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GUEST SPEAKER



MR. GRANT JAVIER

Executive Director of Project Inclusion Network
Founder and Convenor of the Philippine Business and Disability Network (PBDN)

Kabalita

Rotary has recently been more emphatic in sounding the clarion call for diversity, equity, and inclusion. As a result, frameworks that promote fair and full participation of all people has taken center stage. In this week's regular meeting, Manila Rotarians will highlight disability inclusion, which is an essential condition to upholding human rights. Realizing the rights of persons with disabilities must no doubt be relentlessly pursued, for this is not only a matter of justice; but an investment in a common future.



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RCM's 33rd Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting

Rotary Year 2022-2023

DATE: March 30, 2023, Thursday

TIME: 12:30 PM

MODERATOR: RTN. RAFAEL IGNACIO DIONISIO

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

Philippine Rotary Hymn

Rotary Club of Manila Hymn

RC Manila Birthday Celebrants for the week

March 25	STAR RTN. ARIES BALANAY
March 26	PDSAA UWE HESSE
March 28	RTN. WOLF HARLE
March 28	RTN. MARLON ROÑO
March 29	DIR. HANS PALACIOS
March 29	RTN. VEE DAVID

Maligayang Bati/Happy Birthday Song

VICE PRESIDENT REGINALD YU

STAR RTN. MICHAEL RAYMOND GONZALEZ

AVP of RCM Music Chorale

STAR RTN. JOSE EMMANUEL DELA CRUZ

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

AVP of RCM WF Music Chorale

RCM WF Music Chorale



RCM's 33rd Zoom Weekly Membership Meeting

Part II INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

CO-CHAIR AS/DE MICHAEL ALBAÑA

ADDRESS

MR. GRANT JAVIER

Executive Director of Project Inclusion Network
Founder and Convenor of the Philippine Business and Disability Network (PBDN)

PRESENTATION

MR. GRANT JAVIER

Executive Director, Project Inclusion Network

OPEN FORUM

**PRESENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATE
OF APPRECIATION**

**PRESIDENT HERMINIO S. ESGUERRA
PD DEAN AMADO D. VALDEZ**
Programs Committee Chairman

2:00 PM **Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment** **VICE PRESIDENT REGINALD YU**



GUEST SPEAKER'S PROFILE



MR. GRANT JAVIER

Executive Director of Project Inclusion Network
Founder and Convenor of the Philippine Business and Disability Network

Grant is the founder of Project Inclusion Network, a non-profit organization that provides opportunities for people with disabilities to be productive and contributing members of society. Project Inclusion Network has assisted thousands of people and hundreds of organizations in implementing disability workplace inclusion practices. He is also the founder and convenor of the Philippine Business and Disability Network (PBDN), an accredited network of the United Nations' International Labor Organization - Global Business and Disability Network (ILO-GBDN) in Geneva, Switzerland. It currently has 41 members, including multinational and local corporations such as JPMorgan and Chase, IBM, Asurion, Paypal, CitiHub, Coca-Cola, Nestle, Smart, and others.

He also serves on the boards of the YMCA of Makati and the No One in Need Foundation Inc. He is a missionary with the Missionary Families of Christ and is assigned as the Missions Coordinator for Luzon as well as the entire continent of Europe, where he lived for 7 years with his wife serving both Eastern and Western Europe. He was recently appointed as the Indian Subcontinent Coordinator.

He is a champion for people with disabilities, a pro-life advocate, a youth worker, and an accomplished speaker both at home and abroad. He holds a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from the Don Bosco Center of Studies, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in European Studies and a Bachelor of Science in Marketing Management from De La Salle University. He is married to Marie Gay and has five children: Pablo, Benita, Lourdes, Guadalupe, and Isidro. Pablo, his eldest son, was diagnosed with Autism at the age of two and is the driving force behind Project Inclusion.

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

My dear fellow Manila Rotarians,

I am happy to report that this past week has been filled with amazing events and meetings for the Rotary Club of Manila. From RI District 3810 Team Visit to our 32nd Weekly Membership Meeting, where we introduced the RCM Digital Library Project and heard from two incredible Rotaract Clubs, it was a week full of achievement, inspiration and growth. We even had the honor of exchanging bannerettes with the Rotary Club of Taipei Mushin in what truly was a special moment for us all.



The energy in our club has been buzzing as we continue to make meaningful connections and create a lasting impact in our community.

Here are the details of the events I attended last week.

Team Visit of RI District 3810 Executive Committee

Thursday, 23 March 2023, 10:00 a.m.

After two weeks of hard work in preparing the presentation for the District Team Visit, we finally had the pleasure of welcoming Senior Deputy Governor Essie Villavito, Area Treasurer Manny Yuyek, Asst. Governor Jen Moreno and District Area Director Cynthia Llorente last Thursday, March 23rd.

We proudly presented the Rotary Club of Manila's accomplishments and projects from July 2022 until the first half of March 2023. We showed them that our Club has already achieved all the 16 Governor's Challenges as well as all the goals in the Rotary Club Central (Rotary International Citation).

Governor's Challenges



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1. Achieve a 10% increase in membership based on the July 2022 club invoice.

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2. Clubs must be at charter strength of at least 20 members on or before April 15, 2023.

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3. Clubs must have a membership retention rate of 85% based on the July 2022 club invoice.

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4. Accomplish the Rotary International Citation on or before April 15, 2023.

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5. Achieve a 5% increase of your latest TRF contribution or a minimum of \$1,000 whichever is higher.

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6. Organized at least one (1) new club preferably a Caused-based-club model.

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7. The club must achieve a TRF Annual Fund contribution of at least \$100.00 per capita.

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8. Recruit and mentor at least two (2) Rotaractors to your club and conduct at least one (1) service project focused on Empowering Young Girls.

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9. Install a Four Way Test marker.

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10. Conduct a Mental Health Awareness and Recovery campaign that promotes and maintains wellbeing, particularly that which considers the needs of women, empowerment of young girls and boys, victims of abuse and COVID-19 survivors, especially in the underserved population.

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11. Develop and implement an Impact Tour campaign using digital and traditional media that promotes the Rotary Club's brand, flagship or signature project.

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12. Conduct an activity promoting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion by involving prospective members from the community, place of business/work and family of Rotary.

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13. Accomplish an Environmental program that touches on implementation of "green" practices and the three R's of sustainability: reduce, reuse and recycle; promoting reforestation, good agricultural practices, zero hunger, zero waste and zero insufficiency.

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14. 100% subscription to the Philippine Rotary Magazine.

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15. Register at least two (2) delegates to 2023 Rotary International Melbourne Convention.

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16. Register at least ten (10) delegates to DISCON 2023.

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Our presentation was supported by screenshots taken directly from the RI portal to demonstrate that these projects were actually done and carried out by RC Manila, complete with the total number of man hours as well as project cost—a true testament to Manila Rotarians' hard work and dedication.

We also outlined our upcoming projects for the rest of Rotary Year 2022-2023, and the District Team was impressed that, besides implementing projects and organizing events to help the local communities, we also recognize industry professionals through our upcoming 19th Tourism Awards, The Outstanding Workers of the Republic (TOWER) Awards, and the RCM Journalism Awards.

The District Team commended our excellent and comprehensive presentation, and even extended 16 congratulatory remarks after our presentation. No further clarification was required, and the meeting ended with appreciation from all present at the Team Visit.

They also mentioned that since DG Joyce Ambray has already visited us during Handover and Induction ceremonies and is well-versed with all of our projects and activities, there is no need for RC Manila to present to the District Governor.

Overall, it was an amazing Team Visit and I am proud to report that our Club was recognized and applauded by the District Team.

VP Reggie Yu, Dir. Albert Alday, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, Treas. Karlo Castro, SAA Nagi Zeitouni, Asst. Treas. PJ Garcia, Grant Chairman/STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay, RCManila Foundation Chairman/ PD Pepo Nunez, Dir. Johnny Chotrani and PD John Cutter were all present at the Team Visit.



PRESIDENT'S DIARY

32nd Weekly Membership Meeting

Thursday, 23 March 2023, 12:30 p.m.

During our Weekly Membership Meeting (WMM) last week, RCM Digitalization Committee Chairman/Rtn. Inov Talusan and Co-Chairman/Rtn. Rami Chahwan presented the RCM Digital Library Project, another milestone project for the Rotary Club of Manila.

Other important events that happened during our WMM were the Phenomenal Rotaract Club Reports and the Club Bannerette Exchange with the esteemed Rotary Club of Taipei Mushin.

Phenomenal Rotaract Club Reports

The Rotaract Club of Manila and Rotaract Club of Dela Salle University joined our WMM and the respective presidents shared their club's accomplishments and current status.



With the Rotaract Club of Manila team (left, holding banner) and Rotaract Club of Dela Salle University team (right)

PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Club Bannerette Exchange with the Rotary Club of Taipei Mushin

We exchanged club bannerette with first-time visiting Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Taipei Mushin, represented by Rotarians Jacky and James Tseng. Also in the photo is Rtn. Winnie Cheng.



It was an honor to be part of such meaningful events last week. I am proud of our club's achievements and initiatives, especially the RCM Digital Library Project which is sure to benefit not just RCM but other clubs as well.

We have also made lasting connections with other Rotary Clubs around the world, exemplifying the spirit of international service that makes us strong as a global organization.

As we move forward into more exciting projects and activities for this Rotary year, let us continue to work together towards creating positive change in our own little way!

I have been indisposed since Monday, but I am still monitoring the progress of our projects in the pipeline.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pres. Hermie Esguerra

EDITOR'S NOTE

Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

There are at least a billion people in the world who grapple with various types of disabilities. Of this number, about 80% live in developing countries like the Philippines. Moreover, 46% of our senior citizens (age 60 and above) are people with disabilities. Disability inclusion must thus be given emphasis, if a DEI strategy is to acquire more meaning and impact on the people who must benefit most from this program.

Rotary International is thus spot on in not only pushing for disability inclusion, but also in inspiring Rotarians to ensure that this is pursued.

Jeremy Opperman of the Rotary Club of Newlands in Cape Town, South Africa, a person with disability, is an example in this regard. Born with Retinitis Pigmentosa, a deteriorating eye condition which results in total blindness, Jeremy is a diversity practitioner and a disability equity specialist. In an interview by Rotary International (<https://blog.rotary.org/2021/10/07/shifting-the-paradigm-on-dei/>), he was asked why he thinks it is beneficial for everyone to make disability equity a priority in all that we do. To this question, he replied: "Because inclusion makes more sense than exclusion. If we categorically exclude people, even if we do it without realizing it, we exclude more than just one individual. For instance, picture a restaurant. We all love to eat out, right? Let's say you've got a party of four people and they want to go out. And let's say one of the four is in a wheelchair — could be temporary, maybe they recently broke their leg. Now the question you want to ask yourself is could you go to absolutely any restaurant you chose? And the chances are that you probably couldn't, because of an access issue. Did that restaurant lose just one meal, or did they lose the whole party? And so that's what we call the business case. Disability inclusion makes business sense. Which is why we see more focus on accessibility in malls and things because people have realized this. From a Rotary perspective, if we want to grow more, we can't afford to lose people through thoughtlessness and carelessness, or even tacit exclusion. We need to embrace the idea of inclusion so that we can in fact attract even more people than we are thinking of."



The United Nations has also been giving attention to disability inclusion. In June 2019, the UN Secretary General spearheaded the launching of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, during which he emphasized that the United Nations, as an organization, should itself should lead by example, apply the adopted strategy, and even raise its standards on disability inclusion. The United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy "reaffirms that the full and complete realization of the human rights of all persons with disabilities is an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms."

Rotary International and the United Nations: two respected and worldwide organizations giving premium and much needed support to our brethren with disabilities.

32nd REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The 32nd Regular Meeting had **PD John Cenica** as Program Moderator/Facilitator.



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



Humbly calling upon our loving Father God, **Rtn. Carlos Buendia** led the Invocation and Special Prayer.



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



Rtn. Marius Angara led the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test.

32nd REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



Singing the **Philippine Rotary Hymn** together, everybody's Rotarian spirit was again electrified.



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



The Moderator acknowledged and introduced the Visiting Guests and Rotarians.



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

32nd REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



The week's birthday celebrants were duly acknowledged, namely **Rtn. Hansel Tillman**, **PD Issam Eldebs**, **Rtn. Rey Vea** and **Rtn. Joel Talampas**. This was followed by the singing of the Club's unique and jolly birthday song, led by the **World Famous Music Chorale**.



RCMFI Chairman/PD Pepo Nunez delivered his report.



Pres. Hermie Esguerra gave a rundown of the week's highlights during the President's time.

32nd REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



Pres. Arvin Reyes of Rotaract Club of Manila and **Pres. Chloe Say** of Rotaract Club of Dela Salle University shared their respective club's accomplishments, inspiring growth, and current status.



Club Secretary Edwin Hernandez introduced the Digitalization of RCM Library Project.



Committee Chairman/Rtn. Inov Talusan and **Co-Chairman/Rtn. Rami Chahwan** presented the RCM Digital Library Project.

32nd REGULAR MEETING: A RECAP



Important and interesting matters were further discussed and clarified during the open forum participated by **IPD Amading Valdez**, **Dir. Hans Palacios**, **Rtn. Nagi Zeitouini**, **DGN Jackie Rodriguez**, **Past Dir. John Cutter** and **STAR Rtn. Aries Balanay**.



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	<u>March 9, 2023</u> The Outstanding Ambassador Award for Hon. Enrique Manalo - Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs	<u>March 16, 2023</u> Mr. Margarito Teves Former Secretary, Department of Finance and President, Land Bank of the Philippines	<u>March 23, 2023</u> RCM Digitalization Project
All Members Present	43	45	44	31
All Members in virtual FB	0	0	0	5
Make Up	18	3	8	5
Less: Exempt from Attendance	4	2	3	0
On Leave	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	57	46	49	41
Total # of Members	239	239	242	242
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	23.85%	19.25%	20.25%	16.94%
ROTARACTORS	0	0	0	10
MEDIA	0	2	0	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	9	4	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG/DGE	9	0	0	0
GOHS / GS	9	1	2	0
Visiting Rotarians	9	2	3	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	9	9	4	0
Others	9	4	0	0
Total attendees	43	67	53	41

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

(As of March 29, 2023, 11:00 AM)

FULLY PAID

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

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

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91	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
92	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
93	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
94	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
95	Hallare, Nicolo "Nic" S.
96	Hallerbach, Mathias
97	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
98	Hernandez, Edwin
99	Hesse, Uwe
100	Hortaleza, Rolando
101	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
102	Jang, Jae "Jay-Jay" J.
103	Joseph, Ralph L.
104	Joseph, Robert Ian "Robi" M.
105	Jucaban, Jeric J.
106	Juico, Francis E.
107	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
108	Koh, Paul Anthony
109	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
110	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
111	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez
112	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
113	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"
114	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
115	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
116	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
117	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
118	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
119	Lim, Richard
120	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
121	Locsin, Roberto R.
122	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
123	Lopa, Antonio "Tony" A.
124	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
125	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
126	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
127	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
128	Magbanua, Gerry
129	Magpale, Jose Paolo
130	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
131	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
132	Mangalile, Senen
133	Martinez, Ronald
134	Masters, Lance A.
135	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
136	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
137	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
138	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
139	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
140	Montel, Juan Manuel C.

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

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191	Sobrepeña, Robert John "Bob" L.
192	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
193	Souvlakis, Nicolas
194	Stranathan, Ike
195	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
196	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
197	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
198	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
199	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
200	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
201	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
202	Tan, John
203	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.
204	Tang, Jimmy T.
205	Tanglao, Noel V.
206	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
207	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
208	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
209	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
210	Uy, Ivan John Enrile "Ivan"
211	Valdes, Joel C.
212	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
213	Valdez, Jason

214	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
215	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
216	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"
217	Vea, Reynaldo "Rey" B.
218	Villarica, Henry R.
219	Villegas, Raoul A.
220	Wombwell, Philip Brian
221	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
222	Yu, Geoffrey "Geof" C.
223	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
224	Zalamea, Enrique, Jr. "Rick" M.
225	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
226	Zeitouni, Nagi
227	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.
228	Zimmer, Christopher
229	Zosa, Rolando "Roy" M.

PARTIALLY PAID

1	Yujuico, Brendon
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DECEASED

1	Abastillas, Celso E.
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Know Your STAR Rotarians



MAGSAYSAY, JESUS VICENTE E. "JV"

Born: July 15, Married Nov. 4 to Maria Milagros Esperanza Habana
Sponsor: DGN Jackie Rodriguez
2023 March 16, Filipino
Logging and Wood Products - Lumber and Wood Products Exporting
Chairman, Woodrich Agri Technology (WATCO) Corp.
Office: SBMC Compound Argonaut Highway SBFZ, Zambales
Email: magsbma@gmail.com



ANDRES, AEROLD L.

Born: July 18, Married
Sponsor: PD John Cenica
2023 March 16, Filipino
Petroleum Products – Lubricating Oil Distributing
General Manager, Franklin Baker
National Highway San Pablo Laguna
Email Address: aerold945@gmail.com



OBRADO, DANIEL C.

Born: April 19
Sponsor: DGN Jackie Rodriguez
2023 March 16, Spanish
Health Service – Health Maintenance Organization
Deputy CEO and Chief Operations Officer
Level 2, Gateway Tower, Gen. Aguinaldo St.
Araneta Center, Quezon City
Email: Daniel.obrado@keralty.com

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Pre-Board Retreat Meeting



Pre-Board Retreat Meeting was held last Tuesday, March 28, 2023 10AM via Zoom. Present were PE/Dir. Raffy Alunan, VPE/VP Reggie Yu, Directors-elect/Directors Johnny Chotrani, Albert Alday, Hans Palacios, Jujut Enriquez and Mike Albana, IS/Sec. Edwin Hernandez, IT PJ Garcia, IAS Willie Pelino and Incoming Internal Auditor/PD Nick Locsin.

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*Maternal and Child Care Committee Chairman
PD John Cenica Spearheads RCM Pediatric Medical
Mission in Partnership with South City Hospital Medical
Center and City Government and Councilors of Bacoor*



Last March 24, the RCM Maternal and Child Care headed by PD John Cenica, with PE Raffy Alunan as Chairman, held a Pediatric Medical Mission together with the Department of Pediatrics of South City Hospital and Medical Center in Daang Hari, Bacoor, Cavite. The mission was supported by the city government and councilors of Bacoor who brought patients from different barangays.



Around 8 Pediatric Doctors attended and 7 nurses and staff assisted, all from South City Hospital and Medical Center.

The Rotary Club of Manila generously provided almost all the medicine given to the patients and logistics needed for this mission.

We treated 51 pediatric patients with ages ranging from one month to ten years old, with various medical problems like allergic rhinitis, phimosis, and upper respiratory tract infection.

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PE/ Dir Raffy Alunan dropped by Chairman PD John Cenica's maternal and child care initiative.

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Asst. Secretary Mike Albaña Sworn in as Trustee of Tourism Congress of the Philippines



Congratulations to Asst. Secretary Mike Albaña who recently took his oath of office as one of the trustees of Tourism Congress of the Philippines.

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RCM, your start-ups are welcome for funding as long as they are pioneering, developmental, and preferably innovative and digital.

*Rtn. Anton Mauricio
General Manager
National Development Company (NDC)*



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The National Development Company (NDC), headed by General Manager Anton Mauricio, recently hosted "Synapse: A Community Mixer Event for Startups and Partners" last Friday from 2-4pm, March 24, 2023 at the NDC.

Highlights of the event include:

- Presentation of the Startup Venture Fund (SVF)
- Presentation of Accredited Partners

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Guidelines of the Startup Venture Fund (SVF)

The SVF, established in 2019 through [Republic Act No. 11337](#) or the Innovative Startup Act and primarily managed by the Department of Trade and Industry and National Development Company aims to develop the startup ecosystem in the Philippines through the provision of funding opportunities.

With half a billion pesos (P500m) in investible funds, the SVF can only invest in a startup alongside an accredited co-investment partner (CIP). Accredited partners currently include: [REAL TECH Holdings](#), [Foxmont Capital Partners](#), [ICCP/SBI Venture Partners](#), and [GobiCore PH Fund](#) with [IdeaSpace/QBO](#), and [inBest Ventures](#) pending formal accreditation and with additional partner [Thames International](#). Boasting 63 startups in the pipeline as of March 2023 including Maria Health, NXTLVL Farms, among others, NDC General Manager Antonilo Mauricio, has ambitious aims to further increase available funding for future startups to over P1B pesos through strategic funding partnerships.

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Presentation of Accredited Partners

The event was attended by major VC funding players presenting data highlighting the region and in particular the Philippine start-up ecosystem's attractiveness for further investments.

Gobi-Core shares [The Gobi-Core Philippine Fund Ecosystem Report 2021](#) which sheds light on the growing startup ecosystem in the Philippines both in relation to its ASEAN neighbors and as a promising technology ecosystem in its own right and [The Gobi-Core State of Talent in Tech 2022](#) report reveals the landscape of talent in the Philippine tech ecosystem, the challenges and opportunities present, and expert insights from tech founders, leaders and ecosystem veterans.

Foxmont Capital Partners contributed the [Philippine Venture Capital Report 2023](#) which presents a survey of the investment landscape including social and population demographics and mobile and internet usage data including a note that Mobile wallet transactions reached USD28.6B in 2022, almost twice in 2020.

Despite recent effects of the [SVB collapse](#) capturing media attention, optimism in the Philippine innovation ecosystem remains high among VC Partners, as key takeaways from their reports suggest:

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After a record-setting 2021, the Philippine tech ecosystem is now experiencing a slowdown as it faces down global macroeconomic headwinds. Nonetheless, technological adoption has persisted, suggesting the future of the ecosystem remains bright.

The Gobi-Core State of Talent in Tech 2022

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In the face of challenging global macroeconomic conditions, the Philippines continues to be a bright spot in the global economy. We can take the constant outperformance GDP growth forecasts driven by domestic household consumption as a signal that exceptional, brand-led businesses with products serving the needs of Filipino consumers will continue to grow.

Foxmont Philippine Venture Capital Report 2023

The NDC's Synapse Community Mixer event was a successful and insightful gathering, bringing together government and key players in the Philippine startup ecosystem to foster growth, innovation, and investment opportunities. The event not only provided valuable information on the current state of the ecosystem but also highlighted the Philippines' potential for continued success in the face of global challenges.

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First photo includes the following: Carlo Delantar (Founding partner of Core capital), Rommel Leuterio (Adviser to the Chairman of ICCP), Daiki Kumamoto (Growth Manager of Real Tech), Antonilo Mauricio (GM of NDC), Saturnino Mejia (AGM of NDC), Katrina Chan (Executive Director of Ideaspace), Ben Alderson (Senior head of Strategy and Investments of Ideaspace), Franco Varona (Managing partner of Foxmont)

The National Development Company



GM Anton Mauricio

The National Development Company (NDC) is a government-owned and controlled corporation (GOCC) under the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Established on March 10, 1919 via Legislative Act 2489, the NDC is mandated to pursue commercial, industrial, agricultural or mining ventures in order to give the necessary impetus to national economic development.

NDC is the Philippine's leading state-owned enterprise investing in diverse industries, serving as an effective catalyst for inclusive growth.

As the General Manager of the National Development Company, Anton Mauricio has the equivalent rank of Undersecretary with the Department of Trade and Industry. He has over 30 years of experience in investment, finance, and management consulting.

Under the leadership of General Manager Antonilo Mauricio, NDC works toward the development of the Philippine startup ecosystem through the proper implementation of the Startup Venture Fund (SVF).

GM Anton envisions the NDC as a major contributor to the country's development, befitting its status as the oldest government company and the state investment arm.

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