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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. ALFREDO E. PASCUAL
Secretary
Department of Trade and Industry

Kabalita

Trade is definitely a powerful driver of and reliable tool for economic development and poverty alleviation. The World Bank has reported that “from 1990 to 2017, developing countries increased their share of global exports from 16 percent to 30 percent; in the same period, the global poverty rate fell from 36 percent to 9 percent. Not all countries have benefited equally, but overall, trade has generated unprecedented prosperity, helping to lift some 1 billion people out of poverty in recent decades.” With this encouraging figures, the Philippines should aim, through skillful and rational policy formulation and program implementation, to be always among those with increased and increasing share of global exports.





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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

15th Weekly Membership Meeting Rotary Year 2023-2024

Thursday, October 12, 2023 12:30PM
MANILA POLO CLUB

Moderator: RTN. ANTONILO DC. "Anton" MAURICIO

12:00 PM	Registration	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III PRES. SENEN "BING" L. MATOTO <i>(Rotary Club of Makati)</i>
	Invocation	RTN. NICOLO S. "Nico" HALLARE
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Rotary Club of Makati Hymn	RC Makati Chorale - AVP
	The Four (4) Way Test	RTN. PAUL ANTHONY T. "Paul" KOH
	Acknowledgment of Guests	RTN. ANTONILO DC. "Anton" MAURICIO
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
	RC Manila Birthday Celebrants	
	Oct. 6	Rtn. Marius Angara
	Oct. 8	PDSAA Ferdie Co Rtn. Jimmy Tang Rtn. Noel Tanglao Rtn. Micray Gonzales STAR Rtn. Philip Wombwell
	Oct. 10	PP Banit Caasi STAR Rtn. Nate Camat STAR Rtn. David Klebs
	Oct. 12	Rtn. Ricky Yap
	<i>Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song</i>	
		RCM WF Music Chorale

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

12:50 PM	President's Time	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III PRES. SENEN "BING" L. MATOTO <i>(Rotary Club of Makati)</i>
12:55 PM	Induction of New Members <i>Introduction of New Members by Proposers</i> JUANITO AYSON "John" SIMON President & CEO PRIMETECH OIL, INC. Classification: PETROLEUM PRODUCTS – Lubricating Oil Mfg. Proposer: VP Reginald T. Yu KAZUHIRO NOMURA Associate Officer Mitsui & Co., Ltd. Classification: AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY – Automotive Mfg. Proposer: PP Domingo S.B. "Boy" Guevara Jr. Charging Officer	VP Reginald T. "Reggie" Yu PP Domingo S.B. "Boy" Guevara Jr.
1:00 PM	Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker <u>Guest of Honor and Speaker</u> Address HON. ALFREDO E. PASCUAL <i>Secretary</i> <i>Department of Trade and Industry</i>	PDG ALEXANDER P. "Alex" CUREG PP DAVID ACKERMAN <i>(Rotary Club of Makati)</i>
1:30 PM	Open Forum / Q&A	
1:50 PM	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III PRES. SENEN "BING" L. MATOTO <i>(Rotary Club of Makati)</i>
2:00 PM	Adjournment	PRES. RAFAEL M. "Raffy" ALUNAN III PRES. SENEN "BING" L. MATOTO <i>(Rotary Club of Makati)</i>

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. ALFREDO E. PASCUAL

Secretary

Department of Trade and Industry

Alfredo E. Pascual is the Secretary (Minister) of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). At the time of his appointment to DTI in June 2022, he was the President of the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP).

Over the past four decades, Mr. Pascual has contributed to society by serving at four esteemed national and international institutions, viz.: Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) as President and CEO in 2018 and 2019; University of the Philippines (UP) System as President and Co-Chair from 2011 to 2017 and as Alumni Regent in 2009 and 2010; Asian Development Bank (ADB) for 19 years (1989-2008) in several positions including as Director for Private Sector Operations, Director for Project Finance, and Advisor for Public-Private Partnership; and Asian Institute of Management (AIM) as a finance professor in the 1980s.

Prior to joining DTI, Mr. Pascual was an independent director on the board of publicly listed companies (e.g., SM Investments, Megawide Construction, and Concepcion Industrial). His past board memberships included non-profits and other organizations, such as the Philippine Institute of Development Studies (PIDS), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), ICD, Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA), FINEX Academy, UP Foundation, UP CIFAL Philippines, Philippine Council for Foreign Relations (PCFR), and US-Philippines Society (USPHS).

Mr. Pascual finished his MBA and BS in Chemistry (cum laude) at UP. He attended the EC-ASEAN Program on Strategic and Organizational Change at the Euro-Asia Centre, Campus INSEAD, France. His awards included Honorary Doctorates from the University of the Philippines and four other universities, the Presidential *Lingkod Bayan* Award from Malacanang, and the Rotary Golden Wheel Award for Higher Education.

EDITOR'S NOTE

MALNUTRITION

The Rotary Club of Manila's current efforts to combat malnutrition in the country deserves the full support of the membership. Two days ago, a follow-up meeting with the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) was led by President Raffy, together with Vice-President Reggie, VP-Elect Joel, Committee Chairpersons John Cutter and Jason Bogovich, as well as yours truly (as WASH Committee Chair). The malnutrition malady must be given the same attention as the polio problem around the world. Malnutrition, in all its forms, includes undernutrition (wasting, stunting, underweight), inadequate vitamins or minerals, overweight, obesity, and resulting diet-

related noncommunicable diseases. The World Health Organization has reported that 1.9 billion adults are overweight or obese, while 462 million are underweight. Globally in 2020, 149 million children under 5 were estimated to be stunted (too short for age), 45 million were estimated to be wasted (too thin for height), and 38.9 million were overweight or obese. Ruefully, around 45% of deaths among children under 5 years of age are linked to undernutrition. These mostly occur in low- and middle-income countries. At the same time, in these same countries, rates of childhood overweight and obesity are rising.

Malnutrition has been a persistent challenge throughout human history. Its roots trace back to ancient times when societies faced food scarcity, inadequate agriculture, and limited knowledge of nutrition. In ancient civilization, malnutrition was often a result of food shortages, crop failures, and socio-economic disparities. The middle ages saw periodic famines across Europe due to factors like climate fluctuations, war, and inefficient agricultural practices. Who would forget about the Great Famine of 1315-1317? The Industrial Revolution brought about crowded cities with poor living conditions and poor access to nutritious food. The two world wars in the 20th century exacerbated the situation in most countries. In recent times, conflicts and social disparities continue to hound many parts of the globe, and these factors contribute to the persistence of this worldwide problem.

Efforts to combat malnutrition continue, with a focus on sustainable agriculture, food security, education, and improved healthcare infrastructure. It is undeniable that, despite progress, there is still work to be done to ensure adequate nutrition for all.

In our corner of the world, the Philippine Rotary movement must band together and, in partnership with other like-minded civic and business organizations, address this persistent problem of malnutrition among our population.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

October 5, 2023

PROGRAM MODERATOR



BLA Raoul Creencia was the week's Program Moderator who navigated the efficient flow of the meeting. He began by inviting the members of Rotary Club of Manila and guests to be seated to allow the membership meeting to proceed.

CALL TO ORDER



Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III called the 14th weekly membership meeting to order.

14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

INVOCATION



Rtn. Marius Angara led the invocation. The beautiful prayer set the tone for the meeting.

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM / RCM HYMN



Rotary Members and guests took a position of respect as they sang the Philippine National Anthem. This was followed by the singing of the RCM Hymn.

14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

4-WAY TEST

Rotarians were again reminded of their commitment to live by the 4-Way Test. The recitation of this mantra was led by **Rtn. Abdulgani “Gani” M. Macatungan**.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA HYMN and THE WELCOME SONG



The “World Famous” WF Chorale led In the singing of the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn and the Welcome Song.

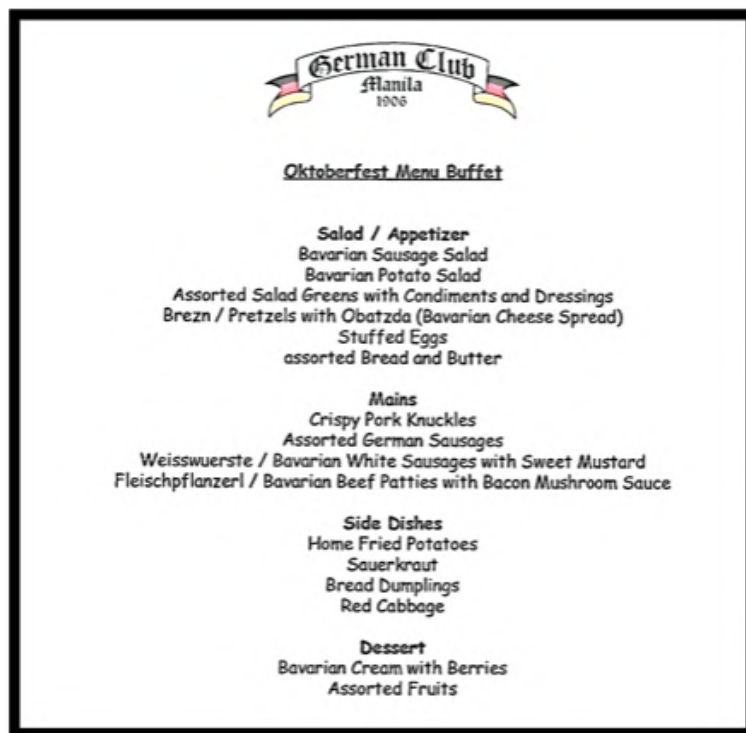
14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PD John Cutter (Chairman for Disease Prevention and Treatment Committee) invited members to participate in the Rotary Club of Manila Community Oral Health project, which is being pursued in collaboration with Mithing Pangarap for Educational Foundation, Inc., Filipino-Canadian Dental Hygienist Society, and TeethCloud. The activity is set on October 7, 2023 at the Gawad Kalinga Bldg., Balut, Tondo, Manila.

14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP



PSAA Gunter Matschuck invited the members to participate to a fellowship Oktoberfest of RCM on October 19, 2023, at the German Club in Makati City.

14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

PRESIDENT'S TIME



Pres. Raffy Alunan started his speech by announcing the forthcoming activities such as the 'Upskills' project of the Rotaract Clubs of Manila and Pamantasan ng Maynila, with Knowledge partners, Rotary Club of Manila, and Manila Magic. In this event, Rtn. Antonilo "Anton" Mauricio will act as one of the guest speakers. Pres. Raffy also announced that next guest of honor and speaker for the 15th Weekly Membership Meeting will be DTI Sec. Alfredo E. Pascual.

The Club President also presented the 'Club Health Check'. He encouraged the members to respond to the Guide Question, which will be disseminated via Viber group, in preparation for the forthcoming Club Assembly on October 26, 2023.



Pres. Raffy also shared some photos with some RCMers who attended the District Mid-Autumn Festival held on October 4, 2023, at the Century Seafood Restaurant.

14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER

PP Chito Zaldarriaga introduced the guest of honor and speaker, **Sec. Tereso O. Panga**, Director General, PEZA.



GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



PEZA Director-General Tereso O. Panga delivered his message to the members and guests of Rotary Club of Manila. In his speech, he underscored the unique role of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority, as well as the huge benefits that the country is reaping from the investors and locators in the ecozones.

14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

OPEN FORUM



PEZA Dir-Gen. Tereso Panga gamely engaged in an interactive conversation with **Pres. Raffy Alunan**, **PE Joel Valdez**, **Rtn. Felicito Payumo**, **STAR Rtn. Jerry Zhang**, **Treas. Paul Joseph Garcia**, **Rtn. Philip Recto**, **PP Cesar Campos** (RC Makati), and **STAR Rtn. Billy Andal**.



14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

TOKEN OF APPRECIATION



Pres. Raffy Alunan presented the club's token of appreciation for **Sec. Tereso O. Panga**, Director General, PEZA, in the presence of **BLA Raoul Creencia**, **STAR Rtn. Billy Andal**, **PP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **DGE Jackie Rodriguez** (Chairman, Program Committee), **Rtn. Marius Angara**, **Rtn. Abdulgani Macatoman**, **PD Beda Fajardo**, and **Rtn. Felicito Payumo**.

ADJOURNMENT



Sounding the bell, the meeting was adjourned by **President Raffy Alunan**.

14th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

MEETING FELLOWSHIP

Manila Rotarians during pre-meeting fellowship





CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

OCTOBER 2023	October 05, 2023
	PEZA DG. TERESO PANGA
MEMBERS PRESENT	44
MAKE UP ATTENDIES	14
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	5
ON LEAVE	0
Total Active Members	53
Total # of Members	239
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	22%
ROTARACTORS	0
MEDIA	3
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	3
GOHS / GS	3
Visiting Rotarians	1
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	12
TOTAL ATTENDIES	60

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2023-2024

(As of October 11, 2023, 6:00 PM)

FULLY PAID

1	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.
2	Abriam, Ariel
3	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.
4	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"
5	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
6	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"
7	Alday, Albert S.
8	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.
9	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.
10	Aragon, Joshua
11	Arguelles, Pablo
12	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.
13	Balanay, Aries
14	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.
15	Batur, Sinan
16	Bautista, John
17	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
18	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
19	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
20	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
21	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
22	Bogovich, Jason M.
23	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"
24	Branelec, Jacques
25	Cabangon, Edgard
26	Camat, Nathaniel
27	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
28	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
29	Canon, Raul
30	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
31	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
32	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
33	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
34	Chahwan, Rami
35	Cenica, John
36	Cortez, Lorenzo
37	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
38	Creencia, Raoul
39	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
40	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
41	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
42	De Castro, Johnny
43	Del Rosario, Oscar
44	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio
45	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.
46	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.

47	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
48	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
49	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
50	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
51	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.
52	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
53	Fajardo, Beda G.
54	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
55	Flameno, Franco Martell S.
56	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
57	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.
58	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
59	Garcia, Theodore
60	Garcia, Victor
61	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
62	Go, Henry Sy
63	Goco, Raoul
64	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
65	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
66	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
67	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
68	Hallare, Nicolo "Nic" S.
69	Hallerbach, Mathias
70	Hernandez, Edwin
71	Hortaleza, Rolando
72	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
73	Jucaban, Jeric J.
74	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
75	Katigbak, Alfonso Leonor
76	Klebs, David
77	Koh, Paul Anthony
78	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
79	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
80	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez
81	Laurel, Ricardo "Ricky" P.
82	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
83	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
84	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"
85	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
86	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
87	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
88	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
89	Lim, Richard
90	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
91	Locsin, Roberto R.
92	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.

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List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2023-2024

93	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
94	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
95	Magbanua, Gerry
96	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
97	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
98	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
99	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
100	Mangalile, Senen
101	Martinez, Ronald
102	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
103	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
104	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
105	Mendoza, Miguel
106	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
107	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
108	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
109	Nolido, Ramby
110	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
111	Obrado, Daniel C.
112	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
113	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
114	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
115	Pallasigue, John Brian "JB"
116	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
117	Pañares, Ben Thomas "Toby" P.
118	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
119	Patterson, Colin David
120	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
121	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
122	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
123	Pizarra, Jordan M.
124	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
125	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
126	Ramos, Claver P.
127	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
128	Recto, Philip H.
129	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
130	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.
131	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
132	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.

133	Romualdez, Ferdinand "Martin"
134	Rono, Marlon
135	Roxas, Michael
136	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
137	Schneider, Bernd
138	Schimitz, Stefan
139	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
140	Shimoda, Shigeru
141	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
142	Simon, Juanito Ayson
143	So, Warren
144	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
145	Souvlakis, Nicolas
146	Steley, Collin
146	Steley, Collin
147	Stranathan, Ike
148	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
149	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
150	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
151	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
152	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
153	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
154	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
155	Tan, John
156	Tanglao, Noel V.
157	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
158	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
159	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
160	Valdes, Joel C.
161	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
162	Valencia, John Nico "Nico" P.
163	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
164	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"
165	Villarica, Henry R.
166	Villegas, Raoul
167	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
168	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
169	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
170	Zeitouni, Nagi
171	Zheng, Zhihao "Jerry"
172	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.

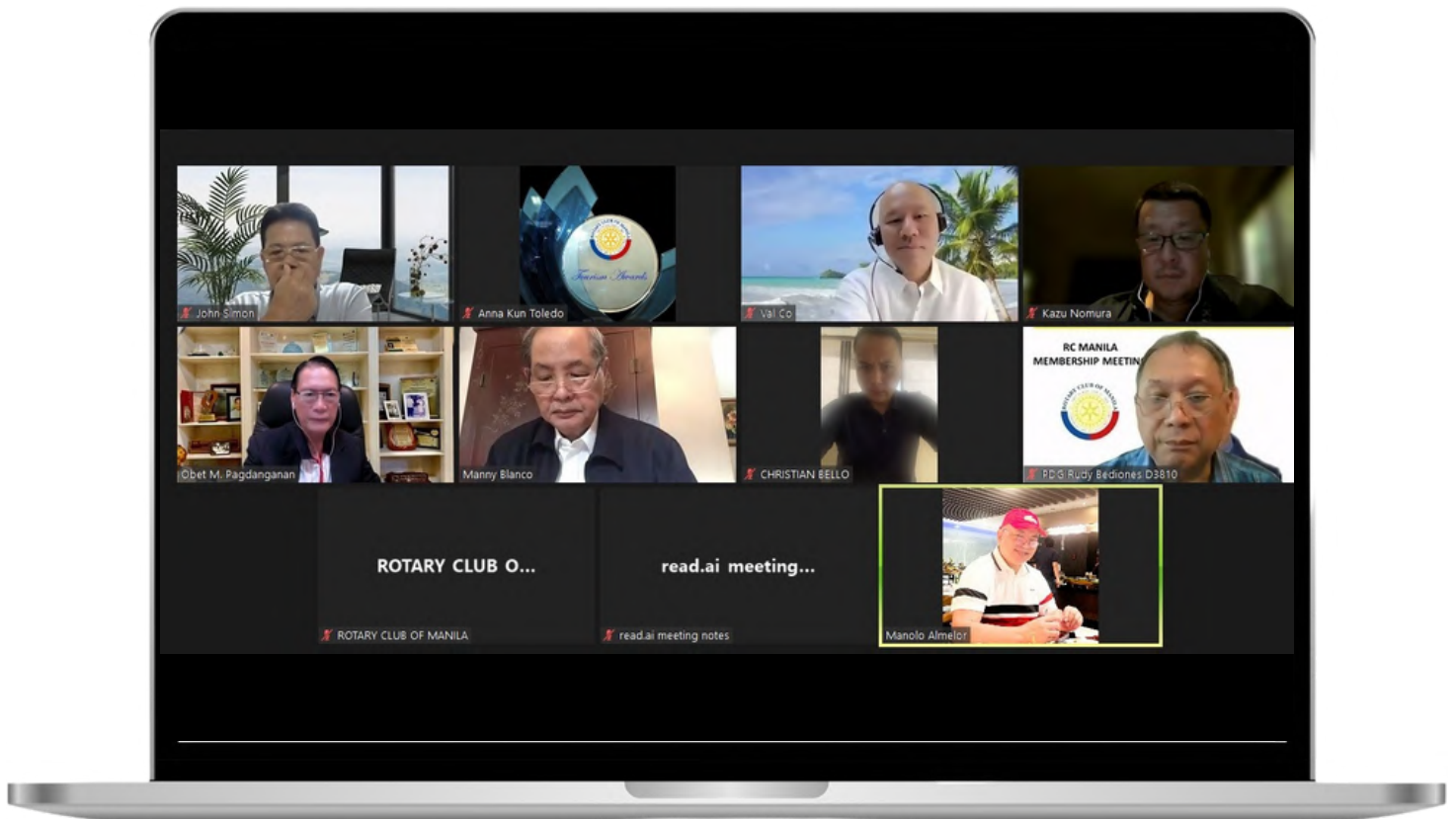
PARTIALLY PAID

1	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
2	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.
3	Andal, Avelino "Billy"
4	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel
5	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.

6	Valdez, Jason
7	Dela Cruz, Artemio "Art"
8	Chotrani, Johnny N.
9	Agnes, Jerry A.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Prospective Members Attend Rotary Information Committee Briefing via Zoom



The Rotary Information Committee held a briefing last Friday, October 6, 2023 via Zoom for prospective members: Messrs. Manuel G. Almelor, MD, Chris Bello, Val Co, Kazuhiro Nomura, and Juanito Simon.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

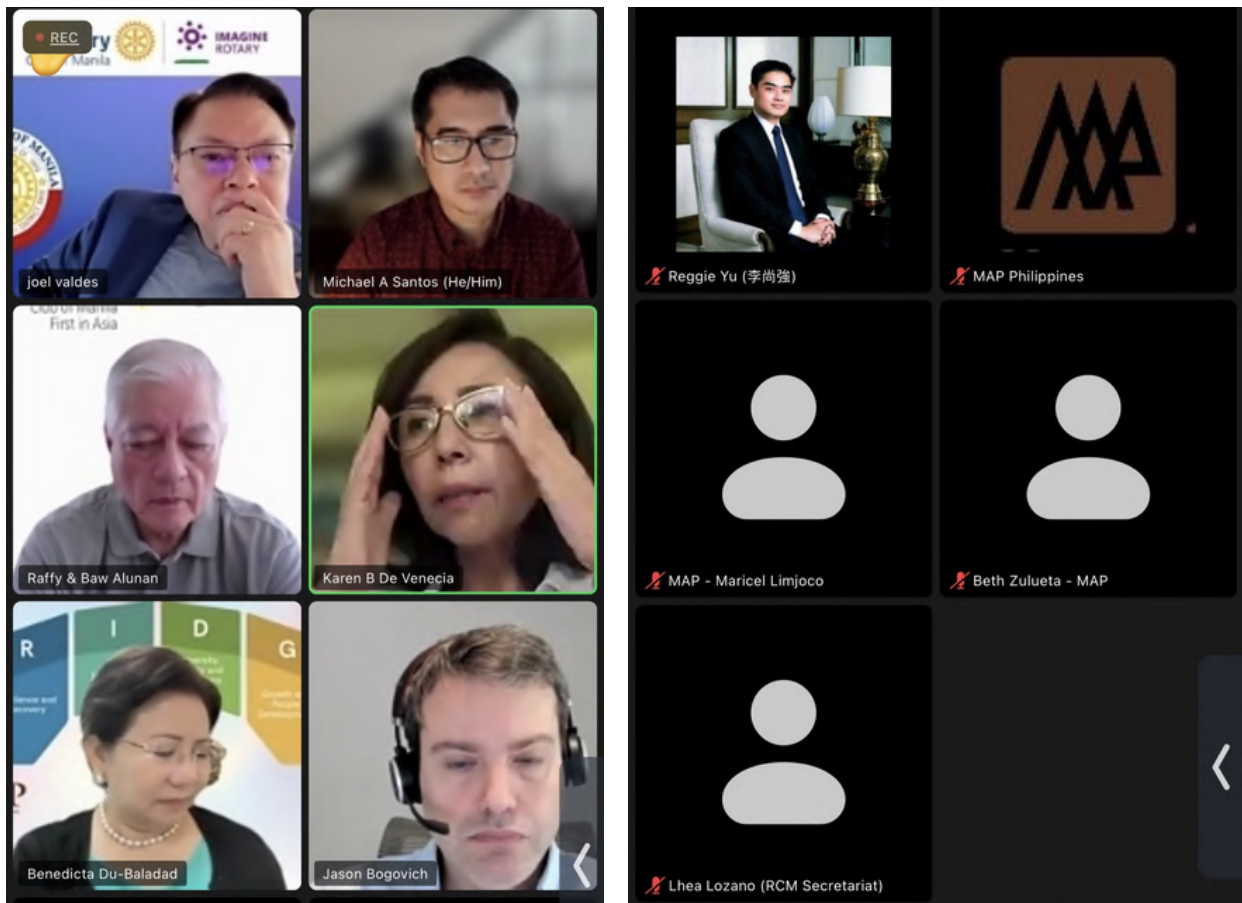
Rotary Club of Daet South Receives Smart TV Donation from Chairman Arik Carranceja



Rotary Club of Daet South's President, Atan Ibita, along with members of RC Daet South, received a personal donation of a Smart TV from Chairman Arik Carranceja (Economic and Community Development Committee) last Friday, October 6, 2023.

MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE

MAP and RCM Engage in a Virtual Meeting to Tackle Child Malnutrition



A meeting was held with the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) to discuss a proposed joint undertaking on the issue of child malnutrition. The virtual meeting took place last Friday, October 6, 2023, from 11 AM to 12 PM via Zoom. MAP was represented by its President, Benedicto Du-Baladad. Present from RCM were Pres. Raffy Alunan, VP Reggie Yu, VPE Joel Valdes, and SAA Jason Bogovich.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Rotary Club of Manila and Partners Conduct Community Oral Health Program in Tondo



The Rotary Club of Manila Community Oral Health, led by PD John Cutter, in collaboration with Mithing Pangarap Educational Foundation Inc. (MPEFI), the Filipino-Canadian Dental Hygienist Society, and TeethCloud, conducted a community oral health program for the beneficiaries of MPEFI. The program was held at Gawad Kalinga Building in Smokey Mountain, Tondo, Manila on October 7, 2023.

From left: Joana Realin (Registered Dental Hygienist or RDH, Fil-Can Dental Hygiene Society), Luming Woellhaf (Pres., Mithing Pangarap Educational Foundation, Inc.), Teresa Belarde (RDH, Fil-Can Dental Hygiene Society), PD John Cutter (Chairman - Disease Prevention and Treatment Committee), and Jeff Lord (RCM Secretariat)

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Rotary Club of Manila and Partners Conduct Community Oral Health Program in Tondo



Fil-Can Registered Hygienist Society, conducting oral cleaning with the beneficiaries of MPEFI



MPEFI beneficiaries patiently awaiting their turn

MUSIC COMMITTEE

RCM World Famous Chorale Practices for Harana Visit to PP Babes Reyes



The RCM World Famous Chorale held a practice on October 9, 2023 in the Library Room at the ELKS Club for the upcoming Harana Visit to PP Babes Reyes.

In attendance were Music Chair PD Oscar del Rosario, Sr., Sunshine Chair Ricky Guevara, IA Nick Locsin, PD John Cutter, Pres. Raffy Alunan, DGE Jackie Rodriguez, and BLA Raoul Creencia.

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DISTRICT EVENTS

Zone 10A Multi-District PRE-PETS with RIPE Stephanie Urchick



PDG Rudy Bediones with RIPE Stephanie Urchick during the welcome ceremony



PDG Rudy Bediones with other RC delegates from RID3810



PDG Vince Carlos with RIPE Stephanie Urchick



DISTRICT EVENTS

Lunch Tendered by RC Makati and RC Manila for RIPE Stephanie Urchick



Present at the lunch were:

- RIPE Aide Tom Gump
- Past RI Director Raffy Garcia
- RC Manila President Raffy Alunan
- RC Makati President Bing Magtoto
- Past District Governors Rudy Bediones, Sid Garcia, Ernie Choa, Gina Sy, Peps Bengzon, Penny Policarpio, Oyan Villanueva, Johnny Yu
- VPE Joel Valdes

Discussions focused on Peace, Internal Conflict Resolution, Ethics, Environment and Action Plans.

DISTRICT EVENTS

Farewell Dinner for RIPE Stephanie and Induction of Rotary Inter Country Committee



IPP Hermie Esguerra with RIPE Stephanie Urchick and IPDG Joyce Ambray



DGE Jackie Rodriguez received his Certificate of Membership into Inter Country Committee.

DISTRICT EVENTS

22nd Handover and 23rd Induction Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Hiyas ng Bacoor

IPP Hermie Esguerra, representing Rotary Club of Manila, attended the 22nd Handover and 23rd Induction Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Hiyas ng Bacoor held on October 9, 2023 at the Centennial Hall of Manila Hotel.



IPP Hermie Esguerra with DG Lai Dela Cruz, HCP Jackie Jose of RC Hiyas ng Bacoor, Board of Directors, Officers, members and guests of Rotary Club of Hiyas ng Bacoor

DISTRICT EVENTS

22nd Handover and 23rd Induction Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Hiyas ng Bacoor



From left: PDG Tanquil Salvador III, SDG Kenneth Kho, RC Cavite Uptown HCP, DG Lai Dela Cruz, IPP Hermie Esguerra, IPDG Joyce Ambray, Lady Sharon Bediones and PDG Rudy Bediones



With IPDG Joyce Ambray



With IPDG Joyce and the Phenomenal Leader Presidents



With Delegates from RI District 3670, Korea

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Celebrating Achievements at Zone 10A Membership Awards



Celebrating achievements at the Zone 10A Membership Awards on October 8, 2023, held at Kingsford Hotel in Parañaque City!

We are proud to announce that the Rotary Club of Manila received two prestigious awards from Zone 10A for RY 2022-23:

1. **Membership Retention:** Top 1 for sustaining more than 100 members
2. **Membership Growth:** One of the top 10 clubs in the zone for incremental increase, welcoming 17 new members.

In addition, we are proud to have chartered the **Rotary Club of Manila Phenomenal Dentists**, a **cause-based** club.

Thank you to all the sponsors of our new members.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Sunday to support the Zone 10A Membership Awards: VP Reggie Yu, Director Albert Alday, Director Mike Albaña, DE/SAA Nagi Zeitouni, Director Johnny Chotrani, Grant Chair Aries Balanay, PR Chair Billy Andal, Digitization Chair Inov Talusan, DE Henry Go, ES Anna Kun Toledo, and Ms. Rhea Vitto Tabora.

Mabuhay, RC Manila!

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DoTr speeds up Greenways project

BY ALEXANDRA J. FURIO

THE acquisition of properties for the EDSA Greenways Project's right-of-way (ROW) is already 54.16 percent complete, the Department of Transportation (DoTr) said on Saturday, as the agency continues to expedite the documentation process for property purchases.

It said that out of the 5,657 square meters earmarked for the project, a total of 3,064 square meters have already been acquired for the com-

prehensive resettlement action plans for all stations covered by the EDSA Greenways Project.

To support the 148 individuals directly impacted by the project, the DoTr has enrolled them in the Department of Labor and Employment's (DoLE) Livelihood Assistance Program to mitigate the disruption caused by the project.

The goal of the EDSA Greenways Project is to revolutionize the pe-

destrian experience by constructing elevated pedestrian walkways in key areas in Metro Manila — notably Balintawak and Cubao in Quezon City, Guadalupe in Makati City, and Taft Ave. in Pasay City.

Once completed, the project will connect pedestrians and commuters to mass transit stations, encouraging the use of public transport and fostering a more efficient urban mobility landscape.

In an earlier statement, DoTr Secretary Jaime Bautista mentioned the speeding up of the said project.

"We want to fast-track this project to be able to connect pedestrian networks to train stations along EDSA and enhance the overall urban environment and transport connectivity in the identified areas," Secretary Bautista said during the ceremonial signing of the EDSA Greenways Project's memorandum of understand-

ing (MoU) and memorandum of agreement (MoA).

Further, he said that the agreements manifest the stakeholders' mutual and earnest support to the country's transportation industry.

"The EDSA Greenways, with the EDSA Busway and the bike lanes, showcase our efforts to revive the original character of EDSA as the most efficient artery in Metro Manila," said Bautista.



REACHING OUT Children get free dental services during the medical-oral outreach activity of the Rotary Club of Manila led by Dr. John Cutter and Luming Woellhaf, president of Mithing Pangarap Educational Foundation Inc., held in Tondo, Manila, on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023. PHOTO BY MIKE ALQUINTO

MTRCB receives FOI certificate from Palace

THE Presidential Communications Office-Freedom of Information Program Management Office (PCO FOI-PMO) awarded the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) on Thursday with a Certificate of Completion for FOI Implementation for FY 2022 in recognition of the agency's commitment to transparency and accountability.

"We are grateful for the citation from no less than Secretary Cheloy Velicaria-Garafl of the esteemed Presidential Communications Office," MTRCB Chairman Diorella "Lala" Sotto-Antonio said on Friday.

"This could only mean a validation that we are treading the correct path of our journey to serve the Filipino people to the best of our abilities," she added.

The FOI Certificate of Compliance is awarded to government agencies that meet the standards of Executive Order 02, s. 2016.

EO 2 operationalizes the people's constitutional right to information in the Executive Branch and also establishes State policies requiring full public disclosure and transparency in the public

sector.

"I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the Agency's Thirty (30) Board Members, Vice Chairman Nathaniel 'Njel' De Mesa, and Executive Director 2 Atty. Mamarico Sansarona, Jr., whose unremitting support keeps the MTRCB as strong and firm, and as committed as ever to making the Television and Film industry healthy and pertinent in these trying, fast-changing times," Sotto said.

The certification came amid backlash directed at the regulatory board for sanctioning the ABS-CBN noontime show "It's Showtime" after its hosts Vice Ganda and Jon Perez were accused of "indecent acts."

The MTRCB said on September 4 that it would suspend the noontime show for 12 days. After that, the "It's Showtime" production submitted a motion for reconsideration, which the regulatory board rejected.

ABS-CBN declared that it will not appeal the MTRCB judgment to the Office of the President, and will instead serve the 12-day suspension beginning October 14.

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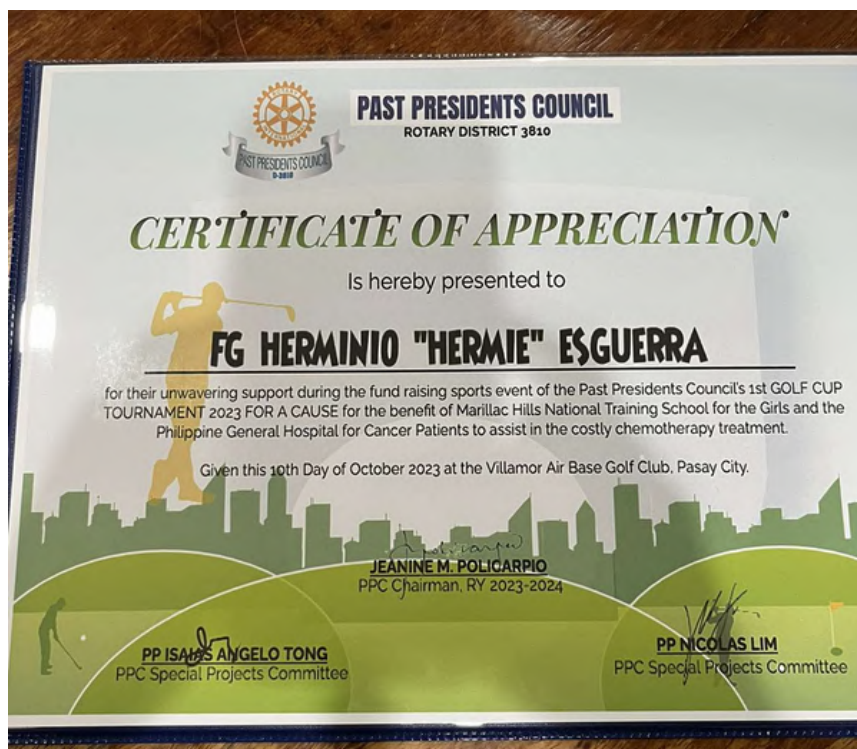
Past Presidents Council's First Golf Cup Tournament



RCM golfers participated in the Past Presidents Council's first Golf Cup Tournament held on October 10, 2023 at Villamor Golf Club.

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IPP Hermie Esguerra Receives Certificate of Appreciation from Past Presidents Council for His Support to the First Golf Cup Tournament 2023 for a Cause



Esguerra Kurobuta was the Diamond Sponsor of the Past Presidents Council's first Golf Cup Tournament held on October 10, 2023.

As a Diamond Sponsor, we were entitled to 10 complimentary players with free breakfast, lunch, golf carts, green fees, fellowship and raffle prizes.

Thanks to the 8 RCMers who participated in the tournament.

Congratulations to BLA Raoul Creencia for bagging the Class C Category Champion!

Very proud of the RCM golfers! Cheers!

- IPP Hermie S. Esguerra

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**Congratulations to BLA Raoul Creencia,
First Runner-up in Class C Division,
Past Presidents Council's First Golf Tournament**





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