economics, University of the Philippines, Manila	1973
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Hobbies and other interests: reading, listening to classical music, walking

Foreign Affairs Secretary Enrique A. Manalo is a seasoned career diplomat, who has served in numerous capacities in both bilateral and multilateral postings, including as Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Undersecretary for Policy twice during his long career in the foreign service.

He is a true multilateralist having served as Ambassador in Geneva and New York, where he chaired various international meetings and conferences.

While Acting Foreign Affairs Secretary, he chaired the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, as well as various ASEAN Senior Officials Meetings, especially during the Philippine Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2017.

Ambassador Manalo has also pushed for Philippine interests in bilateral assignments including in London and in Brussels.

He received three Philippine Presidential Awards: the Gawad Mabini Award with the rank of Grand Cross (Dakilang Kamanong), the Order of Sikatuna with the rank of Grand Cross (Datu) (Gold Distinction) and the Order of Lakandula with the rank of Grand Cross (Bayani).

THE OUTSTANDING AMBASSADOR AWARD

Citation for The Honorable Enrique A. Manalo



SPECIAL FEATURE: HON. CARLOS P. ROMULO

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA

- 1931: Became a Member
- 1932: Board of Director
- 1933: Board of Director
- 1934: Vice President and Board of Director
- 1935: President
- November 6, 1947: Rotary Club of Manila nominated Ambassador CPR as candidate for presidency of RI in the annual convention to be held at Rio de Janeiro in June 1948.
- 1959: Honorary Member
- February 22, 1975: Awarded the Paul Harris Memorial Award by the Rotary Club of Manila

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (RI)

- 1935: During the 26th Annual Convention of RI, CPR became the first Rotarian from the Philippines to be honored with an appointment to the Club Service Committee of RI.
- 1937: 3rd Vice President in the Board of RI, a unique distinction to be the first and only Filipino Rotarian to sit on the R.I. Board of Directors without having served as District Governor.
- 1938: One of the 12 board of directors for the year 1938-1939
- August 1938 (until June 1939): One of the five members of the RI Magazine Committee
- July 4, 1939: Organized the Rotary Club of Guam
- August 30, 1939: THE ROTARY CLUB OF GUAM was admitted as a member of RI as Club No. 5105
- October 25, 1939: Rotary Club of Guam unanimously nominated CPR for next president of RI
- November 1940: Appointed by President of RI Armando De Arruda Pereira as one of the members of the Committee that studied the problems arising from world conflicts as they affect RI and its future developments.
- 1943: Member of the Convention Committee
- December 1947: 6,300 Rotary clubs around the world were circularized in the Rotary campaign for the candidacy of CPR for the presidency of RI.

SPECIAL FEATURE: HON. CARLOS P. ROMULO



United Nations Day Celebration of the Manila Rotary Club at the Manila Hotel, Oct. 25, 1951.



Foreign Secretary Carlos P. Romulo at the head table during the Bacolod Rotary dinner held at the University Club, October 18, 1951, in which occasion the former UN General Assembly president pleaded for the ratification of the Japanese and Mutual Aid Treaties.

SPECIAL FEATURE: HON. CARLOS P. ROMULO



Addressing the Rotary Club of Manila at the Manila Hotel, February 5, 1948. He was also honored with a citation as one whose "career exemplifies the highest ideals of Rotary International."



Past presidents of the Rotary Club of Manila gave a luncheon in honor of Ambassador Romulo, a past president of the Rotary Club of Manila and one of the first Filipinos to be elected vice president of Rotary International. He was re-admitted as an active member.

SPECIAL FEATURE: HON. CARLOS P. ROMULO

ON PEACE



FORGIVENESS

by Carlos P. Romulo

Philippine diplomat Romulo was 1937-38 RI vice president, a Pulitzer Prize winner, and a brigadier general. Known as "the last man off Bataan," he reflected on the siege and his escape in our August 1942 issue.

I DO NOT HATE THE JAPANESE. I am a Rotarian; long ago I put from me any hatreds of any race as such. I hate the things they do, for good and sufficient reasons, but I cannot hate them as a race.

Let me tell you the Japanese soldier is a first-rate fighting man. He is reared in hardship and hunger. And he is not afraid to die.

Bataan was a nightmare of hell for four months. I think of the days where we, Filipinos and Americans, lay starving, with the stench of gangrened wounds that could not be treated for lack of medicines, fighting together, and denied even a crust of bread, unable to shoot the carabaos

of the farms and the monkeys of the jungles for food since we needed our ammunition. Only the memory of friendships such as Rotary has given me makes life livable, if you can call it *living*, separated from those you love.

In the Philippines the Rotary Clubs foresaw the possibilities that have since become realities. They have made arrangements for the care of interned Americans. Our Filipino members who are not interned are undoubtedly helping day after day.

Throughout the East, Rotary is carrying forward its program of service above self, in occupied and free countries alike.

When I landed in Australia [after evacuating from the Philippines on 9 April 1942], one of the first things I did was to borrow a six months' file of *The Rotarian* from Angus S. Mitchell, Past Director of Rotary International. I read them, one after the other, with the deepest interest. I am — at least I was — an editor, and I know the time and effort it takes to give us such a wonderful magazine. These issues have given me a new perspective.

The day of redemption is near. I am confident that when that day comes, Rotary will do its share, and our pens will take the place of the sword. Rotary Clubs will replace regiments and batteries. I have thought of this time and again as I ducked into the fox holes of Bataan; and the thought of what is awaiting us Rotarians after the war, the work that we have cut out for men of goodwill who believe in our motto, has been the ray of sunshine in the gloom that enveloped me.

But this war cannot reach its imperative ending — imperative for those of us who have ideals — until the Western world awakens to the problems it must face. There is too much smug complacency. I know. I have seen the British in Hong Kong, in Burma, in Singapore. I have seen the French in Hanoi and Saigon. I have seen Chungking. I have seen Java. I have seen Corregidor. I lived through Bataan. August 1942

THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND WAR

by Harold R. "Private" Peat

Canadian soldier, author

A slogan won the last war. The ringing sentence, "This is a war to end all wars," came like a

SPECIAL FEATURE: HON. CARLOS P. ROMULO



In a hut on the grounds of Santo Tomas University on February 28, 1945, Romulo addressed the first Rotary meeting held in Manila since 1941. Most of the internees in his audience had spent three years of enemy occupation here and had been released just twenty-five days before.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

My dear fellow Manila Rotarians,

Last week has been an eventful one for many of us at the Rotary Club of Manila.

From the 5-day Community Service Caravan in Occidental Mindoro which began on February 27 and concluded on March, I traveled to Hong Kong on March 4 together with our RC Manila delegation to attend the 53rd Charter Anniversary of our sister club, the Rotary Club of Kowloon East. Not to mention the few meetings I attended in between.



Here's a glimpse of all the events, activities and meetings I attended as the President of the Rotary Club of Manila.

Day 3 of Community Service Caravan in Occidental Mindoro

Wednesday, 1 March 2023

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at the Windmill resort

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We travelled from SDG Mary Mae Rodrigo's Windmill Resort in Abra de Ilog to San Jose, Occidental Mindoro (it was a four-hour trip).

Unveiling of Rotary Wheel and Four-Way Test Marker in Calintaan, Occ. Mindoro

Wednesday, 1 March 2023, 1:15pm

We did the unveiling of the Rotary Marker in Calintaan with the entourage from Manila, members of RC San Jose (RC Manila's daughter club), and Mayor Santiago "Sony" Villar Javier Jr. of Calintaan.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Rotary Club of San Jose Marker in Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro

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Courtesy Visit to Atty. Rey Ladaga, Mayor of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro

Wednesday, 1 March 2023, 3:00 p.m.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Distribution of Eyeglasses and Pneumonia Vaccines in San Jose National High School

Wednesday, 1 March 2023, 4:00 p.m.



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Visited the Mangyan Education Center and Distributed Food Packs and Old Clothes

Wednesday, 1 March 2023, 5:00 p.m.



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Joint Induction of RC San Jose Downtown, RC San Jose Tamaraw and RC Sablayan Metro at the Divine Word College Gymnasium

Wednesday, 1 March 2023, 8:00 p.m.



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Day 4 of Community Service Caravan in Occidental Mindoro

Thursday, 2 March 2023

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - Dental care services
12:00 p.m. - Lunch at Sikatuna
2:00 p.m. - Distribution of glasses, medicines and pneumonia vaccines at the San Jose Elementary School
4:00 p.m. - Governor's Visit of RC San Jose/Tour for PLPs
7:00 p.m. - Induction of RC San Jose and presentation of proposed RC of Calintaan
11:30pm - Left Sikatuna to Abra de Ilog

I did not join the day activities as I had to attend important meetings involving the Rotary Club of Manila.

Meeting with DENR – PRCMO Regarding the Required Documents for Global Grant: the Trash Skimmer Vessel

Thursday, 2 March 2023, 10:00 a.m.

I joined the meeting via phone with Grant Chair Aries Balanay, Director Jacqueline Canaanan of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the staff of Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office (PRCMO) in their office in Quezon City regarding the urgency of submitting the required documents for our next Global Grant: the Trash Skimmer vessel.



At 12 noon, I presided our 29th Weekly Membership Meeting virtually via Zoom.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Meeting of the Tourism Awards Committee

Thursday, 2 March 2023, 3:00 p.m.

I joined the meeting of the Tourism Awards Committee last Thursday, March 2 via Zoom. Dir. Hans Palacios, Chairman Ralph Joseph, PDG Vince Carlos, PVP Farid Schoucair, AS Mike Albaña and Rtn. Nantha Narayanamoorthy were at the meeting.

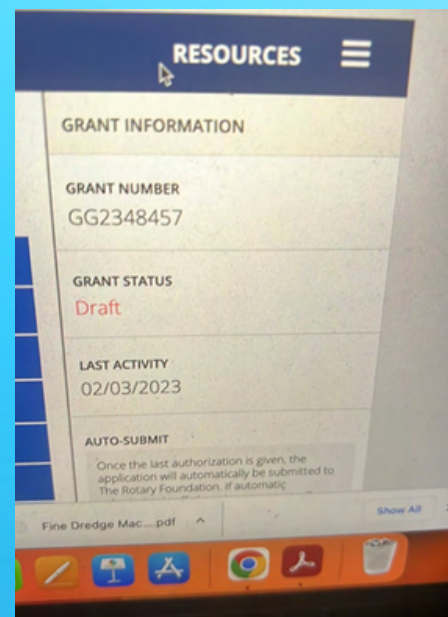


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Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Huaquio Foundation Limited for Global Grant # 2348457: Rotary Trash Collector Boat

Thursday, 2 March 2023, 7:30 p.m.

We signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Global Grant # 2348457: Rotary Trash Collector Boat with Huaquio Foundation Limited, headed by Chairman Frank Yih, and Mr. Randal Eastman who committed to contribute USD 20,000 for the project. With me at the MOU signing was Grant Chairman Aries Balanay.

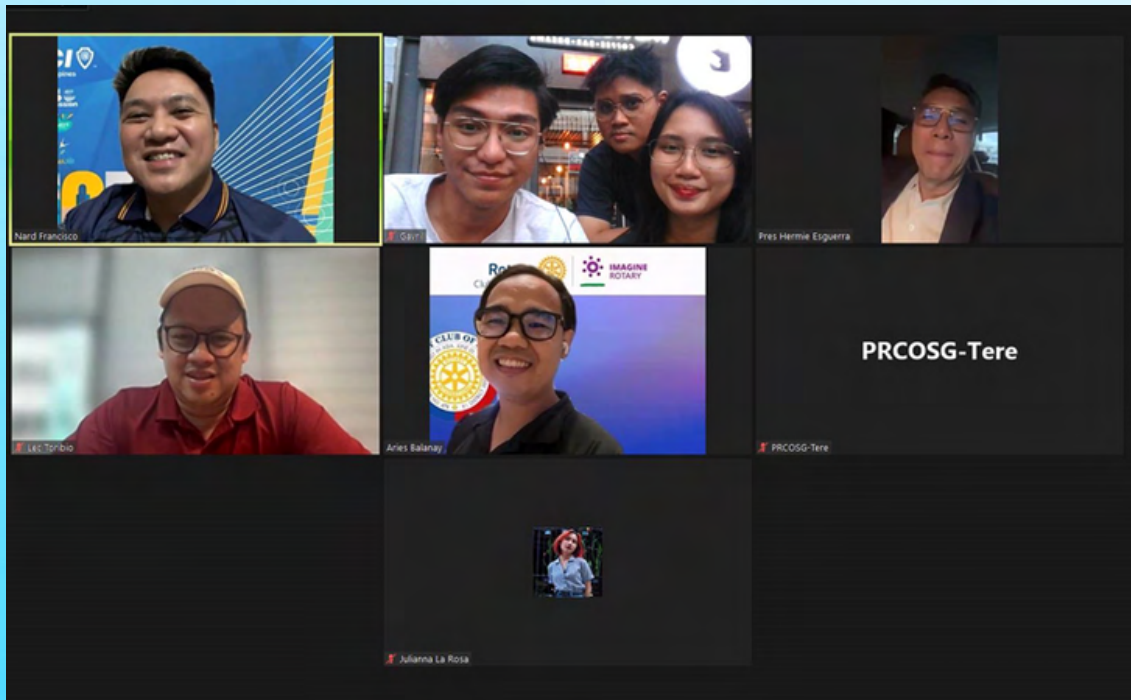


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Alignment Meeting of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Friday, 3 March 2023, 5:00 p.m.

We had alignment meeting of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards which will be hosted by Rotary Club of Manila. VP Reginald Tu and Grant Chairman Aries Balanay were also at the meeting together with facilitators Reynard Francisco and Lec Toribio.



First Friday Mass

Friday, 3 March 2023



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53rd Anniversary of Rotary Club of Kowloon East

Saturday to Tuesday, 4 to 7 March 2023

Our delegation of 20 Manila Rotarians graciously attended the 53rd Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Kowloon East, which has the longest sisterhood relationship with the Rotary Club of Manila and is the only 100% Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

Saturday, 4 March 2023

Awaiting at the airport to board the plane en route to Hong Kong, we were all on the same flight—District Governor Joyce Ambray, PE/Director Raffy Alunan, PD Noy Benedicto and son Matthieu, DE/Director Jujut Enriquez, Board Legal Adviser Raoul Creencia, Grant Chairman STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, STAR Rtn. Arik Carranceja and STAR Rtn. Paul Koh.



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When we arrived in Chep Lap Kok Airport (Hong Kong International Airport), the Rotary Club of Kowloon East Past Presidents welcomed our delegation with great warmth and hospitality.



Rotary Club of Kowloon East Past President Moon Tong (center) with DG Joyce Ambray and yours truly, PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan and PD Noy & Matthieu (son) Benedicto

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Rotary Club of Kowloon East Past President Victor Lo with PD Noy Benedicto

Day 1: Sunday, 5 March 2023

Welcome Dinner for all visiting sister clubs



Name tags prepared by the Rotary Club of Kowloon East for the Rotary Club of Manila delegation

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From left: STAR Rtn. Arvin Arick Carranceja, PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan, yours truly, RC Kowloon East PP Albert Poon and Grant Chair STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay



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With PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan, PDG Vince Carlos, RCKE President and Past Presidents



I gave some token gifts to members of RC Kowloon East and RC Manila.

Day 2: Monday, 6 March 2023



Breakfast at Grand Hyatt Hotel

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Pre-Anniversary Ball



The Rotary Club of Manila delegation led by yours truly with DG Joyce Ambray



The Rotary Club of Manila delegation together with President Chung Wai Keung and leading dignitaries of the Rotary Club of Kowloon East

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Dir. Jujut & Lia Enriquez with PDG Vince Carlos



Grant Chair/STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, STAR Rtn. Arvin Arik Carranceja and Dir. Albert Alday



STAR Rtn. Arvin Arick Carranceja, Treas. Karlo Castro, Dir. Albert Alday, Grant Chair STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay and STAR Rtn. Teddy Garcia

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Anniversary Ball



The RC Manila delegation. From left: STAR Rtn. Paul Koh, STAR Rtn. John Tan, Dir. Jujut Enriquez, STAR Rtn. Mike Roxas, Treas. Karlo Castro, Dir. Albert Alday, Grant Chair STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, STAR Rtn. Arvin Arik Carranceja, STAR Rtn. Teddy Garcia, Pres. Hermie Esguerra, DG Joyce Ambray, PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan, PDG Vince Carlos, PD Nick Locsin (International Relations Committee Chair), BLA Raoul Creencia, Rtn. JB Pallasigue, Rtn. Teddy Tee, PD Noy Benedicto and son Matthieu Benedicto



During cocktail



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Dinner time

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Renewal of Sisterhood Agreement

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila, I signed the renewal of the sisterhood agreement with the Rotary Club of Kowloon East, represented by President Chung Wai Keung, after more than two decades as sister clubs.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY



Presentation of Club gifts and exchange of Club bannerettes between the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary Club of Kowloon East



Delivering my message on the occasion of the Rotary Club of Kowloon East's 53rd Charter Anniversary



Presenting our Club's donation to the Rotary Club of Kowloon East

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Day 3: 7 March 2023

RC Kowloon East hosted a farewell lunch for visiting sister clubs. They also greeted me with a Chinese birthday song.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

A birthday bash for me from the Rotary Club of Kowloon East



Last week, we mobilized our energies and efforts to fulfill a shared mission: serving others, cultivating integrity, and striving for global understanding, goodwill and peace.

Together, let us continue to be the voice of service and uphold our commitment to make a difference in local, national, and international communities.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pres. Hermie Esguerra

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Additional photos of the 53rd Charter Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Kowloon East in Hong Kong



Delegation of RC Kowloon East meeting PDG Vince Carlos at the airport



Sec. Edwin Hernandez and International Relations Chair PD Nick Locsin with Past Presidents of Rotary Club of Kowloon East

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



EDITOR'S NOTE

Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

Diplomacy. As an institutional project of the Manila Rotary Club, giving due recognition to our top performing diplomats through the Outstanding Ambassador Award is indeed a project worthy of the RCM brand. Held in partnership with the Carlos P. Romulo Foundation for Peace and Development, this annual award-giving ceremony could not be more relevant and timely as it is today.



As our country navigates through the intricacies of foreign relations, and as our political leaders continue to write, rewrite and craft a foreign policy that is suited to our times, promote our national interest, and protect our sovereignty and territorial integrity, the career officials who are tasked to articulate, pursue (and even help write out) these policies deserve to be commended.

Hence, today, we confer our Outstanding Ambassador Award to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs. While diplomacy predates recorded history (remember how tribal groups succeeded in establishing relations with other tribes and visitors), it is interesting to note that it was only towards the end of the 12th century that the term “ambassador” appeared, initially in Italy. Derived from the medieval Latin ambactiare, meaning “to go on a mission,” the term was used to describe various envoys. Common in both Italy and France in the 13th century, it first appeared in English in 1374 in *Troilus and Criseyde* by Geoffrey Chaucer. By the late 15th century, the envoys of secular rulers were commonly called ambassadors, though the papacy continued to send legates and nuncios. In the 18th century the French term diplomate (“diplomat” or “diplomatist”) came to refer to a person authorized to negotiate on behalf of a state.

Our country’s diplomats and ambassadors play a huge role in maintaining healthy relations with other nations. With diplomacy now being regarded as the art and science of maintaining peaceful relationships between nations, groups, or individuals, our ambassadors and diplomats are front and center in ensuring peaceful relations through discussions and resolutions of various issues, such as conflict, trade, the environment, matters affecting our overseas workers, technology, or maintaining security.

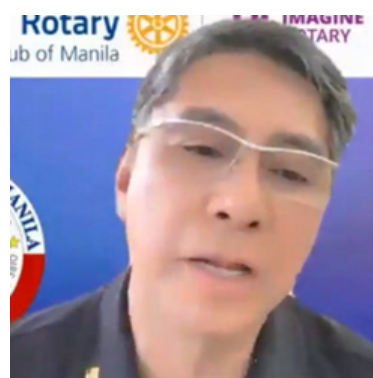
It is, therefore, truly apt for the First Rotary Club of Asia, the mother of all clubs in the region, to honor the career officials who have made a mark and self-effacingly contributed their time and expertise in helping make this world a better and more peaceful place to live in – by building goodwill and better friendships among nations.

Today, we congratulate this year’s recipient of The Outstanding Ambassador Award – Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Enrique A. Manalo.

29TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The 29th Regular Meeting, which was held virtually, had **Treas. Karlo Castro** as Program Moderator/Facilitator.



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



Rtn. Alvin Ampil led the Invocation and Special Prayer.

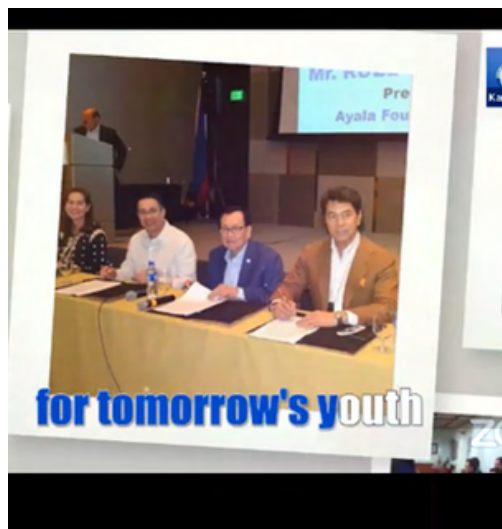


The singing of the **Philippine National Anthem** was made more meaningful and alive by the **Rotary Club of Manila Audiovisual Presentation**, featuring captivating images of Manila Rotarians.



Star Rtn. Arik Carranceja led the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test.

29TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The singing of the **Philippine Rotary Hymn** more meaningfully animated the meeting.



The Moderator acknowledged and introduced the Visiting Guests and Rotarians.



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



The week's birthday celebrants were duly acknowledged, namely **Rtn. Jun Aventura**, **Rtn. Dante Gierran**, **STAR Rtn. Tony Echavez**, **PSAA Gunter Matschuck**, **PBLA Raji Mendoza** and **PVP Fausto Preysler**. This was followed by the singing of the Club's unique and jolly birthday song, led by the **World Famous Music Chorale**.

29TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



PD Beda Fajardo introduced the **Guest Speaker, PDG Roberto M. "Obet" Pagdanganan.**



Guest Speaker PDG Obet Pagdanganan gave a timely, informative and interesting presentation about combatting poverty and ensuring food security through cooperativism.

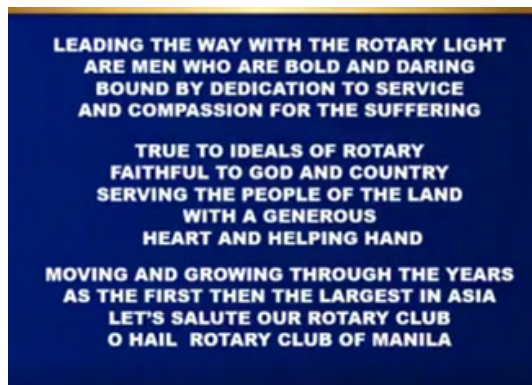


The Guest Speaker elaborated and discussed important matters during the open forum participated by **PD Amading Valdez, IPP Chito Zaldarriaga, Rtn. Joel Valdes, PD Oscar del Rosario, Rtn. Jed Dayang** and **AT Paul Joseph Garcia.**

29TH REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



President Hermie Esguerra and Programs Committee Chairman IPD Amading Valdez presented the Certificate of Appreciation, attested by Club Secretary Edwin Hernandez, to Guest Speaker PDG Roberto M. "Obet" Pagdanganan.



The **World Famous Music Choral** led the members in singing the **RC Manila Hymn**.



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

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2022-2023

MARCH 2023	<u>March 2, 2023</u>
	PDG Roberto M. Pagdanganan
All Members Present	43
All Members in virtual FB	0
Make Up	18
Less: Exempt from Attendance	4
On Leave	0
Total Active Members	57
Total # of Members	239
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	23.85%
ROTARACTORS	0
MEDIA	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	9
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	9
GOHS / GS	9
Visiting Rotarians	9
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	9
Others	9
Total attendees	43

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

(As of March 7, 2023, 11:00 AM)

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

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

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

141	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
142	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
143	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
144	Okajima, Hiroyuki
145	Ong, Jovee K.
146	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
147	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L. "Mike"
148	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
149	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
150	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
151	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
152	Pascual, Jose Augusto "Jappy"
153	Patterson, Colin David
154	Payumo, Felicito "Tong" C.
155	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
156	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
157	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
158	Pizarra, Jordan M.
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160	Pujalte, Jose, Jr. "Brix" S.
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170	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
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173	Roxas, Michael
174	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel "Rocco" M.
175	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
176	Schmitz, Steffan
177	Schneider, Bernd
178	Schoucair, Farid Alain
179	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
180	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
181	Shigei, Kentaro
182	Shimoda, Shigeru
183	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
184	Sicat, Michael Allan E. "Mike"
185	So, Warren
186	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.
187	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
188	Souvlakis, Nicolas
189	Stranathan, Ike
190	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.

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191	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
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194	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
195	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
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197	Tan, John
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202	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
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204	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
205	Uy, Ivan John Enrile "Ivan"
206	Valdes, Joel C.
207	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
208	Valdez, Jason
209	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
210	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
211	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"

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

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

DECEASED

1	Abastillas, Celso E.
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SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Ocular Inspection of the Pasig River for the Global Grant Project



On March 3, 2023, Grant Chairman Aries Balanay led the ocular inspection of the Pasig River for the Global Grant Project of the Rotary Club of Manila, together with cooperating organization Huaquio Foundation Limited headed by Chairman Frank Yih and Mr. Randal Eastman.

RECOGNITION

*Jose Abad Santos High School
Presents a Certificate of Appreciation
to the Rotary Club of Manila*



On March 2, 2023, Jose Abad Santos High School presented to the Rotary Club of Manila through Grant Chairman STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay a Certificate of Appreciation for considering their school as one of the beneficiaries of the Global Grant Rotary Vision Care project.

RECOGNITION

P. Gomez Elementary School Presents a Certificate of Appreciation Rotary Club of Manila

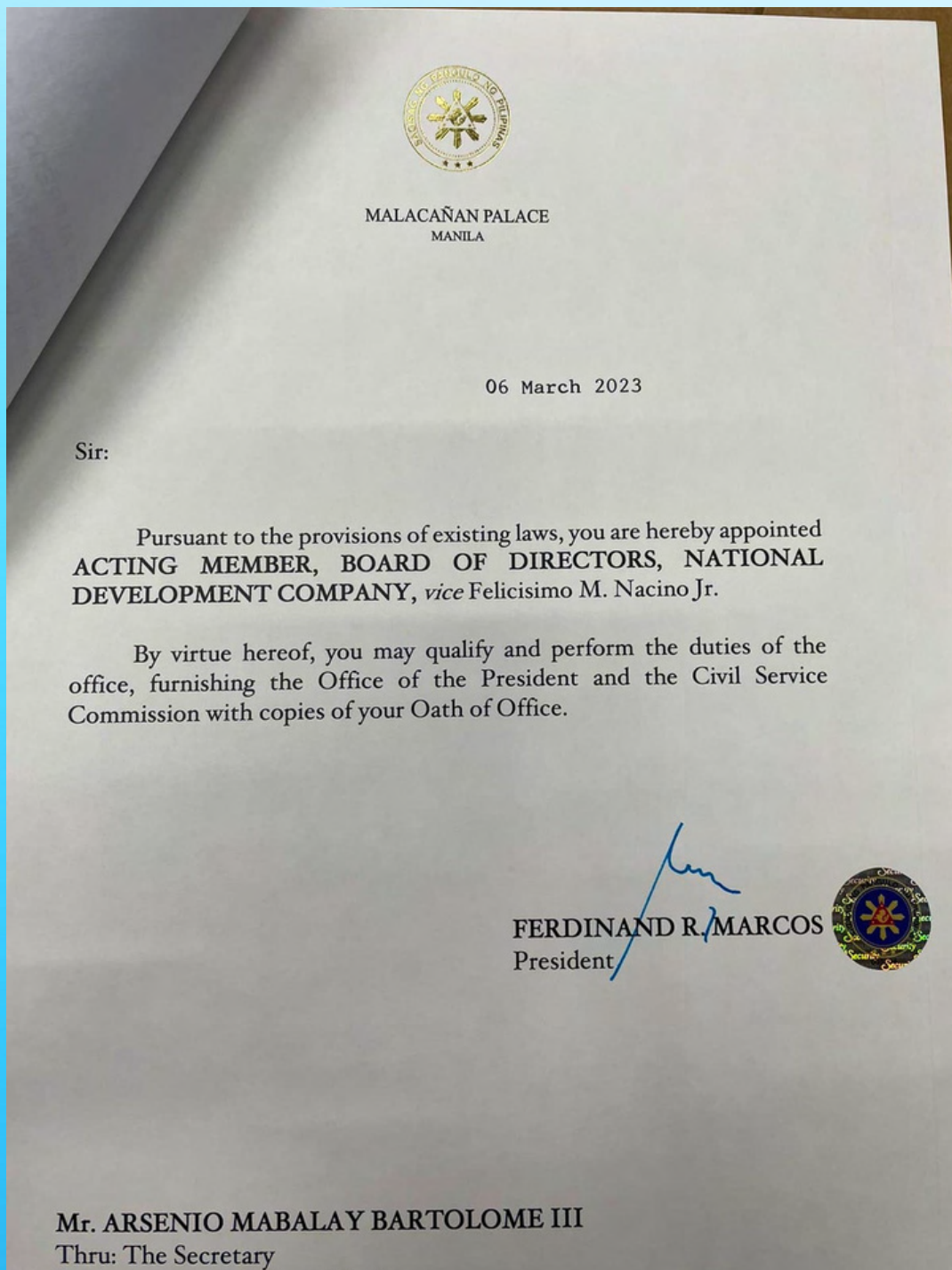


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*PP Archit Bartolome
Appointed as Acting Member, Board of Directors
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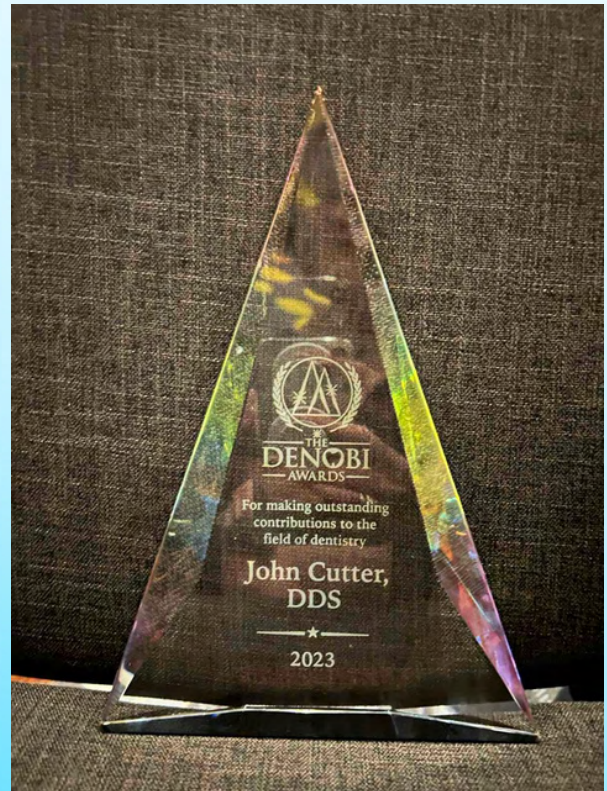


COGS IN THE WHEEL

PD John Cutter Receives The Denobi Awards



PD John Cutter received The Denobi Awards for making outstanding contributions to the field of dentistry.



COGS IN THE WHEEL

*Consul General at the Philippine Consulate General
in New York/Rtn. Senen Mangalile Receives
Miss Universe R'Bonney Nola Gabriel*



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Banner Exchange with the Rotary Club of San Francisco USA



A better late than never banner exchange with the Rotary Club of San Francisco (USA) Pres. Christopher Wiseman while I announced the award to Manila as 2028 RI Convention venue for sustained awareness and maximum attendance from the Bay Area Rotary Clubs.

- PDG Vince Carlos

RI District 5150 PDG 2006-2007 Mark Flegel narrates the amazing story of the young Paul Harris and how the Rotary Club was born in Chicago, San Francisco, and crossing the Pacific to start in Manila. A ton of storied trivia described the incredible journey of the founder.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Bringing greetings to the Rotary Club of Sacramento and their President, Linda Geery, from the Rotary Club of Manila and Phenomenal President Hermie Esguerra.

- PD John Cutter

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Progress Newsletter

Rotary Club of Washington, D.C.
March 4th, 2023

Our President's Remarks

Rotarians for Equality for Black People Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 7 & 21
6:00-7:00 PM ET
via Zoom

Weekly Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 8
12:30-1:30 PM ET
Hybrid

African Union

Ambassador to the U.S.

Hilda Suka-Mafudze

[Register Here](#)

Monthly Membership
Committee Meeting

Every year, Rotaractors and Rotarians around the world celebrate World Rotaract Week during the week of **March 13-18** to commemorate the founding of the first club in 1968.

World Rotaract Week is a time for celebrating the success and importance of the Rotaract program. This is also an excellent opportunity to inform members of your community about the amazing work that Rotaract clubs do and give them an opportunity to get involved.



Twin City Clubs Assembly = Complete Success!

By Club Twin Cities Liaison, Mark Wilson

At the Wednesday March 1, 2023 hybrid meeting, **President Marilyn** held an Open House to recognize our Club's Twin Cities Program. Organized by **Rotarian Mark Wilson** in his capacity as lead of Twin Clubs activities for DC Rotary's Embassy and International Relations Committee, over fifty Rotarians joined on Zoom to complement the thirty two attending in person at the University Club. Thirteen Twin Cities Clubs were invited along with their respective District Governors. **Past RI President Gary Huang** was also online from Taiwan. Each of the attending Clubs made a short presentation, some used slides, others not, and still others (due to extreme time differences) prepared videos. These Twin Cities Clubs are located in: **Athens, Bangkok, Edinburgh, Harare, Manila, Paris, Rome, San Salvador, Santiago de Chile, Seoul, Taipei, Tokyo and Tunis**. The meeting was a great success and, in the words of a PP of our Club, "It was a wonderful example of international friendship, cooperation, and a mutual desire for peace".



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