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CLASSIFICATION TALK SPEAKER



RTN. JOSHUA RUEBEN ARAGON
Chief Executive Officer, Zagana, Inc.

Kabalita

Each Manila Rotarian is a cog in the wheel, a key component of a service organization that is the Rotary Club of Manila. Through classification talks, Club members are given the opportunity to know more about a specific member – his profession, his passion, his family life, and what made him become a Rotarian. Truly, this cherished Rotary tradition of affording a member to talk about himself and his profession during a Club meeting is something that must be celebrated and perpetuated.





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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

29th Weekly Membership Meeting

Rotary Year 2023-2024
Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:30 PM
MANILA POLO CLUB

Moderator: PD ISSAM ELDEBS

12:00 PM	Registration	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
	Invocation	RTN. MICHAEL "Mike" D. ROXAS
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	The Four (4) Way Test	PD ISSAM ELDEBS
	<u>Birthday Celebrants</u>	
	Feb. 15 – Rtn. Jordan Pizarra	
	Feb. 16 – Rtn. Klaus Muller	
	Feb. 17 – Rtn. Jun Aventura	
	Feb. 22 – Rtn. Dante Gierran	
	<i>Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song</i>	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:40 PM	Introduction of the Classification Talk Speaker	Rtn. JOAQUIN PABLO "Jop" A. ESQUIVIAS
	Classification Talk	
	RTN. JOSHUA RUEBEN ARAGON	
1:00 PM	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
1:05 PM	President's Time <i>To discuss membership concerns and other matters</i>	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
1:30 PM	Open Forum / Q.A.	
2:00 PM	Adjournment	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III

CLASSIFICATION TALK SPEAKER



RTN. JOSHUA RUEBEN ARAGON
Chief Executive Officer, Zagana, Inc.

Joshua Aragon is a hands-on Chief Executive Officer (CEO), a manufacturing engineer, and an EMBA graduate of Asian Institute of Management with expertise in business development, strategy & operations, water & wastewater treatment, real estate, biomedical manufacturing, and the hospitality industry.

Through strategic foresight, drive, and determination, he founded high-growth startups,

Zagana is a Farm-to-Kitchen platform with the mission to establish a food-secure Philippines at competitive prices while providing better livelihood to our farmers. Our aim is to build sustainable distribution network of micro-fulfillment centers (MFCs) from farm to city-level and offers a 30min delivery for the convenience of our users.

Pushkart.ph, an online grocery service partnering with major supermarket chains in the Philippines.

Before that, he competed his first start-up, Lapatronix, a minimally invasive laparoscopy surgical tool that won Gold in the Intel-DST Asia Pacific Challenge held in Bangalore, India and proceeded to compete in the Intel GlobalChallenge held in UC Berkeley, USA.

As a leader and self-sufficient innovator, Josh is comfortable in any role, from the executive boardroom to the manufacturing floor. He is a savvy negotiator known for strong business development and relationship-building skills. Josh's innate ability to build high-performance teams, including his strategically selected executive management staff, has served as a growth catalyst and infused productive energy into the workplace.

Pushkart.ph was awarded as the Top 10 Startups in Techtonic, Top 10 Startups in YES! Startup Summit, Top 6 Startups in ASEAN50 Slingshot: Startups to the RESQUE and a finalist for the Best Newcomer of the ASEAN RiceBowl Startup Awards 2017.

CLASSIFICATION TALK SPEAKER

Experience



Chief Executive Officer

Zagana, Inc.

Sep 2019 - Present (1 year 7 months +)

Zagana is a Farm-to-Kitchen platform delivering 30min convenience of fresh produce to your doorstep. Fresh vegetables and fruits are harvested directly from our local farmers here in the Philippines.



eFounder Fellow

Alibaba Group

Jun 2019 - Present (1 year 10 months +)

The eFounders Fellowship program provides first-hand exposure to ecommerce and digital innovations, access to business leaders across Alibaba and China, as well as an opportunity to connect with like-minded, leading entrepreneurs in your region. The fellowship is a community of passionate and successful "Champions for the New Economy" looking to inspire and create a more inclusive development model for all.



Founder & CEO

Pushkart.ph

Jul 2016 - Sep 2019 (3 years 3 months)

Pushkart.ph is an on-demand online grocery delivery service that provides convenience and on-time delivery to its patrons, along with hand-picked products and superlative services that adds more value to life. With Pushkart.ph, parents, entrepreneurs, career individuals avoid the hassle of going to the supermarket that wastes time, money and energy.

Developed by a group of young Filipino millennials, Pushkart.ph was founded in July 2015 by Joshua Aragon, Bryan Reyes and Laurence Co and is backed by well-respected investors and advisors.



Director and Asst. Secretary

Federation of Electrical and Electronics Suppliers and Manufacturers in the Philippines, Inc. (PESA)

Jan 2013 - Jun 2016 (3 years 6 months)

PESA was established in Dec. 31, 1948 by leading businessmen of the industry with the objectives of promoting professionalism, business ethics and cooperation among industry members as well as providing assistance by studying commonly faced challenges and coming up with solutions for industry members.

Since then, PESA continues to evolve as a prominent organization that actively engages in various programs to promote professional and trade activities not only among members but with their international counterparts as well.

PESA organizes trade missions for members to visit neighboring countries, works with government agencies such as Bureau of Product Standards and the Department of Trade and Industry for the establishment of proper product standards to protect the industry and engages in socio-civil activities such as charitable missions and donations for school construction, among others.



Corporate Secretary

Gotesco Group of Companies

Apr 2011 - Jun 2016 (5 years 3 months)

Gotesco Marketing, Inc. (GMI) is a Water Solutions Provider focused on providing and assisting our customer on the best possible ways to transport water, wastewater, sludge, sewage, chemicals and viscous fluids in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. We have a proven track record, providing solutions and applied our equipments in the water municipalities, water and wastewater treatment plant, sewage and effluent treatment plants, commercial building and establishments and mining industries.

GMI was established in 1975 and has quickly become a leader in the wholesale and retail distribution of electrical supplies and water pumps. To-date, GMI has positioned itself as a water solutions provider to assist the needs and requirements of our customers to have the most efficient pumping system, various water transport pumps and water treatment equipment. Our team has sales and application engineers in various professions to ensure we give our customers a cost effective product with a long life cycle that will bring them benefits and value.

CLASSIFICATION TALK SPEAKER

Director

Society of Manufacturing Engineers - Chapter 75

Jan 2014 - Jan 2016 (2 years 1 month)

Manufacturing has long been central to global economies and prosperity, creating value and opportunity for communities, workers and their families. It is absolutely vital.

SME promotes advanced manufacturing technology and develops a skilled workforce. Our company's purpose is to advance manufacturing and attract future generations.

And, SME has been supporting the manufacturing industry for the last 85 years. Working closely with manufacturing professionals, companies, educators, schools and communities, we share knowledge and resources that generate solutions to manufacturing industry challenges.

Key focus areas for SME include:

1. The state of manufacturing: In order to bring manufacturing into the mainstream, we feel it is critical to showcase career options and exciting opportunities available in manufacturing and inspire youth to get involved.
2. Advanced manufacturing technology: Through our members and industry experts we collaborate, aggregate and disseminate technical information and expertise.
3. The workforce: Manufacturers rely on a skilled, technical and professional workforce to drive innovation, increase productivity and remain globally competitive. SME is a leading resource for manufacturing knowledge and training.



President

Lapatronix, Inc.

Jan 2011 - Jan 2013 (2 years 1 month)

A winner in the Intel-DST Asia Pacific Challenge, a competition for high-tech, high growth technology innovations.

Lapatronix is an improved laparoscopic tool that allows a surgeon to make a wider range of movements during surgery while reducing fatigue and discomfort, as well as helps shorten the postoperative recovery time of patients and provides access to low-cost rapid health care.

Lapatronix, was one of the two teams chosen by Ayala Foundation's Technology Business Incubator Network for the competition, was composed of DLSU students Joshua Aragon, Laurence Co, Samantha Ang, Charle Licup and Jilynn Chua. Intel APAC partnered with India's Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Asia Pacific Incubation Network (APIN), a network of business incubators across the Asia Pacific organized under the World Bank's infoDev initiative on incubation and of which Ayala Foundation's Technology Business Incubator is a member.

Research and Development Engineer

Orthopaedic International, Inc.

Jan 2010 - Oct 2010 (10 months)

Orthopaedic International, Inc. (OII) was born out of a desire to bring innovative and relevant orthopaedic solutions to developing countries. Since its inception, OII has grown into an ISO 13485-certified facility that designs, develops and manufactures orthopaedic products including trauma, spine and joint replacement systems. OII takes pride in producing innovative, world-class products to solve different global orthopaedic problems in a practical and cost-effective manner.



President

Society of Manufacturing Engineers - Student Chapter 079

Jan 2009 - Jan 2010 (1 year 1 month)

SME-DLSU is a student chapter of SME USA. It is the professional organization of the Manufacturing Engineering and Management program of De La Salle University. They major in either Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering or Biomedical Engineering. It serves to help MEM students as the next generation of innovators and Lasallian leaders in the Manufacturing and Biomedical industries.

Local SME chapters help build a member network in your own backyard, meet potential customers, partners and employers, and gain leadership opportunities. Whether you are looking for help with a manufacturing-related problem, searching for a new vendor, building your list of professional contacts, looking for a new job or simply want to learn more about what's going on in your local manufacturing community.

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Education



Asian Institute of Management

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Business Administration, Management and Operations

2012 - 2014



De La Salle University

Bachelor of Science (BS), Manufacturing Engineering and Management specialized in Biomedical Engineering

2006 - 2011



University of the Philippines

Water Quality and Wastewater Treatment Management and Recycling Technology

2015 - Present



Pasay-Makati Realty Board (PMRB)

Licensed Real Estate Broker

2013 - Present



Philippine Green Building Council

BERDE Certified

2013 - Present



Tokyo Institute of Technology

Engineering

2010 - Present



Saint Jude Catholic School

1991 - 2006

Licenses & Certifications



Licensed Real Estate Broker - Philippine Realty Board



Certified BERDE Professional - Philippine Green Building Council

Skills

Water Treatment • R&D • Chemistry • Process Engineering • Engineering • Manufacturing • Start-ups • Automation • Renewable Energy • Project Management

CLASSIFICATION TALK SPEAKER

Honors & Awards



Gold Thesis Awardee - De La Salle University

Jun 2011



Winning Pitch - INTEL - DST Pacific Challenge

Oct 2011

A competition for High Tech, High Growth Technology and Social Innovations in specified themes across 12 Asia Pacific Countries, the winners of which will get an opportunity to showcase their projects at "Intel Global Challenge at UC Berkeley".

Technology Entrepreneurship involves in identifying high potential, technology intensive opportunities and to capitalize the opportunity through the development of technology product of high value proposition and strong intellectual property.

For details visit www.intelstchallenge.com and Asia Entrepreneurship Summit



Top 10 Tech Start-ups - Techtonic, Inc.

Aug 2017

TECHtonic 2017: Manila Tech Convention with the theme, "Culture for the Future." TECHtonic takes aim to be the country's largest startup conference, inviting international startup groups and investors from all over the world in one big event that highlights new technologies and innovation in the space.

TECHtonic 2017: Manila Tech Convention takes place on July 29-30, 2017 at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia, Pasay City. For more information, visit TECHtonic's website: www.techtonic.ph



Top 10 Startups - Young Entrepreneur Summit (YES!)

Sep 2017

The Young Entrepreneurs Society Philippines (YES) is an organization of young entrepreneurs who share a common passion for excellence in business and professional growth. YES Philippines was established to educate, promote, encourage, network, and develop aspiring and successful entrepreneurs. Through a series of engagements with successful business owners and executives, learning events, mentorship and networking opportunities, members of the society learn the crucial elements necessary to become successful entrepreneurs.



ASEAN50 Slingshot: Startups to the RESQUE - ASEAN50 Slingshot

Oct 2017

Driven by the vision of a thriving innovation economy across the ASEAN region, it aims to create a regional network of ASEAN ecosystem players including startups, angel investors, incubators, mentors, academe, co-working spaces, and industry experts. It showcases investment-ready startups for potential local and international investors as well as facilitate easy access of information between governments running startup development programs in the region.

'Startups to the Rescue' relies on the spirit and dynamism of the youth to propose solutions for disaster resilience and recovery.

EDITOR'S NOTE

MUSINGS ON UNITY AND LEADERSHIP

Rotary and February 23: The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated as the World Understanding and Peace Day. Interestingly, the first Rotary meeting held on February 23, 1905 was a Thursday, which is surely the inspiration behind the weekly Thursday meeting schedule of various Rotary Clubs, including Asia's First.

As the Rotary World celebrates "Understanding and Peace Day", may all Manila Rotarians be inspired to honestly imbibe what it truly means to foster unity, peace and understanding among his fellowmen and brother Rotarians.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

*Primus Inter Pares:** Often called by its Latin form, primus entre pares, a first among equals structure is based upon a shared respect between each person within a team or the organization. A first-among-equals approach means that in the context of the work within a club or organization, the person with the most immediate responsibility for the work leads. The others assist as servant leaders.

In a first-among-equals situation, each person comes to the group with their own set of responsibilities, their own perspective and their own commitment to the overall interests of the individuals in the group. They come to contribute.

But leaders, especially elected leaders forming a decision-making body, must come primarily with the interest and well-being of the organization in mind. They must find a way to work together.

*Servant Leadership:*** Beginning in the middle decades of the 20th century, leadership began to cease being synonymous with the concept of management. Experts like Peter Drucker and James Magregor Burns began to address leadership as a separate field of study. During this time, Robert Greenleaf became one of the first writers to advance a fresh approach to leadership. He bridged the traditional structural approach to leadership with a more human-centered approach. Greenleaf's contribution to the field of leadership is known as servant leadership. Greenleaf was addressing a problem that he saw, not unlike Lord Acton, as the unconstrained ego of organizational leaders.

* ** Dr. Ed Brenegar, Circle of Impact (June 21, 2018)

28th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

February 15, 2024



PROGRAM MODERATOR



Although based most of the time in Japan, **Rtn. Vee David** acceded to be the week's Program Moderator. Having flown in from Japan just the night before the meeting, he played his role as host emcee of the meeting with gusto. He began by inviting Manila Rotarians to be seated to allow the meeting to officially begin.

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CALL TO ORDER



Sounding the bell and generating enthusiastic applause from the members in attendance, **Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III** called the 28th weekly membership meeting to order.

INVOCATION



With a beautifully written prayer for everyone in attendance, **Rtn. Abdulgani "Gani" M. Macatoman** led the invocation.

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM



Rotarians and guests took a position of respect as they sang the Philippine National Anthem.

FOUR-WAY TEST



Rotarians were again reminded of their commitment to live by the Four-Way Test, with the recitation of this mantra led by **Rtn. D. Edgard A. Cabangon**.

WELCOME SONG



With numerous guests delightedly listening, the "World'Famous" RCM Chorale led the singing of the Welcome Song.

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PRESIDENT'S TIME



President Raffy Alunan informed the members that various MOAs are expected to be finalized in the next few weeks. He also mentioned that, as part of the MOA with the Red Cross, bloodletting events will take place in March and April of this year, involving approximately 1,500 participants.



IPP Hermie Esguerra took the opportunity to announce the forthcoming RCM activity entitled "Inspection of Trash Barrier" along the Pasig River, together with the DENR-PRCMO, on February 17, 2024.

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INDUCTION OF NEW RCM MEMBERS

RCMers warmly welcomed two distinguished individuals as freshly minted members. **Hanada Takahiro**, Minister and Consul General of the Embassy of Japan to the Philippines, took his oath as a Manila Rotarian. He was joined by **Amb. Miguel Utray** of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain to the Philippines, who was given an Honorary Membership.



Hanada Takahiro, Minister and Consul General of the Embassy of Japan to the Philippines.



Amb. Miguel Utray of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain to the Philippines.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



DE Rod G. Valencia, who himself served as a Provincial Government and Member of the House of Representatives, introduced the guest speaker, another celebrated public officer, **Batangas Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas**.

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



Batangas Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas gave an interesting talk about his memorable milestones and achievements as a public servant. He also touched on various policy issues which he had championed, and a specially relevant local government taxation issue that he dramatically won in the Supreme Court.

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OPEN FORUM



Gov. Mandanas gamely engaged in an interactive conversation with (below photos, from left) **PP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **PP Archit Bartolome**, **PD Beda Fajardo**, and **PDG Obet Pagdanganan**.



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RCM BANNERETTE FOR RC SAIGON



Pres. Rafael "Raffy" Alunan III and DGE Joaquin "Jackie" Rodriguez presented to RC Saigon Pres. John Bayarong the RCM Banerette. Pres. John was joined by his wife, Ms. Beth Bayarong.

TOKEN OF APPRECIATION



Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation, witnessed by (from left) DGE Joaquin "Jackie" C. Rodriguez, Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III, Rtn. Abdulgani "Gani" M. Macatoman, and Rtn. D. Edgard A. Cabangon.

ADJOURNMENT



After thanking the guest speaker and all attendees, the meeting was adjourned by Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III.



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

FEBRUARY 2024	February 01, 2024 RTN ANTONILO "ANTON" DC. MAURICIO	February 08, 2024 HON. ANTONY ROLANDO T. GOLEZ, JR.	February 15, 2024 BATANGAS GOV. HERMILANDO MANDANAS
MEMBERS PRESENT	50	39	57
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	21	0	4
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	4	4	5
ON LEAVE	0	0	0
Total Active Members	67	35	56
Total # of Members	240	240	241
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	28%	15%	23%
ROTARACTORS	2	2	0
MEDIA	4	3	6
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	3	2	4
GOHS / GS	2	7	6
Visiting Rotarians	2	0	5
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	23	4	24
TOTAL ATTENDEES	79	52	92



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

LIST OF ATTENDEES

1	Albaña, Michael Jaey C
2	Alcantara, Isidro C.
3	Alunan III, Rafael M.
4	Aragon, Joshua Reuben
5	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.
6	Bediones, Rodolfo P.
7	Benedicto, Sixto T.
8	Bogovich, Jason M.
9	Bolton, Wilhelm
10	Cabangon, Edgard A.
11	Carlos, Vicente J.
12	Chotrani, Johnny N.
13	Creencia, Raoul C.
14	Cureg, Alexander P.
15	Cutter, John Michael
16	David, Virgilio
17	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.
18	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A.
19	Egan, Brendan W.L.
20	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.
21	Esguerra, Herminio S.
22	Fajardo, Beda G.
23	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.
24	Go, Henry S.
25	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy H.
26	Hernandez, Edwin H
27	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV
28	Koh, Paul Anthony T
29	Lazaro, Juan Miguel G

30	Locsin, Arsenio Z.
31	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.
32	Magsaysay, Francisco D.
33	Matschuck, Guenter Gerhard G.
34	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
35	Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
36	Obrado, Daniel Calzado
37	Ong, Phillip L.
38	Pagdanganan, Roberto M.
39	Palacios, Albert C.
40	Pallasigue, John Brian
41	Pascual, Abraham F.
42	Payumo, Felicito C.
43	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
44	Roxas, Michael D.
45	Serapio, Carlos G.
46	Sibayan, Joselito H.
47	So, Warren S.
48	Tan, John G.
49	Valdes, Joel C.
50	Valencia, John Nico P.
51	Valencia, Rodolfo G.
52	Yu, Reginald Tieng
53	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S.
54	Yasushi, Iwata
55	Nomura, Kazuhiro
56	Bello, Christian Cesar P.
57	Hanada, Takahiro



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LIST OF ABSENTEES

1	Aboy, Valentino G.
2	Abriam, Ariel
3	Acosta, Crispiniano G.
4	Agnes, Jerry A.
5	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
6	Alday, Albert Singson
7	Alingog, Aldous A.
8	Ampil, Alvin R.
9	Andal, Avelino L.
10	Ang, Richard T.
11	Angara, Marius
12	Arguelles, Pablo C.
13	Aventura Jr. Avenilo L.
14	Balanay, Aries B.
15	Batur, Sinan
16	Bautista, John Jr. I.
17	Bella Jr. Geronimo P.
18	Benedicto III, Bernardo T.
19	Bertelsen Bertel, Ingmar
20	Bhalla, Pardeep
21	Biltz, Olivier
22	Blanco, Manuel M.
23	Branellec, Jacques
24	Buendia, Carlos C.
25	Caasi, Jr., Urbano S.
26	Cabuñag, Rogelio R.
27	Camat, Nathaniel
28	Campos, Jr., Joselito D.
29	Camus, Jose Fernando B
30	Canon, Raul Jr. E.
31	Carranceja, Arvin Arik B
32	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.
33	Catalan, Rodillo R.
34	Cenica, John T.
35	Chahwan, Rami
36	Chien, Liang-Tah Steve
37	Co, Ferdinand C.
38	Coyiuto, Jr., Robert G.
39	Davis, Raymond N.
40	Dayang, Jr Juan E.
41	De Castro, Juan Arturo Iluminado C.
42	De Venecia, Jr., Jose C.
43	Del Valle, Randolph T
44	Dela Cruz, Artemio F.
45	Diokno, Benjamin E.
46	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio S.

47	Domingo, Rico V.
48	Dominguez III, Carlos G.
49	Dy, Manuel C.
50	Echavez, Antonio V.
51	Eldebs, Issam
52	Engelbrecht, Francois
53	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo A.
54	Eugenio, John Emyl G.
55	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V.
56	Flameño, Franco Martell Sacramento
57	Follosco, Ceferino Jr. G.
58	Garcia, Herbert Joey
59	Garcia, Theodore Q
60	Garcia, III Victor G.
61	Gaspar, Fernando L.
62	Gierran, Dante A.
63	Go, Daniel C.
64	Go, Michael G.
65	Goco, Raoul Roberto P
66	Gonzalez, Michael Raymond L.
67	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.
68	Guevara, Ricardo S.
69	Hallare, Jr., Delfin T.
70	Hallare, Nicolo S.
71	Hallerbach, Mathias
72	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
73	Hesse, Uwe
74	Hortaleza, Rolando B
75	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius F.
76	Jang, Jae Jung
77	Joseph, Ralph Lim
78	Joseph, Robert Ian M
79	Jucaban, Jeric J.
80	Juico, Francis E.
81	Katigbak, J Alfonso L
82	Klebs, David
83	Kunack, Lutz H.
84	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
85	Lacson, Sebastian Arsenio R.
86	La'o Emilio, Gonzales
87	Laurel, Ricardo P.
88	Laya, Jaime C.
89	Ledda, Jaime Victor B.
90	Lee, Richard L.
91	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
92	Liamzon Jr., Romeo Thaddeus R.



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LIST OF ABSENTEES

93	Lim, David Eduardo T.
94	Lim, Richard
95	Locsin, Roberto R
96	Lonzaga, Reinerio C.
97	Lopa, Antonio A.
98	Lopez, Antonio S.
99	Lopez, Arthur M.
100	Macapagal, Michael T
101	Magbanua, Gerry P.
102	Magpale, Jose Paolo A
103	Magsaysay, Jesus Vicente E.
104	Manalaysay, Cesar P.
105	Mangalile, Senen T.
106	Martinez, Ronald
107	Meloto Jr., Antonio
108	Mendoza, Estelito P.
109	Mendoza, Miguel
110	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian O.
111	Mommaerts, Steve
112	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
113	Mueller, Klaus
114	Nones, Romeo C.
115	Nuñez, Jr., Jose A.
116	Ocampo, Teodoro J.
117	Ong, Jovee K.
118	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L.
119	Pañares, Ben Thomas P.
120	Patterson, Colin David
121	Pelíño, Wilfredo M.
122	Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
123	Pineda, Jr., Jesus M.
124	Pizaras, Jordan M.
125	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
126	Pujalte, Jr., Jose S.
127	Quisumbing, Ramon De Jesus DP
128	Ramos, Claver P.
129	Rast, Tobias
130	Recto, Philip H.
131	Reyes, Crispino P.
132	Reynolds, David J.
133	Robertz, Constantine Franz Josef
134	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean
135	Rodriguez, Joaquin Anthony H.
136	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin G.
137	Romualdez, Jose Manuel G.
138	Roño, Marlon R.

139	Sarasola II, Jose Ma. I.
140	Sarmiento, Ricardo M.
141	Schmitz, Stefan
142	Schneider, Bernd
143	Schoucair, Farid Alain
144	Sevilla, Luis Angelo L.
145	Shimoda, Shigeru
146	Sicat, Michael Allan E.
147	Sobrepeña, Robert John L.
148	Soler, Jose Antonio A.
149	Stranathan, Ike Edward
150	Syjuco, Jr., Jose A.
151	Tagaysay, Hector O.
152	Talampas, Jose Angel L.
153	Talusan, Ferdinand E
154	Tamano, Shalimar H.
155	Tamayo, Victor L.
156	Tan, Eusebio V.
157	Tan, Lawrence Li
158	Tang, Jimmy T.
159	Tanglao, Noel V.
160	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
161	Tee, Teddy Jr. B.
162	Tejuma, Sham Michael
163	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael L.
164	Uy, Ivan John Enrile
165	Valdez, Amado D.
166	Valdez, Jason Rolando N.
167	Vazquez, Evaristo Jr.
168	Villarica, Henry R.
169	Villegas, Raoul A.
170	Wombwell, Philip B
171	Yap, Enrique Y. Jr.
172	Yu, Geoffrey C.
173	Yujuico, Brendon M.V.
174	Zeitouni, Nagi
175	Zheng, Zhi Hao
176	Zialcita, Xavier Y.
177	Zimmer, Christopher
178	Cortez, Lorenzo
179	Steley, Colin
180	Simon, Juanito A.
181	Almelor, Manuel G. MD
182	Co, Val Constantine L.
183	Lorenzana, Delfin
184	Zosa, Rolando M.



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(As of February 21, 2024)

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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	Ampil, Alvin R.
11	Andal, Avelino L. "Billy"
12	Angara, Marius
13	Aragon, Joshua
14	Arguelles, Pablo
15	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.
16	Balanay, Aries
17	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.
18	Batur, Sinan
19	Bautista, John
20	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
21	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
22	Bello, Christian Cesar "Chris"
23	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
24	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
25	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
26	Bogovich, Jason M.
27	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"
28	Branelec, Jacques
29	Cabangon, Edgard
30	Cabuñag, Rogelio R. "Roger"
31	Camat, Nathaniel
32	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
33	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
34	Canon, Raul Jr. E. "Butch"
35	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
36	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
37	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
38	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
39	Cenica, John
40	Chahwan, Rami
41	Co, Ferdinand
42	Co, Val Constantine "Val"
43	Cortez, Lorenzo Ruiz
44	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
45	Creencia, Raoul
46	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
47	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
48	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
49	Dayang, Juan E. "Jed"
50	De Castro, Juan Arturo Ilumindo C. "Johnny"
51	De Venecia, Jose Jr. "Joe"
52	Del Rosario, Oscar
53	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio
54	Domingo, Rico V.

55	Dominguez, Ill, Carlos "Sonny" G.
56	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
57	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
58	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
59	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
60	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
61	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.
62	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
63	Fajardo, Beda G.
64	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
65	Flameno, Franco Martell S.
66	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
67	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.
68	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
69	Garcia, Theodore Q. "Teddy"
70	Garcia, Victor III G. "Vic"
71	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
72	Go, Henry Sy
73	Go, Michael Guy
74	Goco, Raoul
75	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
76	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
77	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
78	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
79	Hanada, Takihiro
80	Hallerbach, Mathias
81	Hallerbach, Mathias
82	Hernandez, Edwin
83	Hortaleza, Rolando
84	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
85	Iwata, Yasushi
86	Joseph, Ralph L.
87	Jucaban, Jeric J.
88	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
89	Katigbak, J Alfonso L
90	Klebs, David
91	Koh, Paul Anthony
92	Kunck, Lutz H.
93	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
94	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
95	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez
96	Laurel, Ricardo "Ricky" P.
97	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
98	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"
99	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
100	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
101	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
102	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
103	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
104	Lim, Richard
105	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
106	Locsin, Roberto R. "Boj"
107	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
108	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"

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111	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
112	Magbanua, Gerry
113	Magpale, Jose Paolo A.
114	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
115	Magsaysay, Jesus Vicente Enciso "JV"
116	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
117	Mangalile, Senen
118	Martinez, Ronald
119	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
120	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
121	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
122	Mendoza, Miguel "Mico"
123	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
124	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
125	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
126	Nolido, Ramby
127	Nomura, Kazuhiro
128	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
129	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
130	Obrado, Daniel C.
131	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
132	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
133	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
134	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
135	Pallasig, John Brian "JB"
136	Pañares, Ben Thomas "Toby" P.
137	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
138	Patterson, Colin David
139	Payumo, Felicito C.
140	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
141	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
142	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
143	Pizarra, Jordan M.
144	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
145	Pujalte, Jose Jr. "Brix"
146	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
147	Ramos, Claver P.
148	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
149	Recto, Philip H.
150	Reyes, Crispino P. "Babes"
151	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
152	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.
153	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
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155	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.

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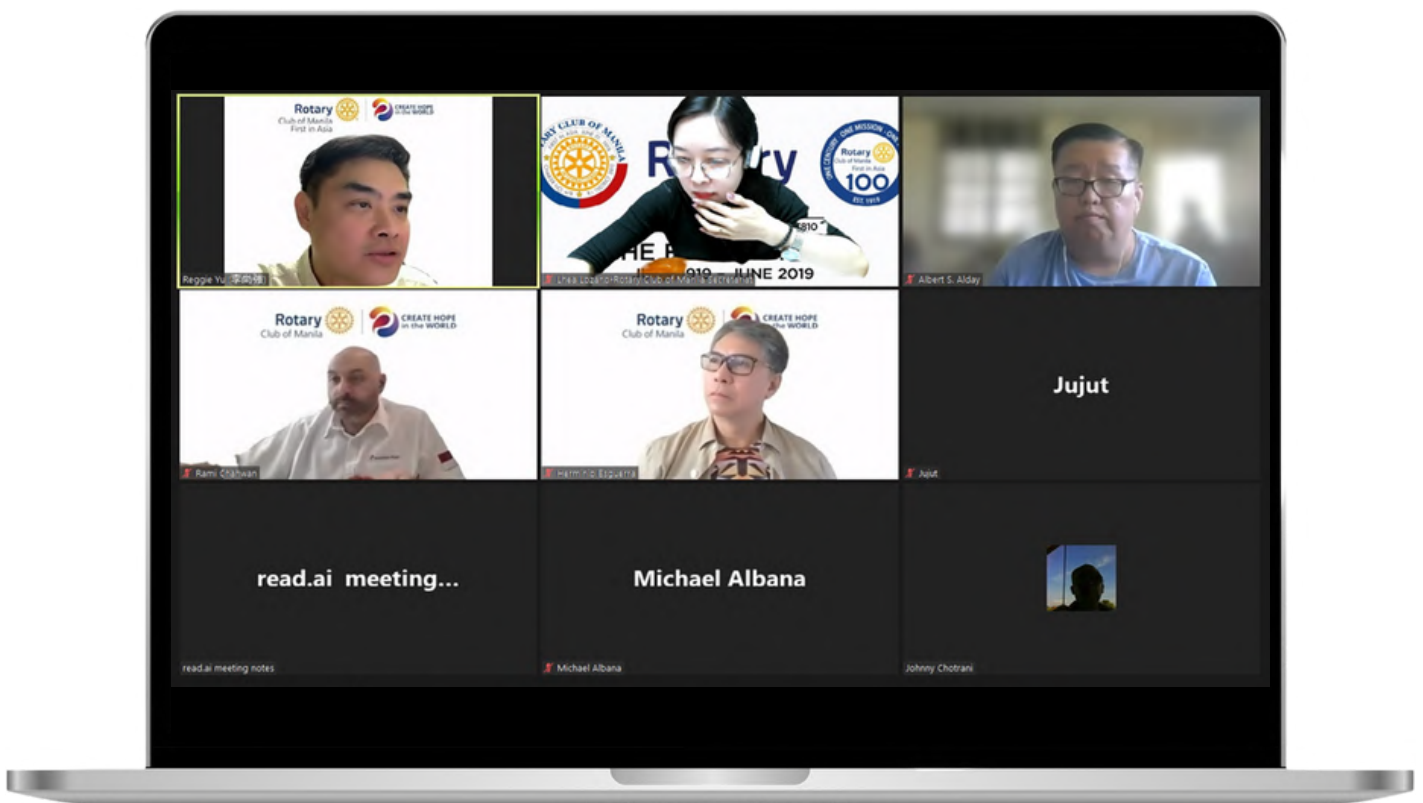
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2	Buendia, Carlos C. "Caloy"
3	Chotrani, Johnny N.
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156	Roño, Marlon
157	Roxas, Michael D. "Mike"
158	Sarasola, II, Jose Ma. "Joey" I.
159	Sarmiento, Ricardo Manuel M. "Rocco"
160	Schimitz, Stefan
161	Schneider, Bernd
162	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
163	Sevilla, Luis Angelo "L.A." L.
164	Shimoda, Shigeru
165	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
166	Simon, Juanito Ayson
167	So, Warren
168	Sobrepeña, Robert John I. "Bob"
169	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
170	Souvlakis, Nicolas
171	Steley, Collin
172	Stranathan, Ike Edward "Ike"
173	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
174	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
175	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
176	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
177	Tamano, Shalimar "Shah" H.
178	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
179	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
180	Tan, John G.
181	Tan, Lawrence "Lance" L.
182	Tanglao, Noel V.
183	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
184	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
185	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
186	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
187	Valdes, Joel C.
188	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
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190	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
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193	Villegas, Raoul A.
194	Wombwell, Philip Brian
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196	Yu, Geoffrey C. "Geof"
197	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
198	Yujico, Brendon M.V.
199	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco "Chito" S.
200	Zeitouni, Nagi
201	Zheng, Zhihao "Jerry"
202	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.
203	Zimmer, Christopher "Chris"

5	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A. "Emman"
6	Lorenzana, Delfin "Del"
7	Valdez, Jason Roland N.

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Seventh Special Board Meeting

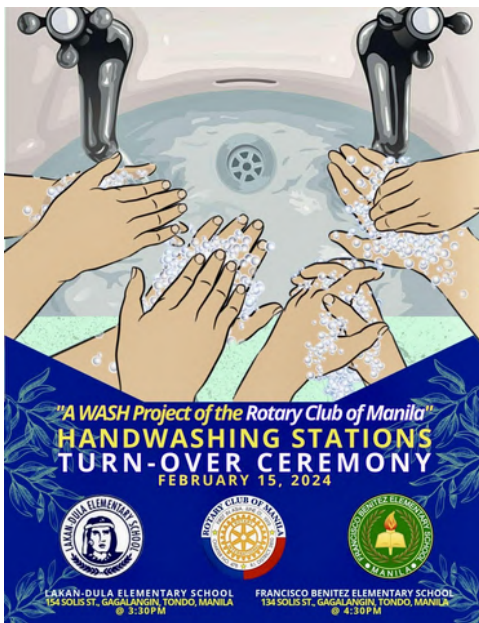


On February 19, 2024, the 7th Special Board Meeting took place. Present were VP Reggie Yu, Dir. Albert Alday, AS Rami Chahwan, IPP Hermie Esguerra, PE/Dir. Jujut Enriquez, Dir. Mike Albaña, and Dir. Johnny Chotrani.

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Lakan-Dula Elementary School & F. Benitez Elementary School WASH Project

Turnover held on February 15, 2024



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ENVIRONMENT

Inspection Tour of the Floating Trash Barriers Installed in Pasig River, Donated by RCM

Event: Inspection of floating trash barriers that were donated by RCM in September 2022 and installed at the portal of each of 18 estuaries along the Pasig River in November 2022 through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office (DENR-PRCMO)

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024

Meeting & Drop-off Points: Lawton Pasig River Ferry Station, Manila

Gathering Time: 7:00 AM for Safety Briefing

Departure Time: 8:00 AM

Estimated Duration: 2 Hours



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IPP Hermie Esguerra and Environment Chairman Junjie Vasquez presented an overview of the project.



RCM members who attended the project visit:

(Seated in the first row, from left)

Dir. Mike Albana, PD Beda Fajardo, Chair Junjie Vazquez, VPE Joel Valdes, Rtn. Mike Roxas

(Seated in the second row, from left)

Rtn. Vee David, Dir. Hans Palacios, Rtn. Ramby Nolido, VP Reggie Yu, DE Henry Go

(Standing, from left)

Joselito Lord (Secretariat), Rtn. Nagi Zeitouni, Rtn. Caloy Serapio, PT Lito Sibayan, Rtn. Shigeru Shimoda, IPP Hermie Esguerra, PP Archit Bartolome, Rtn. Ricky Guevara

ENVIRONMENT



Zamora Bridge (Sta. Mesa/Pandacan, Manila)



San Juan River

ENVIRONMENT



Along Sevilla Bridge (boundary of Sta. Mesa, Manila and Mandaluyong City)



Del Pan Bridge (Tondo, Manila)



Entry point of San Juan River
from Pasig River



Jones Bridge (Escolta, Manila)

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Gov. Mandanas: P2 trillion in funds for LGUs remain unappropriated

Lito Gagni · February 16, 2024 · 2 minute read



The Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) heard Governor Batangas Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas (second from left) at its 28th Weekly Membership Meeting on February 15, 2024, at the Manila Polo Club. Joining him in the photo are (from left to right) RCM District Governor-Elect Joaquin C. Rodriguez, Sr., Mandanas, RCM President Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III, Rtn. Abdulgani "Gani" M. Macatoman, and Rtn. D. Edgard A. Cabangon. Governor Mandanas shared invaluable insights on advancing the economic development of provinces.

At least P2 trillion in funds supposedly for local government units (LGUs) remain unappropriated as per the so-called Mandanas-Garcia doctrine that allows provinces' tax collections to be used for their own infrastructure needs and other services, according to Batangas Gov. Hermilando Mandanas.

Mandanas bared that the supposed funds, following the Mandanas-Garcia doctrine—in a landmark cases decided by the Supreme Court for regional development—have remained unacted upon via the budget deliberations in Congress.

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Mandanas was guest speaker at the Manila Rotary Club regular weekly meeting at the Manila Polo Club.

He said that the LGUs have been empowered to have the funds, but Congress continues to approve budgets that do not take into account the individual needs of the provinces. Such needs were supposed to be deliberated upon by the Regional Development Councils (RDCs).

The RDCs, he said, are the ones that know what infrastructure projects to pursue such as road works and other services but unfortunately, it is Congress that makes the appropriations that, almost always, fails to take into account what the provinces actually need.

Sharing his experience as Batangas governor, Mandanas said that the province can boast of having the facilities for all of the municipalities and even barangays, as their needs are accounted for during the meetings of the RDCs.

He revealed the difficulty that provinces experience in dealing with the national government. For instance, he said, Batangas should already have an international harbor approved by the National Economic and Development Authority, but the budget for such an important economic facility has not been set aside.

Batangas can now boast of higher revenues with the infrastructure push that the province has undertaken and this has resulted even in higher revenues for the government. The customs zone in Batangas remits much higher revenues than before due to the

changes that have been introduced, he said.

During the open forum, he also discussed the problems of corruption which he said can be solved by just applying the four tenets of the Rotary Club. What is needed, he stressed, is a day-to-day interaction that will include a communion with God since there is, after all, karmic justice.

Mandanas pointed out that there are already laws in place to address corruption, and what is needed is just their implementation. In his view, the Anti-Red Tape Authority needs also to go beyond the scope of its operations to ensure economic growth.

The Mandanas-Garcia doctrine calls for the increase in the Internal Revenue Allotment of provinces. That doctrine, which Mandanas filed with the Supreme Court, mandates an increase by 55 percent of the IRA allotments of provinces.

The Batangas governor, who served three terms before and then took a stint in Congress to sponsor the so-called Mandanas ruling, said that the national government should heed the voice of the provinces in setting aside funds for their needs.

What is happening, he said, is that the provinces come up with their own plans and programs for their respective jurisdictions but Congress does not take this into account in approving the budget.

Worse, the national budget approves funds that do not actually result in fostering economic impact, via the projects, to the provinces concerned.

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February 16, 2024
By Nonoy Lacza



RECOGNITION CORNER

VP Reggie Yu Inducted as President of the Philippine Paint and Coatings Association, Inc.

February 20, 2024 at the Grand Hilton Hotel Newport, Pasay City



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FELLOWSHIP

RCM Music Committee Serenades PP Babes Reyes on His Birthday



During the Foundation Day of Central Colleges of the Philippines on February 15, 2024, the RCM Music Committee serenaded PP Babes Reyes in celebration of his birthday. RCM Music Chorale Chairman PD Oscar del Rosario organized the members to sing for PP Babes Reyes in coordination with Mrs. Lennie Reyes. PP Babes Reyes generously hosted the Rotary Club of Manila members for a sumptuous dinner.



FELLOWSHIP

RCM Music Committee Serenades PP Babes Reyes on His Birthday



Members
took turn
to serenade
the birthday
celebrant,
PP Babes
Reyes.



FELLOWSHIP

PD Jun Hallare Hosts Pre-Valentine's Day Fellowship for Aleco Group and Spouses at Leblanc Roofdeck



On February 12, 2024, PD Jun Hallare hosted a Pre-Valentine's Day Fellowship for Aleco group members and their spouses at his Leblanc Roofdeck in Capitolyo, Pasig. The event was a cocktail and dinner affair.



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