



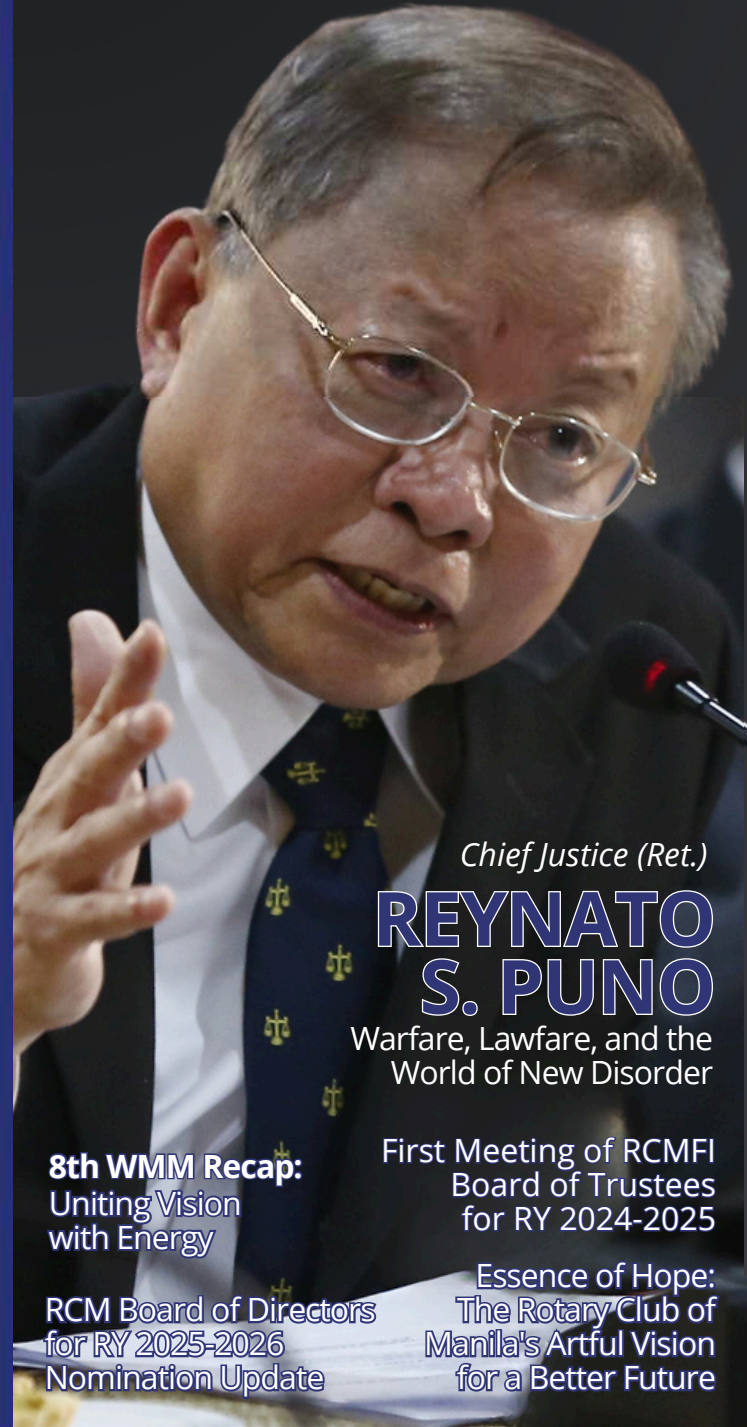
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World of New Disorder

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## PROGRAM

**9th Weekly Membership Meeting**  
**Rotary Year 2024-2025**  
**Thursday, 19 September 2024, 12:30 PM**  
**Manila Polo Club**

Moderator: **PD AMADO “Amading” D. VALDEZ**

### PART I

- 12:00 PM Registration
- 12:30 PM CALL TO ORDER
- Invocation
- Philippine National Anthem  
**AVP of RCM Members**
- Rotary Club of Manila Hymn  
**RCM WF Music Chorale**
- The Four (4) Way Test  
**RTN. VICTOR “Vic” G. GARCIA**
- Acknowledgement of Guests  
**PD AMADO “Amading” D. VALDEZ**
- Welcome Song | **RCM WF Music Chorale**
- Birthday Celebrants**
- Sept 13 **Rtn. Che Soler**  
**DSAA Rami Chahwan**
- Sept 16 **PT. Roger Cabuñag**  
**Rtn. Michael Tejumal**  
**Rtn. Sonny Dominguez**
- Sept 19 **PT Lito Sibayan**
- Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song*  
**RCM WF Chorale**
- 12:50 PM President’s Time
- *announcement of the Invitation of RC Taipei’s 76th Charter Anniversary c/o **PD Issam Eldebs***
  - *announcement of the RCM Board of Directors’ election for Rotary Year 2025-2026 c/o **PP Archit Bartolome***

### PART II

- 12:55 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker  
**RTN. JORDAN M. PIZARRAS**
- Guest of Honor and Speaker**
- Address:**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE REYNATO S. PUNO (Ret.)**  
**Supreme Court of the Philippines**
- 1:45 PM Open Forum / Q.A.
- 1:55 PM Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation
- 2:00 PM Adjournment

# Reynato S. PUNO

Former Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of  
the Philippines



**R**EYNATO S. Puno, born on May 17, 1940, in Manila, is one of the most distinguished figures in the Philippine judiciary, having served as the 22nd Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines from December 7, 2006, to May 16, 2010. His tenure, marked by judicial reform and a commitment to human rights, capped a remarkable career that spanned decades of public service, academic achievement, and legal expertise.

Puno's academic journey is as notable as his professional accomplishments. After graduating from Arrellano High School, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Jurisprudence and Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines in 1962. His pursuit of legal excellence led him abroad, where he garnered multiple advanced degrees, including a Master of Comparative Laws from Southern

Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, where he graduated with honors and as valedictorian in 1967. He continued his studies with a Master of Laws from the University of California, Berkeley in 1968, and a Doctor of Juridical Science from the University of Illinois in 1969. His stellar academic credentials were further recognized through various honorary doctorates from prestigious universities, both in the Philippines and abroad.

Puno's professional career began at the Gerardo Roxas and Abraham F. Sarmiento Law Office in 1962. His early work as a tax attorney and later as a partner in Puno Law Office, along with his time as a professor of law, set the foundation for his deep engagement with the legal profession. In 1971, he joined the Office of the Solicitor General, first as a Solicitor and then as Assistant Solicitor General, where he honed his skills in appellate advocacy. His judicial career took off when he was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals in 1980, where he also served as Deputy Minister of Justice and Acting Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Parole during his time in the appellate court.

Puno's appointment to the Supreme Court in 1993 as Associate Justice marked the beginning of his influential role in shaping Philippine jurisprudence. His leadership extended beyond his role as a justice; he chaired multiple committees, including the Committee on the Revision of the Rules of Court, demonstrating his dedication to judicial reform and efficiency. His eventual rise to Chief Justice in 2006 was a testament to his profound impact on the judiciary, culminating in his efforts to reduce the backlog of cases and ensure timely justice.

As Chief Justice, Puno was known for his focus on the protection of civil liberties and his staunch defense of the Constitution. His tenure was marked by a commitment to expanding the writ of amparo, a legal remedy designed to protect individuals from abuses by the state. Under his leadership, the Supreme Court became a beacon of hope for many seeking justice, particularly in cases involving human rights violations.

Throughout his career, Puno received numerous accolades, including the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) award in 1977 and the prestigious Great Libertarian Award from PHILCONSA in 2008. His contributions to legal education, public service, and judicial statesmanship were also recognized through various lifetime achievement awards, including the Elsie and Walter A. Haas International Award from the University of California, Berkeley in 2010.

Puno's legacy is further reflected in his recognition as an outstanding alumnus by multiple institutions, including the University of the Philippines and Southern Methodist University, where he became the first Filipino recipient of the Distinguished Global Alumni Award in 2005. His influence extended beyond the courtroom, earning him honorary citizenship from the State of Texas and numerous awards for his commitment to law, public service, and nationalism.

In his post-retirement years, Puno continues to be a towering figure in Philippine legal circles, respected for his wisdom, integrity, and unwavering dedication to upholding the rule of law. His life's work is a testament to the power of law as a force for justice and societal progress.

## EDITORIAL

**Reginald T. Yu**  
Editor-in-Chief



**I**N recent years, the nature of global conflict has undergone a profound transformation, reflecting a shift from traditional forms of warfare to a more complex interplay of military, legal, and geopolitical strategies. This evolution — encompassing both conventional warfare and the strategic use of legal mechanisms, or “lawfare” — highlights the emergence of a new world order marked by increasing disorder and instability.

Traditional warfare, characterized by direct military engagement and territorial conquest, has increasingly been complemented — and in some cases, overshadowed — by lawfare. Lawfare involves the strategic use of legal processes and institutions to achieve objectives that were once pursued solely through armed conflict. This includes leveraging international law, pursuing litigation in global courts, and imposing sanctions to gain geopolitical advantages.

A prominent example of this evolution is the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. While military operations continue to dominate the headlines, the legal dimension of the conflict plays a significant role. The use of international sanctions, legal proceedings related to war

crimes, and diplomatic pressure underscores how lawfare has become an integral part of modern warfare. Russia’s actions have prompted a range of legal responses from the international community, highlighting the growing importance of legal strategies in contemporary conflicts.

In the Philippines, the interplay between warfare and lawfare is evident in several high-profile issues. The South China Sea dispute stands out as a prime example. The Philippines, through a 2016 arbitral ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration, has engaged in a legal battle against China’s expansive territorial claims. This legal victory, however, faces significant challenges in its practical application due to ongoing maritime confrontations and diplomatic complexities.

Domestically, the use of lawfare has also become apparent in political and legal maneuvers. Politically motivated litigation and strategic legal actions against opposition figures and media outlets illustrate how legal processes can be weaponized within the country. This trend not only complicates the legal landscape but also raises concerns about the erosion of democratic principles and the rule of law.

The concept of global disorder captures the increasing complexity and unpredictability of contemporary conflicts. The rise of non-state actors,

the proliferation of cyber warfare, and the manipulation of international legal systems reflect a new world order where traditional notions of sovereignty and legality are increasingly blurred.

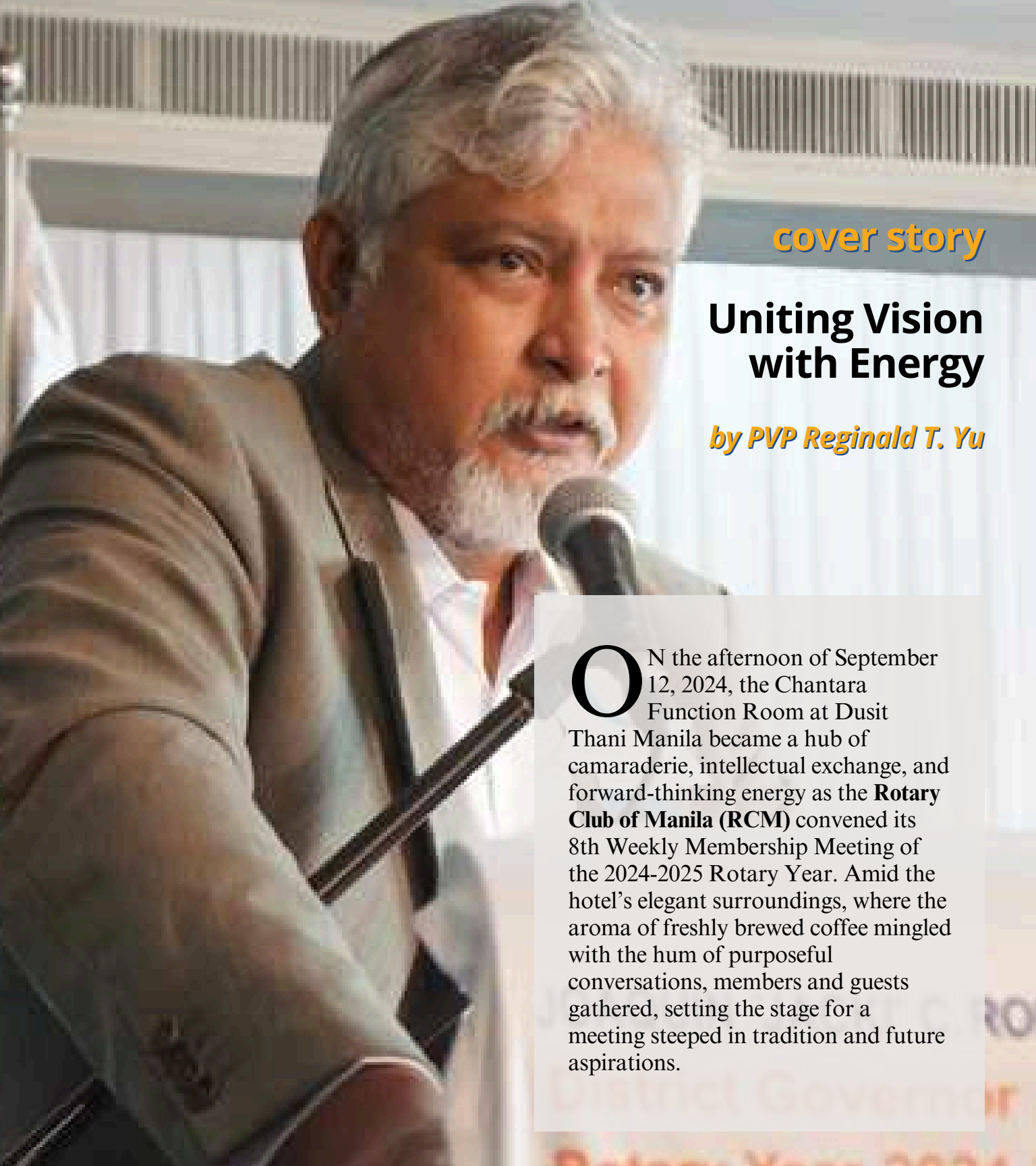
The advent of artificial intelligence and its implications for both warfare and legal frameworks further complicates this landscape. The development of autonomous weapons and AI-driven strategies presents new ethical and legal challenges that existing systems are ill-equipped to address. Additionally, the global response to climate change, resource scarcity, and migration pressures illustrates how interconnected issues can exacerbate conflicts and contribute to global instability.

As the world grapples with these complex dynamics, it is essential to develop adaptive strategies that address the evolving nature of conflict. The integration of military, legal, and diplomatic approaches will be crucial in navigating this new era of global disorder. Understanding the shifting paradigms of warfare and lawfare, and their implications for international relations and domestic politics, will be key to effectively managing and mitigating contemporary conflicts. As we move forward, a nuanced and innovative approach will be essential in addressing the multifaceted challenges of this unprecedented age.



**Philippine  
Airlines**

*The Heart of the Filipino*

A close-up photograph of a middle-aged man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored blazer over a white shirt. He is speaking into a microphone, looking slightly off-camera with a focused expression. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a window with blinds.

cover story

## Uniting Vision with Energy

*by PVP Reginald T. Yu*

ON the afternoon of September 12, 2024, the Chantara Function Room at Dusit Thani Manila became a hub of camaraderie, intellectual exchange, and forward-thinking energy as the **Rotary Club of Manila (RCM)** convened its 8th Weekly Membership Meeting of the 2024-2025 Rotary Year. Amid the hotel's elegant surroundings, where the aroma of freshly brewed coffee mingled with the hum of purposeful conversations, members and guests gathered, setting the stage for a meeting steeped in tradition and future aspirations.



## A Ceremony Rooted in Tradition

At precisely 12:30 PM, Director **Atty. Teodoro “Teddy” Y. Kalaw IV**, a man whose quiet dignity underscored his leadership, called the meeting to order. Director **Nagi Zeitouni** led a heartfelt invocation, reminding all present of the shared mission of Rotarians: “Service Above Self.” His words brought a sense of unity and purpose to the room, creating a reflective atmosphere.



*DSAA John Michael Cutter graciously moderated the meeting.*



*Dir. Teodoro “Teddy” Y. Kalaw IV called the meeting to order.*



*Director Nagi Zeitouni led the heartfelt invocation.*

The solemnity was soon lifted by the playing of the **Philippine National Anthem**, an audiovisual tribute showcasing proud RCM members in service, followed by the **Rotary Club of Manila Hymn**, performed with gusto by the **RCM World-Famous Music Chorale**. The familiar strains stirred feelings of pride and dedication to the club’s long-standing legacy of service.

Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms **Rami Chahwan** then led the recitation of the Four-Way Test — “Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?” — instilling a sense of ethical grounding. **Dr. John Cutter**, acting as

Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms, extended a warm welcome to esteemed guests, setting a tone of gratitude and fellowship. Another musical interlude followed, with the World-Famous Music Chorale performing the “Welcome Song,” a jubilant, heartfelt prelude to the day’s celebratory atmosphere.



*DSAA Rami Chahwan led the recitation of the Four-Way Test.*



*The World-Famous Music Chorale performed the Welcome Song.*

## **Celebrating Milestones and Leadership**

A special moment was dedicated to Past Sergeant-at-Arms **Bollie Bolton**, whose birthday was celebrated with renditions of “Maligayang Bati” and “**Happy Birthday**” by the Chorale. The room buzzed with warmth and camaraderie, as Rotarians exemplified the spirit of family and fellowship.

Director Teddy then took the floor for “**President’s Time**” (substituting for President Jujut Enriquez, who was celebrating his wife's birthday). In his address, he emphasized leadership, reflecting on the club’s mission and the importance of sustaining momentum through these transformative times.



*Director Teddy Kalaw took the floor for President's Time.*



*RCMFI Chair Reginald T. Yu provided a brief update on the recent "Kawayanihan para sa Kalikasan, Kabuhayan, at Kinabukasan" (KKKK) project held from September 5-7, 2024 in Legazpi, Bicol.*

## Energy, Innovation, and Sustainability: A Visionary's Address

The afternoon's pinnacle moment came with the introduction of the guest of honor and speaker, **Wendell Adrian R. Tamayo**, President, Founder, and CEO of GenWATT Energy Solutions. Rotarian **Francisco "Paco" D. Magsaysay** provided a glowing introduction, describing Tamayo not only as an expert in energy but as a transformative figure whose work bridges the gap between innovation and public policy. His role as a thought leader in the field of sustainable energy has placed him at the forefront of addressing the pressing energy challenges of our time, particularly in a country like the Philippines, which finds itself at a critical juncture in its energy future.



*Rtn. Francisco "Paco" D. Magsaysay introduced the guest of honor and speaker.*

Tamayo opened his address by laying out the broader context of the world today — a "VUCA" world characterized by volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity. In his measured yet commanding tone, he painted a picture of a global landscape in transition,

where energy security is rapidly becoming a pressing concern for nations and governments alike. *"We are living in an era where energy is no longer just a resource; it's a battleground for power, influence, and survival,"* he began, immediately capturing the audience's attention.



He emphasized that the transition from traditional energy sources to renewables is not just an environmental necessity, but also a strategic imperative in the face of geopolitical instability and fluctuating fossil fuel markets. Tamayo carefully dissected the energy challenges facing the Philippines, citing the depletion of the Malampaya Gas Field — once the nation's primary domestic source of natural gas — and the looming threat posed by the country's growing dependence on imported liquefied natural gas (LNG). He stressed that this dependence makes the Philippines highly vulnerable to the volatility of global energy markets, which could have severe consequences for the country's economic stability if not addressed promptly.

Yet, Tamayo's address was far from bleak. He offered a way forward, focusing on the potential for the Philippines to lead a decentralized energy revolution. His vision was bold: to transform every Filipino home into both a producer and consumer of electricity. He outlined a future where solar energy systems are not limited to large-scale industrial operations or affluent communities, but accessible to the broader population. By decentralizing energy production, Tamayo explained, the Philippines could reduce the strain on its national grid, lower energy costs for consumers, and mitigate the risks associated with its reliance on imported fuel.

*"Imagine a country where every household has its own solar energy system, where power outages are a thing of the past, and where communities are no longer at the mercy of unpredictable global markets,"* Tamayo declared, his voice growing stronger as he illustrated his vision. He noted that this energy shift would not only provide more energy security but would also democratize energy, giving individuals and communities more control over their power supply.

Tamayo also underscored the economic benefits of such a shift. By empowering local communities to generate their own electricity through solar energy, the Philippines could reduce its energy imports and create a thriving green economy. He highlighted the potential for job creation in the renewable energy sector, from the manufacturing of solar panels

to the installation and maintenance of decentralized systems. *"This isn't just about energy,"* he explained. *"It's about jobs, economic growth, and giving the Filipino people more agency in their daily lives."*

Beyond technology, Tamayo's address touched on the critical need for policy reform to support this energy transition. He passionately advocated for public-private partnerships, stressing that the government must play an active role in creating an



enabling environment for renewable energy to flourish. One of his key recommendations was the removal of taxes on solar energy systems, which he argued would make renewable energy more affordable and attractive to the average Filipino household. "We need to break down the barriers preventing ordinary people from accessing clean, renewable energy," he said. "It's time for our government to incentivize, not penalize, the adoption of solar energy."

Tamayo also called for a revision of the country's renewable energy laws, pushing for legislation that prioritizes small-scale energy producers rather than favoring large, established players. He outlined a future where local entrepreneurs, cooperatives, and even individual homeowners could participate in the energy market by selling excess power back to the grid. This vision of an inclusive, decentralized energy market, where everyone has a stake in the future of the nation's power supply, struck a powerful chord with the audience.

On the topic of climate change, Tamayo warned that the Philippines, as one of the most vulnerable countries to natural disasters, cannot afford to ignore the environmental aspect of the energy debate. He detailed the consequences of continued reliance on fossil fuels, not just in terms of energy insecurity but also the toll it would take on the environment. *"Climate change is not just an abstract concept; it's a lived reality for millions of Filipinos,"* he said. He argued that a rapid transition to renewable energy would not only mitigate the effects of climate change but would also provide the country with a more resilient energy infrastructure capable of withstanding extreme weather events.

Tamayo ended his speech on an inspiring note, highlighting the resilience of the Filipino spirit and the country's potential to become a leader in renewable energy within Southeast Asia. *"The Philippines has a unique opportunity,"* he concluded. *"We have the resources, we have the talent, and now we must*

*summon the will to make the change. This isn't just a question of policy or economics; it's a question of who we want to be as a nation."*

His words were met with resounding applause as the Rotarians in the room, many of whom are leaders in their own right, reflected on how Tamayo's vision could be realized. For Tamayo, energy is not just about the kilowatt hours or technological innovation — it's about empowerment, resilience, and redefining what progress looks like for a nation.

His address left the audience not only better informed but inspired, sparking a renewed sense of purpose in confronting the energy challenges that lie ahead. The combination of technical insight, policy advocacy, and his deep belief in the Filipino people's ability to rise to the occasion resonated profoundly with all present.

### **An Open Forum with Purpose**

The open forum that followed was lively and engaging. Rotarians asked questions ranging from technical aspects of energy solutions to broader policy implications. Tamayo responded with clarity and passion, leaving the audience not just informed but inspired.





*Mr. Wendell Adrian R. Tamayo actively engaged in an interactive conversation with DSAA John Cutter, PP Boy Guevara, PDG Alex Cureg, and PD Abe Pascual.*

## Closing with Gratitude and Reflection

Director Teddy presented Tamayo with a certificate of appreciation, symbolizing not just gratitude but a shared commitment to a sustainable energy future. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM, but the conversations sparked by Tamayo’s address lingered long after.

This 8th Weekly Membership Meeting exemplified the Rotary Club of Manila’s ability to unite thought leaders and changemakers in a space where fellowship, innovation, and service converge. Discussions on energy and sustainability were not abstract — they were vital conversations that could shape the future of the nation. The meeting was a testament to the enduring role of Rotary in driving progress through collective action and visionary leadership.



*Mr. Wendell Adrian R. Tamayo received RCM’s Plaque of Appreciation.*



by PBLA Raoul Creencia



## The “World Famous” Metropolitan Theater

THE fabled Manila Metropolitan Theater, also known as the MET, is a historic Philippine art deco building located in Plaza Lawton in Manila. Designed by architect Juan Arellano, this iconic theater served as the venue for well-known artists and where budding artists presented their talent. After being closed for 20 years due to its woeful and dilapidated condition, and with a seriously undertaken restoration program, the theater was finally reopened on 10 December 2021, the same date that the theater was inaugurated 90 years ago in 1931. As a fully restored piece of architectural treasure, the MET promises to resume its role as an iconic venue where Philippine arts and culture could flourish. As a one of a kind art deco building of its stature in Asia, the MET was declared a National Historical Landmark by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines in 1976. In 2010, the National Museum recognized the MET as a National Cultural Treasure.

The Rotary Fellowship of International Voices and Performing Arts (RFIVPA) is a performing arts group recognized by Rotary International and composed of Rotarians from various Clubs in District 3810. The group is uniquely united by a common passion for music, and for rendering service above self. Singing with one voice, this group is committed to use musical events and performances as tools to propagate and support Rotary’s advocacies. Today, September 19, RFIVPA is proudly mounting its first concert at the iconic Metropolitan Theater. The fundraising musical event is sublimely intended to support Rotary’s End Polio Now campaign, a

well-known and worldwide initiative dedicated to eradicating polio. The concert – *Tinig, Kultura, at Pag-Ibig* – is presented together with the Philippine Opera Company; and hopes to not only showcase the talents of District 3810 Rotarians, but also to help boost the End Polio Now campaign.

Among those invited to perform in this concert at the MET is no other than the Rotary Club of Manila WF Chorale. Embracing this opportunity to be a part of this worthy concert for a cause, the choir members accepted the challenge and passionately held practices over the past two months (squeezing a weekly session from the members’ busy schedules). As it happened, several members would be unavailable to perform today (mostly due to trips overseas), hence the actual number of performers will be less than 10. Regardless, what is important is that the RCM WF Chorale will be a part of this worthy project, and will have the chance to sing together with other performers from the District. The chorale representing Asia’s First Rotary Club will be performing two songs, both of which are in keeping with the title – *Tinig Kultura, at Pag-Ibig*.

To be sure, it will be an exciting experience for the RCM WF Chorale to be able to perform at the “World Famous” Manila Metropolitan Theater. There is, of course, the added bonus that the concert is in pursuit of a worthy Rotary cause. With the purposeful mentoring and guidance of *Maestro* Domino Marcos, the following Manila Rotarians will be performing in this meaningful concert: Chairman Oca de Rosario, Rtn. Manuel Almolor, PD Noy Bendicto, Rtn. Caloy Buendia, Rtn. Rami Chahwan, PBLA Raoul Creencia, PD Nick Locsin, PD Hans Palacios, and PVP Reggie Yu.

# CLUB ADMINISTRATION

## RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2024-2025

September 2024

| SEPTEMBER 2024               | September 05, 2024<br>ENGR. EDGAR B.<br>SAAVEDRA | September 12, 2024<br>WENDELL ADRIAN R.<br>TAMAYO |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| MEMBERS PRESENT              | 50                                               | 33                                                |
| MEMBERS PRESENT %            | 21%                                              | 14%                                               |
| MAKE UP ATTENDEES            | 12                                               | 23                                                |
| EXEMPTED                     | 5                                                | 5                                                 |
| ON LEAVE                     | 0                                                | 0                                                 |
| Total Active Members         | 57                                               | 51                                                |
| Total # of Members           | 236                                              | 236                                               |
| TOTAL %:                     | 24%                                              | 22%                                               |
| ROTARACTORS                  | 3                                                | 0                                                 |
| MEDIA                        | 2                                                | 1                                                 |
| EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS | 0                                                | 0                                                 |
| DG, DGE, DGN, PDG            | 0                                                | 0                                                 |
| GOHS / GS                    | 4                                                | 7                                                 |
| VISITING ROTARIAN            | 3                                                | 0                                                 |
| Guests of RCM MEMBERS        | 13                                               | 1                                                 |
| TOTAL ATTENDEES              | 73                                               | 41                                                |

## LIST OF ATTENDEES

|    |                               |    |                          |
|----|-------------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1  | Acosta, Crispiniano G         | 18 | Lonzaga, Reinerio C.     |
| 2  | Alday, Albert Singson         | 19 | Magsaysay, Francisco D.  |
| 3  | Bartolome III, Arsenio M.     | 20 | Nomura, Kazuhiro         |
| 4  | Benedicto, Sixto T.           | 21 | Pascual, Abraham F.      |
| 5  | Bolton, Wilhelm               | 22 | Patterson, Colin David   |
| 6  | Carlos, Vicente J.            | 23 | Payumo, Felicitio C.     |
| 7  | Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M. | 24 | Preysler, Jr., Fausto R. |
| 8  | Chahwan, Rami                 | 25 | Recto, Philip H.         |
| 9  | Chotrani, Johnny N.           | 26 | Schneider, Bernd         |
| 10 | Co, Val Constantine L.        | 27 | Serapio, Carlos G.       |
| 11 | Cureg, Alexander P.           | 28 | Shimoda, Shigeru         |
| 12 | Cutter, John Michael          | 29 | Sibayan, Joselito H.     |
| 13 | Davis, Raymond N.             | 30 | Tagaysay, Hector O.      |
| 14 | Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.     | 31 | Yu, Geoffrey C.          |
| 15 | Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.      | 32 | Yu, Reginald Tieng       |
| 16 | Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV | 33 | Zeitouni, Nagi           |
| 17 | Koh, Paul Anthony T.          |    |                          |

## List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2024-2025

As of September 17, 2024

|    |                                  |     |                                |
|----|----------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| 1  | ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.           | 55  | LIM, DAVID EDUARDO T.          |
| 2  | ALDAY, ALBERT                    | 56  | LIM, RICHARD                   |
| 3  | ALINGOG, ALDOUS A.               | 57  | LOCSIN, ARSENIO Z.             |
| 4  | BAGATSING, VALENTINO S.          | 58  | LONZAGA, REINERIO              |
| 5  | BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M.        | 59  | LORENZANA, DELFIN              |
| 6  | BEDIONES, RODOLFO P.             | 60  | MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T.          |
| 7  | BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D.           | 61  | MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI           |
| 8  | BENEDICTO, SIXTO T.              | 62  | MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D.        |
| 9  | BLANCO, MANUEL M.                | 63  | MANALAYSAY, CESAR P.           |
| 10 | BOGOVICH, JASON M.               | 64  | MANGALILE, SENEN T.            |
| 11 | BRANELLEC, JACQUES               | 65  | MARTINEZ, RONALD I.            |
| 12 | CABANGON, EDGARD A.              | 66  | MATSHUCK, GUENTER GERHARD G.   |
| 13 | CAMAT, NATHANIEL                 | 67  | MAURICIO, ANTONILO DC.         |
| 14 | CANON, RAUL JR. C.               | 68  | NOLIDO, RAMON ALBERTO B.       |
| 15 | CARLOS, VICENTE J.               | 69  | NOMURA, KAZUHIRO               |
| 16 | CARRANCEJA, ARVIN ARIK B.        | 70  | NONES, ROMEO C.                |
| 17 | CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M.    | 71  | NUÑEZ, JOSE A.                 |
| 18 | CHAHWAN, RAMI                    | 72  | ONG, PHILLIP L.                |
| 19 | CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L.           | 73  | PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M.        |
| 20 | CORTEZ, LORENZO R.               | 74  | PALACIOS, ALBERT C.            |
| 21 | COYUTO, ROBERT JR. G.            | 75  | PALLASIGUE, JOHN BRIAN         |
| 22 | CREENCIA, RAOUL C.               | 76  | PASCUAL, ABRAHAM F.            |
| 23 | CUREG, ALEXANDER P.              | 77  | PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID         |
| 24 | CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL             | 78  | PELINO, WILFREDO               |
| 25 | DAVIS, RAYMOND N.                | 79  | PINEDA, PATRICIO JR. F.        |
| 26 | DAYANG, JUAN E.                  | 80  | PREYSLER, FAUSTO JR. D.R.      |
| 27 | DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR.           | 81  | RECTO, PHILIP H.               |
| 28 | DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G.         | 82  | REYNOLDS, DAVID J.             |
| 29 | DY, MANUEL C.                    | 83  | RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H.  |
| 30 | EGAN, BRENDAN W.L.               | 84  | RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR. C.      |
| 31 | ELDEBS, ISSAM                    | 85  | ROXAS, MICHAEL D.              |
| 32 | ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V.         | 86  | SCHNEIDER, BERND               |
| 33 | ESGUERRA, HERMINIO S.            | 87  | SERAPIO, CARLOS C.             |
| 34 | FAJARDO, BEDA G.                 | 88  | SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO L.        |
| 35 | FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAIME JOSE V. | 89  | SHIMODA, SHIGERU               |
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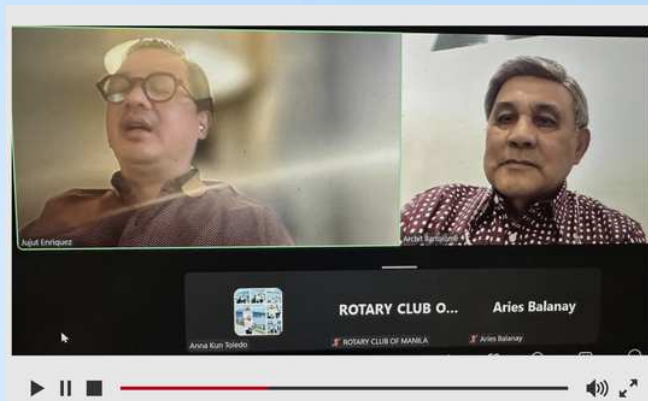
## Committee on Election Meeting



**T**HE Committee on Elections met on September 12, 2024, at 2:00 PM after the weekly membership meeting to review the election guidelines. Present at the meeting were PP Archit Bartolome (Chairman), PDG Alex Cureg (Vice Chairman), and members PDG Vince Carlos, PD Ner Lonzaga, PD Abe Pascual, PT Chito Tagaysay, Program Chair Rtn. Caloy Serapio, Rtn. Cris Acosta, and Rtn. Colin Patterson.



## Election Committee Briefing for Upcoming Annual Meeting for Board Vote



**C**OMMITTEE on Elections Chairman Archit Bartolome met with President Jujut Enriquez and Secretary Aries Balanay via Zoom last Tuesday, September 17, 2023, at 3:00 PM for a briefing on the upcoming Annual Meeting set for Thursday, September 26, 2024 to vote for the Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2025-2026.

# Board of Director Nomination Update for Rotary Year 2025-2026



AN UPDATE: NOMINATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ROTARY YEAR 2025-2026

|   | NOMINATOR            |    | NOMINEE             | ACCEPTED | DECLINED |
|---|----------------------|----|---------------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | PP Archit Bartolome  | 1  | Dir Rod Valencia    |          | ✓        |
| 2 | PP Chito Zalzarriaga | 2  | PD Hans Palacios    |          |          |
| 3 | PDG Alex Cureg       | 3  | PVP Reggie Yu       |          |          |
|   |                      | 4  | PD Noy Benedicto    |          |          |
|   |                      | 5  | PBLA Raoul Creencia | ✓        |          |
| 4 | PDG Vince Carlos     | 6  | Rtn Edgard Cabangon |          |          |
|   |                      | 7  | PAS Rami Chahwan    | ✓        |          |
|   |                      | 8  | PS Edwin Hernandez  | ✓        |          |
| 5 | PBLA Raoul Creencia  | 9  | Rtn Paco Magsaysay  |          |          |
|   |                      | 10 | Rtn Ricky Guevara   | ✓        |          |
|   |                      | 11 | Rtn Warren So       | ✓        |          |
| 6 | Dr Albert Alday      | 12 | PT Karlo Castro     |          | ✓        |
|   |                      | 13 | PT Lito Sibayan     |          | ✓        |
| 7 | PD Abe Pascual       | 14 | Rtn Caloy Serapio   |          | ✓        |
|   |                      | 15 | VP Joel Valdes      |          |          |
| 8 | Pres Jujut Enriquez  | 16 | Dir. Mike Alaña     | ✓        |          |
|   |                      | 17 | Dir. Teddy Kalaw    | ✓        |          |
|   |                      | 18 | Dir. Henry Go       |          |          |
|   |                      | 18 | Dir. Nagi Zeitouni  |          |          |
|   |                      | 20 | Dir. Albert Alday   |          |          |
|   |                      | 21 | Treas. Mike Roxas   |          |          |
|   |                      | 22 | SAA Jason Bogovich  | ✓        |          |
|   |                      | 23 | PD Abe Pascual      |          | ✓        |
| 9 | PT Chito Tagaysay    |    |                     |          |          |



**September 13, 2025**

**ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA ANNUAL MEETING TO VOTE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2-25-2026**  
RCM Election Advisory RY 2025-2026

The election of Directors for Rotary Year 2025-2026 will be on September 26 (Thursday) 2024. It will be held at a Special designated polling room of the Manila Polo Club.






**EARLY VOTING**

Following tradition, we shall allow early voting starting at 10:30 in the morning of September 26, 2024.

RCM members will be directed to the polling room to register and the RCM Committee on Election will determine his eligibility to vote, if eligible,




- 1) he will be given a pre-numbered ballot with an acknowledgement stub.
- 2) he will cast his vote. He must vote for not less than **5 candidates and not more than 8.**
- 3) he will sign the acknowledgement stub; tear it off from the ballot and drop it in the **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BOX.**
- 4) he will drop his ballot at the **BALLOT BOX.**



**ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA ANNUAL MEETING TO VOTE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2-25-2026**

At 1:45 pm on September 26, the Committee on Election (COMELEC) will determine if there is a quorum or none.

If there is a quorum, the COMELEC will open the ballot boxes; and count the number of ballots to determine that the number of ballots reconciles with the number of registered voters.

All ballots will be distributed equally to 3 teams as organized by COMELEC. The teams will read, record, and determine the final results of the election.






**Team 1**

Captain: PDG Alex Cureg

Reader: PD Abe Pascual

Recorder: PD Willie Pelino

Reserve: PD Armand Valdez

**Team 2**

Captain: PDG Vince Carlos

Reader: PD Ner Lonzaga

Recorder: Rtn Cris Acosta

Reserve: PD Jun Hallare

**TEAM 3**

Captain: DG Rudy Bediones

Reader: PT Chito Tagaysay

Recorder: Rtn Caloy Serapio

Reserve: PP Chito Zalzarriaga



However, if there is NO QUORUM by 1:45 pm on September 26, COMELEC will seal off with masking tapes on the ballot boxes. Inform President Jujut Enriquez that a quorum does not exist and request President Jujut Enriquez not to adjourn the meeting and election; declare a recess until October 3, 2024. This practice was done in the past. The **BALLOT BOXES** will be placed in the safe, care of, Comelec Chair, PP Archit Bartolome and will be opened only if and when a quorum exists.

Should you need any clarification on the above, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

*Archit*

**PP ARSENIO M. BARTOLOME, III**  
Chairman, Committee on Election




# First Meeting of the Board of Trustees of RCManila Foundation, inc. for RY 2024-2025



**F**IRST meeting of the Board of Trustees of RCManila Foundation for RY 2024-2025.

Present were Chair Reggie Yu, Pres. Mike Albaña, Trustees Noy Benedicto, Paco Magsaysay, Romy Nones (Corporate Secretary), Warren So, Karlo Castro (Treasurer), Board Legal Adviser Raoul Creencia, Immediate Past Chair Lito Sibayan, Trustee /PP Hermie Esguerra, Trustee Anton Mauricio, Trustee/Asst. Treas. Mike Roxas, and Trustee Rami Chahwan.



*Pres. Mike Albaña led the Invocation before proceeding with the agenda.*



*Trustee/Treas. Karlo Castro presented the unaudited financial report for the end of July 2023-June 2024.*

## Exploratory Meeting on Global Grant for Pediatric Heart Surgeries



**A**N exploratory meeting was held via Zoom on Tuesday, September 17, 2023, at 4:00 PM to discuss a Global Grant aimed at providing pediatric heart surgeries to improve the Cardiovascular Care Network of the Department of Health under the Universal Healthcare.

The attendees included President Jujut Enriquez, Secretary Aries Balanay (Chairman, Global Grant), Rtn. Jun Aventura (Project Proponent, Executive Director, Philippine Heart Center), and Ms. Gem Razal (Program Staff, Philippine Heart Center).



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# *Essence of Hope:* The Rotary Club of Manila's Artful Vision for a Better Future

by PVP Reginald T. Yu



**I**N the dusky embrace of Makati's twilight, the **LRI Design Plaza** emerged as a beacon of creativity and compassion on September 10, 2024. The **Rotary Club of Manila (RCM)** hosted its third art exhibit, aptly christened "**Essence**," where the luminous spirit of 60 paintings created by the **Angels of Rendu** took center stage. These young artists, each bearing the weight of their special needs, wielded their brushes with a grace that belied their circumstances, channeling their innermost worlds onto canvas.

The event unfolded against the backdrop of a venue that itself was a masterpiece of architectural finesse. As guests arrived, the air was thick with anticipation and a shared sense of purpose. The evening was more than an art show; it was a convergence of hearts and minds, united by a mission to breathe new life into the Sacred Heart wing of **Hospicio de San Jose**.

President **Jujut Enriquez**, with an eloquence that matched the grandeur of the occasion, welcomed the assemblage. His words were a clarion call to action, urging everyone present to partake in a vision that reached beyond the confines of the gallery. The mission was clear: to raise funds to repair and rejuvenate a space that had long borne the scars of time.



*RCMFI Board of Trustee  
Antonilo Mauricio moderated the program.*



*Invocation by Hospicio Angels of Rendu*



*President Jujut Enriquez  
welcomed the assemblage.*

The genesis of this project lay in the hands of Past Director **Phillip Ong**, a Rotarian and painter whose collaboration with Angie, an extraordinary artist from the Angels of Rendu, had set the stage for this annual endeavor. Angie, despite being an armless painter, had produced over 20 works using her feet, her art a testament to resilience and passion. The 2019 exhibit was a resounding success, supporting those with cerebral palsy, and the "Essence" exhibit aimed to build upon this legacy of hope.

As the evening unfolded, the audience was guided through the exhibit by Mr. **Celestino Palma III**, the curator whose mastery of thematic flow transformed each painting into a narrative of its own. His insights illuminated the deep wellsprings of emotion and intention behind each brushstroke, offering viewers a glimpse into the souls of the Angels of Rendu.



*Curator Mr. Celestino Palma III guided  
the audience through the exhibit.*



*Sr. Martha A. Gamolo, DC  
delivered her special message.*

The event also paid homage to those whose contributions were pivotal to its realization. Arch. **Franklin Tee**, celebrated for his generous donation of art materials, and Mr. **Spencer Ozo**, whose commitment to painting alongside the children was invaluable, were among those honored. The acknowledgment of Mr. **Toni Lo**, owner of LRI Design Plaza, for providing the venue, further underscored the collaborative spirit that made "*Essence*" a triumph.

#### AWARDING OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION

led by Pres. Jujut Enriquez, RCMFI Chair Reginald T. Yu, PWD Chair Raymond N. Davis, PWD Co-Chair Philip L. Ong, and Sr. Martha A. Gamolo, DC



*Mr. Toni Lo, owner of LRI Design Plaza*



*Arch. Franklin Tee was acknowledged for his generous donation of art materials.*



*Mr. Celestino Palma III, curator of the exhibit*



*Mr. Spencer Ozo was honored for donating his time to paint together with the Hospicio children.*

The ceremonial ribbon-cutting, a symbolic gesture led by President Enriquez and other dignitaries, marked the official commencement of the exhibit. This moment was not merely a formality but a vibrant symbol of new beginnings and the transformative potential of art.



*Ceremonial ribbon-cutting, led by Pres. Jujut Enriquez and Ms. Lia Enriquez, Mr. Toni Lo, Ms. Veronica Lo, and Sr. Martha A. Gamolo, DC.*

Among the early patrons were figures such as Past RCMFI President **Willie Peliño** and Past Treasurer **Karlo Castro**, whose purchases of artworks such as “*Picassoesque*” and “*The Dance on Fire*” not only enriched their personal collections but also propelled the fund-raising effort closer to its goal of Php 2 million.



*Past RCMFI President Willie Peliño with the “Picassoesque” artwork*



*PT Karlo Castro with the “Dance on Fire” artwork*

As the evening drew to a close, a ceremonial toast led by RCMFI Chair **Reginald T. Yu** celebrated the collective achievement. The gathering of Rotarians and supporters, their faces illuminated by the soft glow of camaraderie and purpose, was a testament to the profound impact of the event.



*Ceremonial Toast led by RCMFI Chair Reginald T. Yu.*

*From left: BOT Anton Mauricio, Past RCMFI Chair Lito Sibayan, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, Ms. Lia Enriquez, RCMFI Chair Reginald T. Yu., PDG Alex Cureg, Rtn. Shigeru Shimoda, PT PJ Garcia, PWD Co-Chair Phil Ong, Mr. Toni Lo, STAR Rtn. Valentino Bagatsing, Rtn. Colin Patterson, Rtn. Nico Valencia, Ms. Veronica Lo, and PWD Chair Raymond Davis*

"*Essence*" was more than an art exhibit; it was a tapestry woven from the threads of hope, artistry, and communal spirit. In each painting and every act of support, the Rotary Club of Manila crafted not just a fundraiser, but a poignant reminder of the boundless potential that lies in the intersection of art and compassion.



## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### An Evening of Bonding and Art Discussions at Issaya Siamese Club in Bangkok



**I**NTERNATIONAL Relations Co-Chair PD Nick Locsin with RC Bangkok PE Nicklas Ulander at the Issaya Siamese Club in Bangkok on September 14, 2024.

*“Great Thai cuisine, proper ambiance and good company made for a great evening of bonding. We discussed the possible sale to RC Bangkok members of the art pieces produced by the denizens of the Hospicio de San Jose.”*

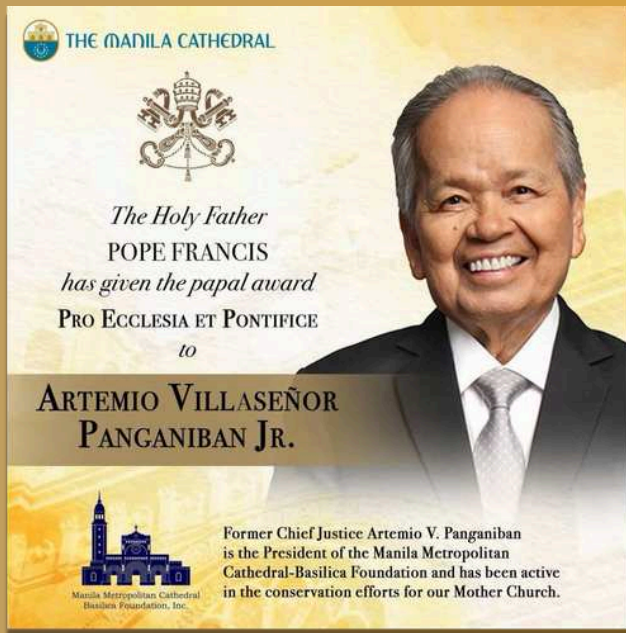


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- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- IV. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Former Chief Justice Panganiban Receives Papal Award from Pope Francis



**F**ORMER Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban Jr. received the papal award ‘Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice,’ the highest honor that lay people can receive from Pope Francis.

The Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice is a medal bestowed by the Holy Father on people who have rendered exemplary service to the Catholic Church.

The Manila Cathedral congratulated Panganiban, who sits as the President of the Manila Metropolitan Cathedral-Basilica Foundation, in a Tuesday Instagram post.

“Chief Justice Artemio has been active in the conservation efforts for our Mother Church. Congratulations, CJ!” the caption read. Panganiban served as the 21st Supreme Court Chief Justice of the Philippines from December 2005 to 2007.

Source: Sherylin Untalan, GMA Integrated News

## Rotarian Rex Alingog and Family Had Dinner with Former Chief Justice Panganiban



**R**OTARIAN Rex Alingog, family and friends had a pork knuckle dinner with Former Chief Justice of the Philippines/ Past President of the Rotary Club of Manila Artemio Panganiban. Present were Archie Panganiban, Marilen P. Yaptangco, Aldous Alingog, CJ Artemio Panganiban, Roberto Alingog, Ng Meng Tam, Cristina Ng, Emelyn Alingog, Nurse Leonor, granddaughter and daughter of CJ Artemio Panganiban.



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