

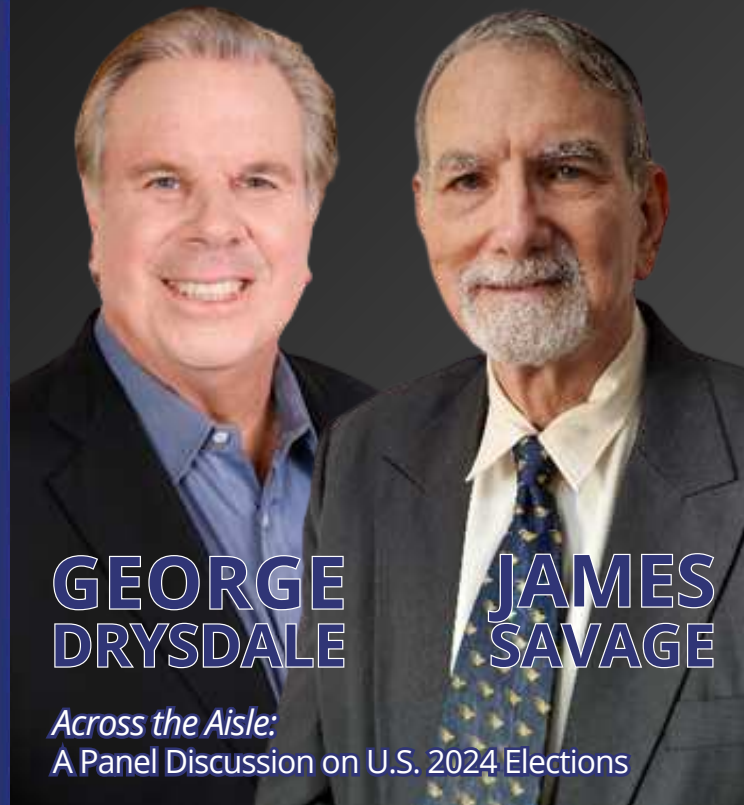
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PROGRAM

13th Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2024-2025
Thursday, 17 October 2024, 12:00 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: **DSAA JOHN MICHAEL "John" CUTTER**

PART I

12:00 PM Registration
12:15 PM CALL TO ORDER
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ
Invocation
RTN. RAYMOND "Ray" N. DAVIS
Philippine National Anthem | **AVP OF RCM MEMBERS**
Rotary Club of Manila Hymn | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**
The Four (4) Way Test | **DE EDWIN HERNANDEZ**
Acknowledgement of Guests
DSAA JOHN MICHAEL "John" CUTTER
Welcome Song | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**
Birthday Celebrants
Oct. 12 **Rtn. Ricky Yap**
Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song | **RCM WF Chorale**

PART II

12:30 PM **Induction of New Members**
Introduction of new members | 1. Rtn. Bernd Schneider
2. Gov. Jackie Rodriguez
1. Mr. Peter Rankl
GM Plant Calamba & Automotive President Region ASEAN
Classification: Automotive Industry-Intelligent Automotive Technologies
2. Mr. Ingill Ra
Regional President, Global Peace Foundation Asia-Pacific
Classification: Foundation-Global Peace

Oath of Membership | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**

PART III

12:45 PM President's Time
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ
Presentation of PETA Asia's 'AMPON ALAGA' rescue-adoption project by Ms. Ashley Fruno – Dir., PETA ASIA

12:55 PM Introduction of the Guest Speakers

SAA JASON BOGOVICH

Guest Speakers

Address:

JAMES "Jay" SAVAGE and **GEORGE M. DRYSDALE**
Chairman Chairman
Democrats Abroad Philippines Republicans Overseas Philippines

1:45 PM Open Forum / Q.A.

1:55 PM Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ

2:00 PM Adjournment
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ

James "Jay" SAVAGE

**Chairman, Democrats
Abroad Philippines
& General Manager,
HMR Solutions, Inc.**



BORN in Washington, D.C., Jay attended the University of Maryland before enlisting in the U.S. Army. During his service, he studied Japanese at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, and subsequently spent two and a half years stationed in Tokyo. Following his military tenure, he pursued further education at Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management, now known as the International Business School at Arizona State University.

After completing his graduate studies, Jay began his professional career with FMC Corporation, where he was assigned to Manila and managed operations in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and Korea. He later

joined Plexchem International, an international chemical trading firm. Currently, Jay manages HMR Solutions, a company specializing in the importation and installation of security and communications equipment.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Jay has been deeply involved in the rugby union community, having served as secretary of the union for almost a decade, as well as a player and later a referee. He joined the Rotary Club of Makati in 1987, served as Club Secretary for a year, and has been in charge of the Books Across the Seas program for 30 years. Furthermore, Jay has been an active member of Democrats Abroad for nearly a decade and has served as its Chair for the past three years.

George M. DRYSDALE

**Chairman, Republicans
Overseas Philippines
and Chairman & CEO,
Marsman Drysdale Group**



GEORGE Marsman Drysdale is Chairman and CEO of the Marsman Drysdale Group, a diversified Philippine-based holding and management company with interests in the agribusiness, healthcare, tourism, communications, and investment management industries. The Group's current operating interests primarily include tropical fruit plantations (bananas) for export throughout Asia and the Middle East, medical equipment distribution, and corporate travel and tour services.

Mr. Drysdale also makes direct private equity investments in high growth communications, media and consumer beverage companies in

the Philippines and in the United States. Since 1994, Mr. Drysdale has been an investor in the San Francisco Giants baseball team.

Prior to joining the Marsman Drysdale Group in 1991, Mr. Drysdale was a venture capitalist, first as General Partner of Hambrecht & Quist Venture Partners of San Francisco (1983-1988), and then as a managing General Partner of Westar Capital, a management buyout firm. From 1981 to 1983, Mr. Drysdale practiced corporate, securities, and tax law for Davis, Polk & Wardwell, a Wall Street law firm. While at Hambrecht & Quist, Mr. Drysdale helped found H&Q Philippine Ventures, Inc.

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Mr. Drysdale was born in Manila, Philippines and raised in California and the Philippines. He received a B.S. in Engineering from Harvey Mudd College (Claremont, CA) in 1976 and a J.D. from Stanford Law School and a M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1980. Mr. Drysdale was awarded a White House Fellowship in 1987 and served as Special Assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng.

Mr. Drysdale served three terms as the President of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines and four terms as the Chairman of the twenty-six member chambers of the Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce (APCAC).

Mr. Drysdale divides his time between Manila, Philippines and Hillsborough, California. He has five children: Catherine (31), Jennifer (29), George (26), Caroline (24), and Jack (10). In his spare time, George enjoys golf, tennis and coaching his children's sports teams.



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EDITORIAL

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AS THE world turns its attention to the United States' upcoming **Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections** on November 4, 2024, the implications of this historic event extend far beyond American borders. For a country like the Philippines, whose ties with the U.S. have spanned centuries, the outcome of these elections holds significant weight in shaping the future of U.S.-Philippines relations.

The United States is one of the Philippines' most important trading partners, with billions of dollars exchanged annually in goods and services. Both Democratic and Republican parties have distinct approaches to international trade. A Democratic administration may seek to preserve or even enhance the current free trade frameworks, while adding more stringent labor and environmental standards to trade agreements. In contrast, Republicans, especially under a Trump-aligned candidate, could emphasize renegotiating trade deals in

favor of protecting U.S. industries, which could lead to more protectionist measures.

These contrasting approaches could significantly impact sectors in the Philippines reliant on U.S. markets, such as electronics and textiles, potentially altering export dynamics. The election outcome will shape how favorable or challenging the trade environment between the two nations becomes in the coming years.

The U.S.-Philippines defense alliance, cemented through the Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT) and the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), remains a cornerstone of regional security. The election's outcome could recalibrate this relationship depending on the incoming administration's view of America's global military presence.

A Democratic administration may continue to emphasize multilateralism and regional alliances, reinforcing support for joint military exercises and maritime cooperation in the South China Sea. On the other hand, a Republican presidency might adopt a more isolationist stance, reducing America's global commitments, which could create uncertainty in the Indo-Pacific security framework, especially with increasing Chinese aggression in

contested waters. How this plays out will influence both U.S. military aid to the Philippines and the broader strategic calculus in Southeast Asia.

Beyond trade and security, millions of Filipinos living in the U.S., as well as Filipino-Americans, stand to be directly affected by the election results. Policies on immigration, taxation, and employment have long shaped the lives of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and immigrants. A Republican administration might push for stricter immigration controls and reforms that could affect both Filipino workers and professionals in the U.S. Democrats, in contrast, may focus on expanding pathways to citizenship and labor protections for immigrants. These decisions will ripple through Filipino communities both in America and at home, impacting remittances—a critical driver of the Philippine economy.

In the realm of environmental policy, a Democratic administration would likely pursue stronger climate action, potentially investing in green technologies and renewable energy sources. This could open avenues for Filipino industries engaged in sustainable practices. In contrast, a Republican administration may deprioritize climate initiatives in favor of traditional energy sectors like coal and

oil, which could slow the global shift toward sustainable development. For the Philippines, one of the countries most vulnerable to climate change, this divergence in policy could have profound effects on environmental resilience and collaboration with the U.S.

The Rotary Club of Manila's "**Across the Aisle**" discussion will attempt to provide a balanced platform for exploring these critical issues. By presenting perspectives from both Republicans and Democrats, the event aims to deepen the understanding of how U.S. policies, under different political leaderships, could influence the Philippines. Each speaker will address not only the broader political landscape but also specific policies and their potential effects on Americans living overseas and the U.S.-Philippines relationship.

The discussion will culminate in an interactive Q&A session, allowing participants to engage with the speakers directly and explore how the election may impact their businesses, industries, and communities. It is a rare opportunity to gain firsthand insights from key representatives and to reflect on the future of U.S.-Philippines relations, whatever the election outcome may be.

As the U.S. approaches a pivotal electoral moment, the reverberations will undoubtedly be felt across the globe, particularly in the Philippines, where

U.S. policies and leadership have long influenced trade, defense, and economic conditions. Whether it is through fostering stronger alliances, reshaping trade relations, or altering defense strategies, the result of the U.S. 2024 Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections will have lasting implications for the future of U.S.-Philippines ties.

In a world marked by geopolitical shifts and economic uncertainty, it is crucial for the Philippines to remain attuned to the changes on the global stage. The Rotary Club of Manila's upcoming panel discussion offers a timely and meaningful way to engage with these complex dynamics, empowering Filipino leaders and stakeholders with the knowledge to navigate whatever may come.

As we look ahead, one thing is clear: the outcome of this U.S. election will not just be a moment in history — it will shape the trajectory of the Philippines' future for years to come.



**Philippine
Airlines**

The Heart of the Filipino

cover story

Forging the Future: Insights from BDO CEO Nestor V. Tan at the Rotary Club of Manila's Joint Meeting with RC Makati West

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

THE 12th Weekly Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) for Rotary Year 2024-2025 last October 10 at the Manila Polo Club was a gathering steeped in camaraderie, insight, and collaboration, as the RCM hosted a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Makati West (RCMW) at the prestigious Manila Polo Club. Moderated by Past Treasurer **Karlo Eugene Josef “Karlo” M. Castro**, the meeting commenced with registration at noon, followed by the formal Call to Order at 12:30 PM by the two esteemed club presidents: President **Eduardo “Jujut” Enriquez III** of RCM and President **Gerardo Oliverio “Gerry” V. Laperal** of RCMW.





The proceedings began with a solemn invocation led by Past President **Carmelino “Jun” P. Alvendia**, representing RC Makati West. The spirited gathering then moved to a multimedia presentation of the Philippine National Anthem, followed by the rousing anthems of both Rotary clubs. Dir. **Lemarc Limosnero**, also from RC Makati West, then led the recitation of the Four-Way Test, reminding the assembly of the core tenets that Rotarians worldwide live by.

Past Treasurer **Karlo M. Castro** took the floor again, acknowledging the distinguished guests, as the **RCM’s World-Famous Music Chorale** filled the air with their signature Welcome Song. The gathering also took time to honor the day’s birthday celebrant, RCM’s own Rotarian **Micray Gonzales**, with a heartfelt rendition of "*Maligayang Bati.*"



Past Treasurer Karlo Eugene Josef “Karlo” M. Castro moderated the meeting.

Past President Carmelino “Jun” P. Alvendia led the invocation.



President Eduardo “Jujut” Enriquez III (L) of the Rotary Club of Manila and President Gerardo Oliverio “Gerry” V. Laperal (R) of the Rotary Club of Makati West called the meeting to order.



RCM's World-Famous Music Chorale filled the air with their signature Welcome Song.



Dir. Lemarc Limosnero (RC Makati West) led the recitation of the Four-Way Test.

The President's Time

Both Presidents Enriquez and Laperal took turns addressing the assembly, sharing updates and reflections on the clubs' current initiatives. The tone of the gathering was celebratory yet focused, as both clubs, united by shared ideals, looked ahead to the challenges and opportunities that lay before them in the coming Rotary year.



The Guest of Honor and Speaker: Nestor V. Tan, President and CEO of BDO Unibank, Inc.

As the clock struck 1:00 PM, Past Treasurer and Immediate Past Chairman of RC Manila Foundation, **Joselito “Lito” H. Sibayan**, introduced the guest of honor and speaker, **Mr. Nestor V. Tan**, President and CEO of **BDO Unibank, Inc.** In his opening remarks, Sibayan highlighted Tan’s pivotal role in steering BDO to unprecedented heights as one of the Philippines’ largest banks.



Past Treasurer and Immediate Past Chairman of RCMFI Joselito “Lito” H. Sibayan, introduced the guest of honor and speaker.

In his address, Tan delivered a comprehensive and enlightening speech that delved into three key areas: the outlook for the Philippine banking industry, the transformative role of technology in financial services, and the persistent and evolving threats of cybersecurity. His insights were a blend of both foresight and practical realities, grounded in his extensive experience at the helm of one of the country’s most prominent financial institutions.

Tan’s Speech: An Expansive Outlook on Philippine Banking and Technology

Tan opened his speech with a candid admission that he found it challenging to distill such a broad topic into a single discussion. *“When I was asked to speak here today, I initially wasn’t sure what angle to take,”* he admitted. However, he eventually decided to focus on the issues that currently preoccupy the BDO management team. He structured his discussion around three crucial topics: the Philippine banking outlook, the impact of technology on banking — particularly fintech and electronic money interchanges (EMIs) — and the critical concern of cybersecurity.



“First, let’s talk about the outlook for banking,” Tan began. “For large institutions like BDO, our performance is often a microcosm of the Philippine economy. We thrive when the economy thrives.” He pointed out that the Philippines had witnessed significant growth outside Metro Manila over the past decade. *“When I first entered banking in 1998, 65% of the economy was concentrated in the financial capital. Today, that figure has dropped below 50%, which tells you that the regions outside of Metro Manila are growing at a much faster pace.”*

He noted that many people still fail to grasp the full potential of regional economic development. *"When foreigners come to the Philippines, they focus solely on Metro Manila. I tell them, go outside, explore the other regions. You'll see a different picture entirely,"* Tan explained. The untapped potential outside the capital, especially in areas like BPOs (business process outsourcing) and the increasing spending power of a growing middle class, has been a crucial driver of banking opportunities.

Tan elaborated on the importance of demographic factors. *"Our country's young population is a double-edged sword. It offers vast potential in terms of labor and consumption, but at the same time, it presents a challenge if we can't provide enough jobs to keep up. This is the balancing act we face — creating enough employment while capitalizing on the growing spending power of this youthful demographic."*

He then touched upon the growing sophistication of Filipino consumers. *"Have you tried booking a table at a fine dining*

restaurant on a weekend? It's tough because people are spending. When per capita income hits around \$3,000, discretionary spending on services and luxury items increases." Yet, Tan cautioned that this growing prosperity masked the reality of a significant wealth disparity. *"The average per capita income might be approaching \$4,000, but many are still below the poverty line. That's the other side of the coin."*

Tan then shifted to discuss the role of technology in banking. *"Everyone talks about fintech and the rise of digital banking, but we need to remember that cultural and infrastructural barriers still exist."* He explained that while there's no question that the banking industry is moving towards digitalization, the pace of adoption will vary. *"Many think digital banking will completely replace physical branches, but that's not the case just yet,"* he said. *"Cultural resistance is one factor. Filipinos, by and large, still prefer to trust people they know rather than rely on purely digital interfaces."*

He also noted that the ecosystem is not fully ready for an entirely digital banking system. *"We have to consider the infrastructure that supports fintech. For example, a sari-sari store owner may have the option to use digital payment systems, but if all their customers are paying in cash, the technology becomes less useful."* Tan also pointed out that for many Filipinos, particularly those in lower-income brackets, the cost-benefit analysis of adopting digital banking doesn't always make sense. *"Many of them say, 'Why should I pay for something when I can do it manually at no cost during my downtime?'"*



On cybersecurity, Tan was especially emphatic. *"If there's one thing that keeps me awake at night, it's cybersecurity. As banks become more dependent on digital technology, the risks of cyberattacks increase."* He noted that while digital banking has the potential to transform the industry, it also opens up new vulnerabilities that must be managed. *"Cybersecurity is not just a technical issue; it's a business issue, and it's something that affects the entire banking ecosystem."*

He concluded his speech by highlighting the need for the banking sector to remain nimble and adaptable. *"We need to place ourselves in a position where we can be resilient, secure, and adaptable to the fast-paced technological changes in our industry. The infrastructure we build today — whether it's branches, digital platforms, or cybersecurity systems — must be designed to meet the challenges of tomorrow."*

Tan's speech was met with enthusiastic applause as the audience, composed of both Rotarians and industry leaders, absorbed the depth of his insights. His message was clear: while the future of Philippine banking holds immense promise, it will require a careful balancing act between embracing technological advancements and addressing the unique cultural and economic realities of the country.

Open Forum and Conclusion

Following Tan's speech, the floor was opened to an engaging question-and-answer session, where attendees probed deeper into the challenges and opportunities he presented. Questions ranged from the specifics of BDO's regional expansion plans to the broader implications of fintech for financial inclusion.



Mr. Nestor Tan actively engaged in an inter-active conversation with

PD Amading Valdez, PDG Obet Pagdanganan, PDG Alex Cureg, PP Al Thomson (RC Makati West), Rtn. Cris Acosta, PD Oscar Del Rosario, and Rtn. Nory Reyes-Lao (RC Makati West).



As the meeting drew to a close, both Presidents **Jujut Enriquez** and **Gerry Laperal** presented Tan with a certificate of appreciation, thanking him for his thought-provoking address. With a final note of gratitude, President Enriquez adjourned the meeting at precisely 2:00 PM, leaving the assembly inspired and better informed about the future of banking in the Philippines.



Mr. Nestor Tan received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation, witnessed by District Gov. Joaquin "Jackie" Rodriguez, PT Joselito "Lito" Sibayan, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, Pres. Gerardo Oliverio "Gerry" Laperal (RC Makati West), and PP Carmelino "Jun" Alvendia (RC Makati West).



Meeting Fellowship



by PE/PBLA Raoul Creencia



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WE join civic groups such as Rotary for various noble reasons – making new friends, expanding our network, undertaking worthwhile pursuits with like-minded individuals, sharing what we know with and learning from peers, and generally, to be a positive part of and grow with the organization. When we joined the Rotary Club of Manila, we necessarily gave relevant personal information, one of which is our contact number. Hence, when we share our mobile phone number for the purpose, among others, of its being included in the organization’s exclusive social chat groups (such as Viber or WhatsApp), it is understood that the sharing of such contact detail is meant solely for the members. By giving our number, we do not thereby relinquish our right to privacy, nor do we grant authority for anyone to share such detail to any person outside of the organization.

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The Rotary Club of Manila is amazingly populated by fine gentlemen who excel in their respective fields. Over the past weeks, we have seen several of our very own Manila Rotarians being given well-deserved recognitions and handed various awards for their exemplary work. This is what we must highlight and spread to our members (especially our Star Rotarians). We must constantly celebrate the good, the positives, the things that uplift the spirit, the news that inspire, and the behavior that affirms the values of Rotary. If we are to develop a new generation of Manila Rotarians who will enthusiastically carry on the legacy of Asia’s First Rotary Club, we must do so by showing them the beauty of our Rotary Club – our transformational projects, our undying aspirations, our modest successes, and our historical values.

Gentlemen of RCM, please block off **3 July 2025**, Thursday, as this is being eyed by the 2025-2026 Board to be the date of the 106th Inaugural of Asia's First Rotary Club. The venue is not yet finally determined, but it will be announced soon. As we continue to do our share in ensuring the success of this Magical Year under the leadership of President Jujut, we also look forward and prepare to continue our service next year. Those who wish to continue serving in the committees, or join a new one, please do not hesitate to approach me, VPE Ricky, or any member of the incoming Board. Let us continue to be positively and constructively involved in enabling our Club to be the best it can be as a membership and service organization.



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- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

October 2024

OCTOBER 2024	October 03, 2024 DR. WILMIDA M. GUEVARA	October 10, 2024 BDO PRESIDENT & CEO MR. NESTOR V. TAN
MEMBERS PRESENT	29	51
MEMBERS PRESENT %	12%	22%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	10	6
EXEMPTED	4	4
ON LEAVE	0	0
Total Active Members	35	53
Total # of Members	236	236
TOTAL %:	15%	22%
ROTARACTORS	2	5
MEGA	1	1
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0
DO, DGE, DGIN, PDG	0	0
GOHS / GS	1	1
VISITING ROTARIAN	7	18
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	7	23
TOTAL ATTENDEES	46	98

LIST OF ATTENDEES
12th Weekly Membership Meeting
October 10, 2024

1 Acosta, Crispiano G.	26 Magsaysay, Francisco D.
2 Bartolome III, Arsenio M.	27 Mauricio, Antonio DC
3 Bediones, Rodolfo P.	28 Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
4 Benedicto, Sixto T.	29 Obrado, Daniel Calzado
5 Bogovich, Jason M.	30 Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L.
6 Carlos, Vicente J.	31 Pagdanganan, Roberto M.
7 Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.	32 Payumo, Felicitio C.
8 Co, Val Constantine L.	33 Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
9 Creencia, Raoul C.	34 Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
10 Cureg, Alexander P.	35 Reynolds, David J.
11 Cutter, John Michael	36 Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
12 Davis, Raymond N.	37 Schmitz, Stefan
13 Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	38 Serapio, Carlos G.
14 Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A.	39 Shimoda, Shigeru
15 Eldebs, Issam	40 Sibayan, Joselito H.
16 Enriquez III, Eduardo V.	41 So, Warren S.
17 Esguerra, Herminio S.	42 Tagaysay, Hector O.
18 Garcia, Paul Joseph M.	43 Talusan, Ferdinand E.
19 Go, Henry S.	44 Tamano, Shalimar H.
20 Gonzalez, Michael Raymond L.	45 Tee, Teddy Jr. B.
21 Koh, Paul Anthony T.	46 Valdez, Amado D.
22 Lacambacal, Alvin D.	47 Villegas, Raoul A.
23 Locsin, Arsenio Z.	48 Yu, Geoffrey C.
24 Lopez, Arthur M.	49 Yu, Reginald Tieng
25 Macatoman, Abdulgani M.	50 Zaldivarria, Felix Francisco S.
	51 Zeitouni, Nagi

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

As of October 16, 2024

1 ABOY, VALENTINO G	74 LEDDA, JAIME VICTOR B
2 ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.	75 LEE, RICHARD I.
3 ALBANA, MICHAEL JAEY C	76 LIM, DAVID EDUARDO T
4 ALCANTARA, ISIDRO C	77 LIM, RICHARD
5 ALDAY, ALBERT	78 LOCIN, ARSENIO Z
6 ALINGGOG, ALDOUS A	79 LONZAGA, RENERIO
7 ARAGON, JOSHUA REUBEN G	80 LOPEZ, ARTHUR M
8 ARGUELLES, PABLO C	81 LORENZANA, DELFIN
9 AVENTURA, AVENILO JR L	82 MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T.
10 BAGATSING, VALENTINO S	83 MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
11 BALANAY, ARIES B	84 MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D.
12 BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M.	85 MANALAYSAY, CESAR P.
13 BEDIONES, RODOLFO P.	86 MANGALILE, SENEN T
14 BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D	87 MARTINEZ, RONALD I
15 BELLO, CHRISTIAN CESAR	88 MATSCHUCK, GUENTER GERHARD G
16 BENEDICTO, SIXTO T	89 MAURICIO, ANTONILO DC
17 BLANCO, MANUEL M	90 MENDOZA, ESTELITO P
18 BOGOVICH, JASON M	91 MENDOZA, MIGUEL
19 BOTTON, WILHELM	92 MENDOZA, RAYMUND JOSEPH IAN O
20 BRANELLEC, JACQUES	93 NOLIDO, RAMON ALBERTO B
21 CABANGON, EDGARDO A.	94 NOMURA, KAZUHIRO
22 CAMAT, NATHANIEL	95 NONES, ROMEO C
23 CANON, RAUL JR C	96 NUNEZ, JOSE A
24 CARLOS, VICENTE J.	97 OBRADO, DANIEL CALZADO
25 CARRANCEIA, ARVIN ARIK B	98 ONG, PHILLIP L
26 CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M	99 OZAETA, MIGUEL ANTONIO L
27 CATALAN, RODILLO R	100 PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M
28 CENICA, JOHN T	101 PALACIOS, ALBERT C
29 CHAIWAN, RAMI	102 PALLASQUE, JOHN BRIAN
30 CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L.	103 PASUAL, ABRAHAM F
31 CORTEZ, LORENZO R	104 PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID
32 COYIUTO, ROBERT JR. G	105 PAYUMO, FELICITO C
33 CREENCIA, RAUL C.	106 PELINO, WILFREDO
34 CUREG, ALEXANDER P	107 PINEDA, JESUS JR M
35 CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL	108 PINEDA, PATRICIO JR F
36 DAVIS, RAYMOND N	109 PIZARRAS, JORDAN M
37 DAYANG, JUAN E.	110 PREYSLER, J AUSTO JR. D R
38 DE CASTRO, JUAN ARTURO ILUMINADO C	111 RECTO, PHILIP B
39 DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR.	112 REYNOLDS, DAVID J
40 DOMINGO, RICO V	113 RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H
41 DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G.	114 RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR. C
42 DY, MANUEL C.	115 ROSAS, MICHAEL D
43 EGAN, BRENDAN W.L	116 SCHMITZ, STEFAN
44 ELDEBS, ISSAM	117 SCHNEIDER, BERND
45 ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V.	118 SERAPIO, CARLOS C
46 ESQUERRA, HERMINIO S.	119 SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO L
47 ESQUIVAS, JOAQUIN PABLO A	120 SHIMODA, SHIGERU
48 FAJARDO, BEDA G	121 SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H
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Quarterly Review of the Club's Performance



President Jujut Enriquez conducted a quarterly performance review of the club with the RCM Secretariat on October 15, 2024 at the RCM Office.



After the first quarter performance review of the club, President Jujut Enriquez treated the RCM Secretariat team to a sumptuous lunch at Emerald Garden.

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SMX Convention Center wins major honors at TTG MICE Awards 2024

SMX Convention Center, the largest operator of convention centers in the Philippines, has secured three additional major awards this year, reaffirming its position as a leader in the country's Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, and Exhibitions (MICE) industry. SMX was named Best Local Convention Centre 2024-Philippines by APAC Insider's South East Asia Business Review, Best Convention Center-Philippines at the World MICE Awards, and earned the highly regarded Best Convention & Exhibition Center-Philippines title at the 33rd TTG Travel Awards.

These accolades are proof of SMX's commitment to excellence and its reputation for delivering first-rate event experiences. The 33rd Annual TTG Travel Awards, in particular, highlights the center's recognition among travel consultants, tour operators and destina-



SMX Convention Center is the largest convention center operator in the Philippines, with eight branches located in Manila, Taguig, Ortigas, Clark, Olongapo, Cebu, Bacolod, and Davao.

tion management companies only, underscoring SMX's leadership in the region. As the only convention center in the country to receive such honors, SMX continues to set the standard for its industry.

With eight branches across key locations in the Philippines—including Clark, Olongapo, Bacolod, Cebu, Davao, Megatrade Hall in Ortigas, and SMX Aura at SM Aura Premier—SMX consistently deliv-

ers unmatched versatility and convenience. The center actively supports the government's efforts to boost tourism, particularly through the development of the MICE sector, which is vital to enhancing the Philippines' global presence in business tourism. Future growth plans include new venues, notably a larger facility in Cebu that will surpass the size of SMX Manila. This expansion underscores SMX's long-term

commitment to strengthening the Philippines' standing in the global MICE arena.

"These awards reflect our focus on service excellence and our efforts to continuously push industry boundaries," said Michael Albaña, vice president-general manager at SMX Convention Center. "As the largest convention center operator in the country, we're proud to help drive the MICE sector forward while delivering exceptional experiences for our clients. We remain committed to innovation, growth, and maintaining our leadership in the market."

Looking ahead, SMX Convention Center continues to innovate and evolve, ensuring that it remains the premier destination for both large-scale conventions and intimate events, while contributing to the Philippines' efforts to establish a stronger presence in the global MICE industry.



Michael Albaña, vice president-general manager of SMX Convention Center, accepts the prestigious award at the 33rd TTG Travel Awards 2024 Ceremony on Sept. 26, 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand, recognizing SMX's outstanding contributions and excellence in the MICE industry.

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