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OUR DESTINY. OUR LEGACY. ROTARY.

At its 106th Installation and Handover Ceremonies, the Rotary Club of Manila and RCManila Foundation will pass the torch to a new generation of leaders. With the theme **"Our Destiny. Our Legacy. Rotary."** echoing Rotary International's call to "Unite for Good," the evening marks not just a transition — but a reaffirmation of purpose, legacy, and the enduring power of service.

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Our Destiny. Our Legacy. Rotary.



In an age increasingly marked by the transient and the transactional, when noise often drowns out nuance and attention spans are measured in seconds, there remain institutions that endure — not merely because they are old, but because they are built on truths that do not fade. Among these institutions, few shine with the same steadfast clarity as the Rotary Club of Manila. As the oldest Rotary Club in Asia, RCM stands as both witness and participant to the shaping of modern Philippine history, grounded in the same simple but transformative principle that has guided Rotary for over a century: Service Above Self.

Tonight, on the occasion of our 106th Installation and Handover Ceremonies, we gather not only to commemorate a milestone but to take our rightful place in the continuing story of service and leadership. In this passing of the torch, from one steward to the next, we are reminded of a truth long held by those who lead with conscience and compassion — that the most meaningful power is not held, but passed on. And so, under the theme chosen by our incoming President Raoul Creencia — “Our Destiny. Our Legacy. Rotary.” — we reaffirm our identity, renew our vows of service, and refocus our energies toward the greater good.

It is no coincidence that this theme echoes both the gravity of history and the urgency of the now. Destiny and legacy are words that demand reflection. They are not mere slogans, but aspirations writ into the soul of every man and woman who calls himself or herself a Rotarian. They speak of foresight and fidelity, of responsibility and remembrance. And when spoken within these halls — halls that have echoed with the counsel of diplomats, business titans, servant-leaders, and civic pioneers — these words take on sacred meaning.

For President Raoul, a distinguished lawyer, educator, and former Government Corporate Counsel, these words are more than thematic; they are prophetic. They point us not toward a fixed point on the horizon but toward a road that we must continue to forge with courage and clarity. His life and career have been testament

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to this dual call of vision and action. And tonight, as he accepts the mantle of leadership, he calls upon each of us to recognize that our personal destinies are inextricably linked to the legacy we leave behind — and that this legacy must be born not of convenience, but of conviction.

Parallel to this transition is another significant assumption of office — that of Past District Governor Alex Cureg as the new Chairman of the Rotary Club of Manila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI). If Rotary Club of Manila is the soul of our service, then RCMFI is its hands and feet. It is through the Foundation that dreams are grounded, visions are built, and intentions take the shape of schools, scholarships, relief missions, and livelihood programs. PDG Alex, who has long stood at the confluence of business leadership and civic innovation, steps into this role with the seasoned gravitas of one who knows that excellence must always be accompanied by empathy, and that to serve effectively is to serve sustainably.

Together, these two leaders — President Raoul and Chairman Alex — represent the twin engines of Rotary's enduring relevance: moral clarity and strategic execution. And as we reflect upon their visions and values, we must also frame them within the broader context of the Rotary International theme for the Rotary Year 2025–2026: Unite for Good. It is a call issued by RI President Francesco Arezzo, urging Rotarians across borders, beliefs, and generations to rise together and reaffirm the founding spirit of Rotary — that in unity, we magnify goodness; in solidarity, we multiply impact.

What does it mean to unite for good in a world such as ours?

It means to reject apathy and cultivate empathy. It means to see not only with the eyes but also with the heart. It means that every project we launch, every community we touch, and every decision we make must be rooted in the enduring values of justice, inclusivity, and human dignity. It means that we do not merely react to crises — we anticipate needs, we build resilience, and we cultivate peace where others see division.

And it is precisely here that legacy plays its most potent role. For the Rotary Club of Manila, legacy is not the retelling of what was — it is the retelling of what ought to be. Our legacy is made tangible through the lives we uplift, the young minds we educate, the sick we comfort, the truth we defend, and the nation we help shape.

Consider, for instance, the many pioneering initiatives of this Club: the establishment of scholarship endowments for deserving students from underserved communities; medical missions reaching those abandoned by formal healthcare systems; collaborative efforts with government and NGOs to address critical gaps in disaster response and education; environmental programs that go beyond cleanup drives and instead foster long-term ecological literacy and stewardship. Each of these projects is a chapter in our living legacy — authored by Rotarians who understand that service is not a seasonal act but a lifelong commitment.

Yet even as we take pride in these accomplishments, we are reminded of our unfinished work. As Rotarians in a post-pandemic, digitally fragmented world, we are called to rise to new challenges — ones that test our creativity, our endurance, and our moral courage.

There is the challenge of climate change, which threatens the most vulnerable first and worst. Rotary's environmental focus area is no longer optional — it is imperative. The Rotary Club of Manila must therefore continue to lead not just by donating trees but by nurturing green cities and fostering ecological justice.

There is the challenge of disinformation and the erosion of truth. In a time when facts are contested and digital mobs can sway elections or incite hatred, Rotary must be a champion for civil discourse and honest dialogue. It is not enough to teach literacy — we must nurture civic and moral literacy.

And then there is the challenge within — the internal challenge to remain true to our mission amid the allure of complacency. As a legacy organization, we must guard against the temptation to grow comfortable in our prestige and forget the poor. We must ensure that our traditions never become a cage but remain a compass. The rituals must serve the mission, not the other way around.

This is where the symbolic importance of the handover ceremony becomes most pronounced. It is not merely an event with regalia, roll calls, and photo-ops. It is a moral ritual. A moment of sacred accountability. It reminds the outgoing officers that their service leaves an imprint, and the incoming ones that their stewardship begins now — in real time, and in real life. It is not a changing of titles but a recommitment to transformation.

The ceremony we are witnessing tonight carries the weight of 106 years of service — but also the promise of years yet to come. It tells every young Rotarian, every visitor, every future member, that this is what responsible leadership looks like: it looks like President Raoul accepting the gavel with humility; it looks like Chairman Alex outlining a new vision for RCMFI with resolve; it looks like a community that continues to stand tall while kneeling to serve.

And who are we, this Rotary Club of Manila?

We are judges and generals, entrepreneurs and educators, physicians and philanthropists, but more than that, we are citizens of conscience. We are not defined by what we own, but by what we give. We are not merely spectators to the nation's unfolding narrative — we are co-authors of a better chapter.

We are a fellowship rooted in Rotary's Four-Way Test — asking not what is expedient, but what is right. We are builders of bridges, not walls. Healers of divides, not agents of discord. Our strength lies not in the prestige of our members, but in the principles we uphold — truth, fairness, goodwill, and benefit for all.

As we look toward Rotary Year 2025–2026, let this be our collective manifesto:

Let us not simply serve — let us serve better.
Let us not merely participate — let us lead purposefully.
Let us not only celebrate our past — let us create a future worth celebrating.

Let us take “Our Destiny. Our Legacy. Rotary.” and translate it into tangible programs, measurable change, and enduring hope. Let us respond to the call of RI President Francesco Arezzo and truly Unite for Good — not as an abstract theme, but as an actionable mandate.

Tonight, as the final notes of the anthem fade and the banners are raised anew, may we remember that Rotary is not a club one merely joins — it is a calling one answers. And in answering that call, may we find not only fellowship and fulfillment but purpose. Deep, resounding, legacy-building purpose.

Let us then, in this moment of transition, affirm with conviction and clarity:

That this is our time.
That this is our task.
That this is our testimony.

Because this is our destiny.
This is our legacy.
This is Rotary.

Rotary Club of Manila



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Message from the District Governor

My warmest greetings to Asia's First, the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM), as it celebrates its 106th year of leadership and service. I also congratulate the incoming Directors and Officers, led by United Chosen President Raoul Creencia. My felicitations, too, to the incoming Trustees and Officers of RC Manila Foundation, Inc., RCM's reliable and steady arm in raising funds for its projects.

Sa inyong mahigit 100 taon ng tapat, makabuluhan, at taos-pusong paglilingkod, tunay kayong huwaran sa Rotary at sa buong bansa. Your legacy of integrity, excellence, and compassion continues to uplift the lives of the most vulnerable in our society.

You are not only the largest club but among the most impactful. Your best practices, visionary leadership, and deep commitment to service are unmatched.

Mabuhay kayo sa inyong mga proyekto, milestone, at sa inyong walang sawang pagtulong. May your membership grow stronger, and your courage in service grow deeper.

Mabuhay ang RC Manila at RC Manila Foundation!
Mabuhay ang Rotary!

GOD BLESS.



DGE Mary Mei V. Rodrigo
District Governor
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Message from the City Mayor of Manila

To the esteemed members and officers of the Rotary Club of Manila:

Greetings of peace!

On behalf of the City of Manila, it is with great pride and warmest congratulations that I extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you on the occasion of your 106th Anniversary and Induction of your new set of officers.

For more than a century, the Rotary Club of Manila has stood as a beacon of service, integrity, and leadership – not just in our city, but throughout the nation and the Rotary world. Your enduring commitment to uplifting communities, empowering the underprivileged, and fostering ethical leadership continues to shape lives and inspire generations.

As you mark your remarkable milestone and usher in a new chapter of leadership, may your spirit of service above self remain your guiding light. To the incoming officers, I wish you wisdom, unity, and strength as you carry forward this legacy. And to the outgoing leaders, thank you for your unwavering dedication and accomplishment.

The City of Manila is honored to be home to such a historic and impactful institution. Together, may we continue to build a city – and a nation – where hope thrives and compassion leads.

Mabuhay ang Rotary Club of Manila!

Very truly yours,

FRANCISCO "ISKO MORENO" DOMAGOSO
City Mayor



**Lungsod ng
Maynila**



Message from the City Mayor of Parañaque

To the esteemed officers and members of the Rotary Club of Manila,

Warmest congratulations on the celebration of your 106th Anniversary and the Induction of your new set of officers!

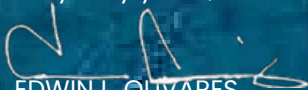
As the oldest Rotary Club of Asia, the Rotary Club of Manila has long been a symbol of transformative leadership and powerful force for good – not only in the City of Manila but across our nation. Your unwavering commitment to service, civic engagement, and nation-building has uplifted countless lives and set an enduring example for organizations like ours in Parañaque City and beyond.

To the newly inducted officers, may you lead with integrity, vision, and the same steadfast dedication that has defined your club for more than a century. And to the outgoing leadership, thank you for the tireless service and impact.

as Mayor of Parañaque, I salute the legacy and partnership in building stronger, more compassionate communities. May you continue to thrive and inspire as you carry forward the proud tradition of Rotary service.

Mabuhay and Rotary Club of Manila!

Very truly yours,



EDWIN L. OLIVARES
City Mayor



***City of
Parañaque***



Message from the President

When I became a President, I felt like I was given some sort of a guiding light. I received and adopted the Rotary Legacy, I presented it, and weeks later, where I reiterated it.

As we celebrate our 100th anniversary ceremony of this year, I want to share with you my message.

I believe that destiny is what we create. The spirit of Manila was born of a moment our charter was signed, and it became the first in Asia.

Rotary is a Legacy, on the other hand, it is a way of life. We live our lives every day, and we build on why we do it. For every handprint on history, and every footprint on the ground.

And then there is Rotary. It is the movement of people of goodwill, and it becomes leadership. It is the spirit of the builders. Rotary is what we become, and it is the spirit of the builders.

My RCM brothers, my fellow Rotarians, let us Unite for Good. According to our club; let us unite for a transformative initiative for good.

So this Rotary year, as we celebrate, let us not just mark the passage of time, but let us mark the passage of a century ago. Let us mark the passage of our identity. Let us mark the passage of that we seek, but a promise that the future is not a dream.

So let us build a new dream.

Mabuhay ang

PRESIDENT RAOUL C. CREENCIO
Rotary Year 2025-2026

As President-elect in October last year, I wrote a one-pager, guiding principle for 2025, which highlights our club's Destiny. I presented this to the incoming Board, and was warmly adopted. I wrote the Council of Past Presidents a couple of weeks ago and reiterated the 2025 vision -- Redefining our Destiny, and Reclaiming our Legacy.

As we celebrate our 106th Anniversary, and as we hold the induction of this year's officers, let me highlight three words – Destiny, Legacy, Rotary.

Destiny is not about fate. It is about purpose. The Rotary Club was born of a calling -- to serve, lead, and to uplift. From the moment the charter was signed in 1919, and from the moment our Club was first in Asia, our destiny was set -- to be a force for good.

Legacy, on the other hand, is not just what we leave behind, but also how we live every day. It is not built merely on what we have done, but is built on what we do it. For over a century, our Club has blazed the trail, left its mark, and pursued impactful projects anchored on our why.

Rotary is where there is Rotary -- the bond that ties us together; a global fellowship of people of action; a fellowship of doers, thinkers, givers, and leaders. Rotary is where service becomes impact; where friendship becomes partnership. It is where ordinary individuals commit to doing extraordinary things—together.

And so, my fellow Rotarians, this year we are being called upon to unite. Accordingly, let us unite and remain united. Let us unite for service; let us unite for successful service projects; let us unite for impactful initiatives; let us unite for good. Indeed, only when we unite for good can we be a force for good.

As we near, as we stand at the intersection of history and hope, let us embrace the passage of time -- let us honor a journey that began long ago. Let us remind ourselves that service is not an obligation, but a choice. Let us remind ourselves that leadership is not a position, but a promise that we keep. Finally, let us remind ourselves that Rotary is not a destination we wait for; it is a direction that we build.

Let us build a new direction; and let us build a memorable Rotary Year together.

Mabuhay ang RCM! Mabuhay ang Manila Rotarians!!



PRESENCIA

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Message from the Chairman, RCMFI

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Community Servants,

Our beloved Rotary Club of Manila, the First in Asia, will mark its 106th Anniversary this year. We intend to honour the glorious tradition that was built through the decades by our esteemed predecessors who made Rotary what it is today. We honour them as we honour our comrades who have toiled amongst our ranks in seeking good for humankind.

In keeping with the spirit of this year's theme – "Our Destiny, Our Legacy, Rotary" – we are taking the bold step of establishing a dedicated fund to support the Club's service projects throughout the year. As incoming Chairman of the RCManila Foundation, and together with my spouse Anna, I will make an initial donation of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000) during this commemorative event. It is our hope that this act of generosity will inspire others – fellow Rotarians and friends alike – to follow suit and contribute to this meaningful cause.

Congratulations to the incoming officers of the Rotary Club of Manila and The RCManila Foundation, Inc. I wish you success and looking forward to working with you.

On behalf of my lovely and ever-supportive, Anna, I wish everyone longevity, joy and more blessings to share with others!
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PGE Alexander "Alex" Cureg
Incoming Chairman
RCManila Foundation, Inc.



**RCMANILA
FOUNDATION, INC.**

Message from the RCM Immediate Past President

We celebrate a remarkable milestone—the 106th year of the Rotary Club of Manila, the oldest and largest Rotary Club in Asia. It is a moment to honor our storied past, renew our commitment to Rotary's timeless ideals, and usher in new leadership with hope and resolve.

Since our founding in 1919, the Rotary Club of Manila has been at the forefront of meaningful service—championing nation-building, empowering communities, and shaping leaders in both public and private life. Our projects have continuously reflected Rotary International's Seven Areas of Focus: from supporting education and economic development to providing clean water, protecting the environment, and promoting peace. We have also been unwavering in upholding the Four-Way Test, the ethical backbone of every Rotarian's decision and deed.

Tonight, as we install our new officers, we reaffirm our purpose—to serve not for recognition, but for lasting impact. To build not monuments, but bridges. To lead not for titles, but for transformation.

We are especially honored by the presence of our international guests and sister clubs, whose friendship reminds us that Rotary's reach knows no borders, and its spirit, no limits. Your presence deepens our bonds and strengthens our shared commitment to "Service Above Self."

To our incoming officers, may you carry the torch with courage, compassion, and clarity. To our past leaders, thank you for the foundations you've laid. And to everyone present tonight—thank you for being part of this journey, one that began over a century ago and continues with greater purpose today.

Here's to another year of inspired service.

Mabuhay ang Rotary Club of Manila!
Mabuhay ang Rotary International!

Yours in Rotary,


Eduardo 'Jujut' V. Enriquez III
RC Manila President, 2024-25



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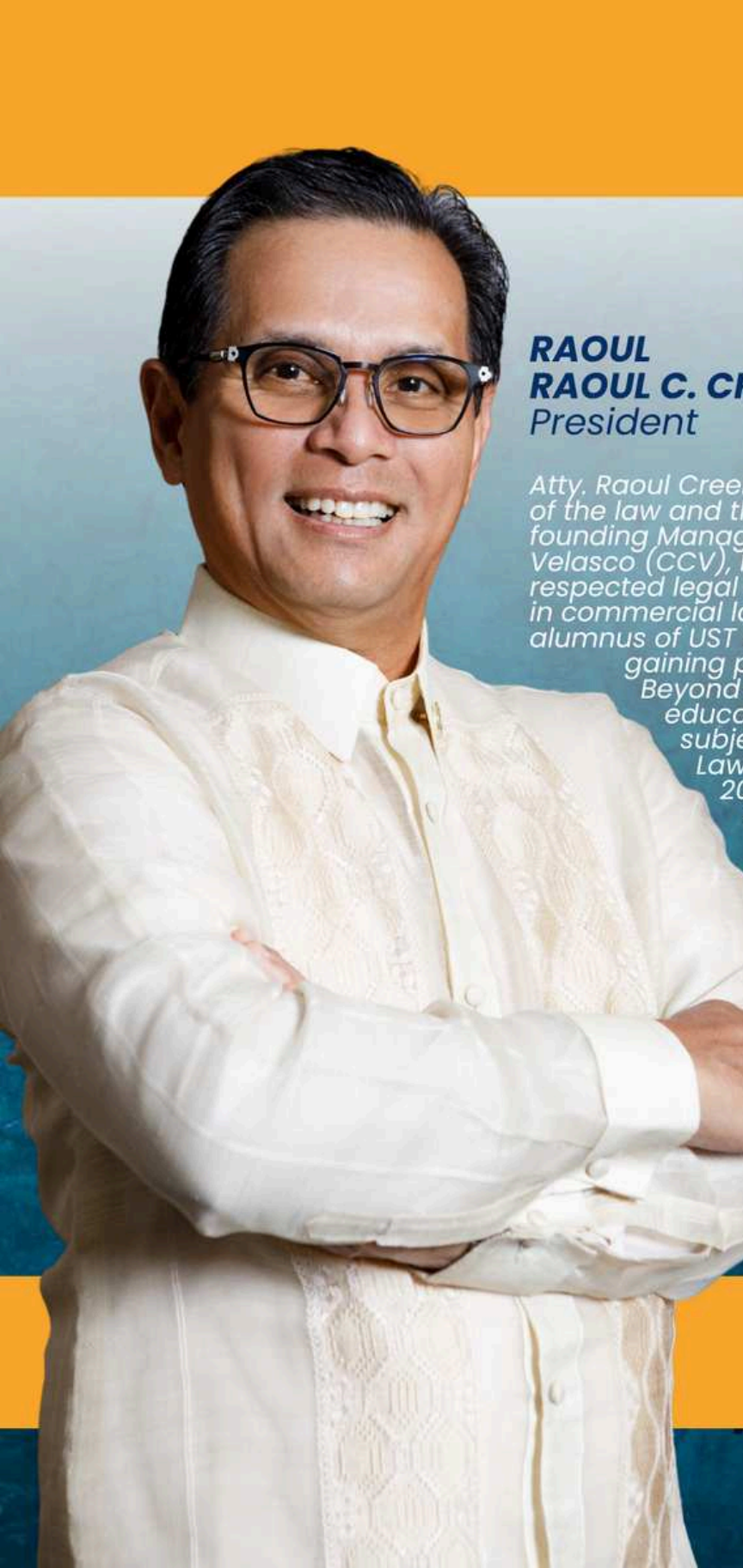
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l Creencia has lived a life devoted to the letter and the spirit of public service. As the Managing Partner of Creencia Carillo & CCV), he has steered one of the country's legal consulting firms since 1996, specializing in commercial law and infrastructure advisory. A proud member of UST and San Beda, he later trained in Sydney, Australia, gaining practice eligibility in New South Wales. Beyond the courtroom, Raoul is a seasoned educator, shaping generations of lawyers in subjects from Constitutional to Corporate Law. As Government Corporate Counsel in 2010, he served as chief legal officer to all state corporations, eliminating backlogs and pioneering reforms with unmatched efficiency. His tenure at the Department of Transportation further cemented his role in public infrastructure development. A Rotarian, civic leader, and devoted husband to fellow lawyer Atty. Mylene Marcia-Creencia, he remains a steadfast steward of law, legacy, and nation.

JUJUT **EDUARDO V. ENRIQUEZ, III** *Immediate Past President*

Jujut Enriquez is a man of remarkable depth — whether in banking boardrooms or beneath the ocean's surface. With 28 years in Corporate, Commercial, and SME Banking, Jujut has quietly shaped the financial pulse of Philippine enterprise. From his early days at AsiaTrust to his pivotal leadership at Union Bank and Citibank, he has consistently turned vision into velocity, fortifying the SME sector with insight and heart. A San Beda Accountancy graduate and former finance professor, Jujut blends technical prowess with a mentor's spirit. Beyond balance sheets, he served as President of the Rotary Club of Makati-Ayala and Vice President for Finance at the Parañaque Chamber of Commerce, championing both service and enterprise. Anchored by his beloved Lia and their three sons, Jujut finds serenity in scuba diving's silent depths — where, certified at the elite Tech 2 level, he explores worlds few dare enter, above and below.



RICKY
RICARDO S. GUEVARA
Vice-President

Ricky Guevara is a quiet force — equal parts philosopher and pioneer. Born in Manila but shaped by time in Michigan, he blends global vision with Filipino heart. A graduate of AB Philosophy from the University of the Philippines, Ricardo applied the rigor of thought to the rigors of business. From modest beginnings with Karrera Car Accessories, he steered KONIG Importers N.A. into the fast lane of the U.S. market — redefining alloy wheel importation before selling to a public company in 2005. A brief but impactful stint at Sony Music as a Macintosh resource person reflected his uncanny adaptability. Now, as Chairman, President, and CEO of Guevent Investments Development Corporation, he remains rooted in enterprise, yet elevated by insight. Married to Fiona Palaypay Guevara and seasoned by decades of global entrepreneurship, Ricky continues to navigate with purpose, proving that the finest leaders are thinkers first — and trailblaze always.



MIKE
MICHAEL JAEY C. ALBAÑA
Director

With every sunrise, Mike Albaña greets the day not only with coffee and forecasts, but with quiet resolve to elevate the Filipino brand of hospitality. A seasoned hotelier and strategist, his journey through the halls of Century International, Westin, and Shangri-La shaped a man who thrives in challenges and leads with foresight. As Vice President and General Manager of SMX Convention Centers, and a prominent figure in Rotary and tourism councils, he weaves leadership, service, and innovation into every endeavor. A graduate of UP's Tourism Management program, Mike is more than a corporate stalwart — he is a spirited adventurer, finding joy and perspective from the peaks of mountains, the depths of oceans, and the winding roads beneath his Vespa's wheels. Whether in the boardroom or the backcountry, he remains driven by one thing: to serve, to inspire, and to lead with heart.



JASON JASON M. BOGOVICH

**Director and
Sergeant-at-Arms**

With a compass set to collaboration and a heart tuned to impact, Jason Bogovich has spent over two decades navigating the intersections of policy, innovation, and development. From the corridors of the White House to the vibrant networks of Southeast Asia, his journey has been one of purposeful connections and transformative change. Now based in the Philippines, Jason leads the Southeast Asia Development Solutions (SEADS) initiative at the Asian Development Bank — a platform that breathes life into regional progress through public-private synergy, cutting-edge ideas, and inclusive partnerships. He has championed alliances with tech giants, humanitarian institutions, and global development bodies, fostering innovation with pragmatic reach. His legacy spans continents, but its heartbeat lies in communities empowered and futures reimaged. Whether orchestrating the Asia Clean Energy Forum or parenting in Quezon City with his wife and young son, Jason carries a singular mission: to build bridges where none exist — and light the path ahead.



RAMI **RAMI CHAHWAN** Director

From Montreal to Manila, from fast-paced boardrooms to bustling back kitchens, Rami Chahwan has carved a singular path as one of the most dynamic leaders in the food and beverage industry. With over two decades of transformative leadership across continents, Rami doesn't just manage brands — he revives them, reimagines them, and roots them in success. His bold fingerprints are etched across iconic names like Tim Hortons, Popeyes, Domino's, and Paramount, having led record-breaking entries, scale-ups, and market overhauls. Known for launching platforms from scratch and achieving profitability at breakneck speed, he pairs analytical precision with instinctive leadership. Now at the helm of PICKUP Coffee as President and CEO, he channels his global insights into fueling one of the Philippines' fastest-growing coffee brands. A hands-on visionary with an engineer's mind and a restaurateur's soul, Rami remains driven by one ambition: to build brands that endure — and energize the future.



EDWIN
EDWIN H. HERNANDEZ
Director

Edwin Hernandez is a communicator at heart and a strategist by craft. Armed with a degree in Communication Arts from the University of Santo Tomas and an MBA from Ateneo, he has spent over three decades shaping narratives and steering brands with both insight and integrity. From his early days as a staff writer at The Manila Chronicle, he journeyed through the vibrant corridors of marketing and public relations — from Sime Darby Pilipinas to Asia Brewery, where he managed iconic brands like Colt 45 and Absolute. He later led Total Recall Advertising and taught at Mapua Business School, nurturing the next generation of marketers. Today, as President of Jardine Distribution, Inc., Edwin leads the exclusive Philippine arm for global consumer and agricultural brands, marrying storytelling with strategy. In every role he's held, Edwin has proven that words build worlds — and great leadership gives them life.



HANS ALBERT C. PALACIOS

Director

Hans Palacios carries a lineage of service and intellect, the son of a diplomat and a doctor, molded by Ateneo's discipline and London's academic vigor. With a degree in Business Administration and Economics from Richmond University, Hans carved his own path at the intersection of innovation and compassion. As Chairman of Holy App Ventures and B&W Onnmedia, and VP for Operations at East Twenty Ten Ventures, he leads enterprises that fuse technology, advocacy, and community impact — including a network of pharmacies serving Negros and Romblon. Yet beyond the boardroom, he is a family man — devoted husband to Marge and proud father to Nzo, Tino, and Ianna. Whether advising businesses or nurturing dreams, Hans lives out a quiet creed: that purpose is best fulfilled not only through success, but service. In the rhythm of his days, legacy and leadership march hand in hand.



**WARREN
WARREN S. SO**
Director

Architect Warren So walks the world with a blueprint in one hand and a mission in the other. A proud Thomasian, he carved his path early as a design laureate and student leader, channeling his creativity into ADP Design Group — a firm he founded in 1992 to deliver visionary architectural and real estate solutions tailored for excellence. As president of Brenen International Trading, he pioneers renewable energy innovations, turning sunbeams into power and promise. Yet his impact goes beyond construction and commerce. Since 2007, he has served as Commodore in the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary, guiding maritime units with firm resolve and a heart attuned to community service. Whether designing skylines or safeguarding shorelines, Warren leads with a steady hand, a strategic mind, and a servant's soul. For him, every structure, every venture, is a chance to shape not just landscapes, but lives — boldly, sustainably, and purposefully.



NONI ANTONIOLO DC. MAURICIO *Club Secretary*

Noni Mauricio has long stood at the nexus of finance, innovation, and public service — where policy meets possibility. Once a banker and strategist, he rose to national prominence as Undersecretary of DTI and General Manager of the National Development Company, where he pioneered the Philippine Startup Venture Fund and launched the Philippine Innovation Hub. A trailblazer with over three decades of experience, Noni now chairs InnovationPH and InnovationASIA, bridging local ingenuity with global ecosystems. Whether guiding AI policy as co-founder of the Global AI Council PH, battling misinformation as Chairman of the Digital Media Standards Coalition, or mentoring the next generation through the Finance Educators Association, he leads with a visionary's mind and a reformer's heart. A UP graduate, Ateneo alum, and Singapore Management University digital fellow, Noni crafts legacies of impact. In every role, he champions one truth: innovation is not a buzzword — it's a nation's lifeblood.



PJ
PAUL JOSEPH M. GARCIA
Treasurer

P.J. Garcia stands at the rare intersection of intellect and stewardship. With a Master's in Industrial Economics from the University of Asia and the Pacific and the highest undergraduate thesis honors from San Beda, P.J. has long turned analysis into action. As CEO of Leechiu Management Inc., he leads with measured precision, crafting bespoke investment strategies that merge financial foresight with alternative assets. His tenure at the Bank of the Philippine Islands saw him commanding the country's largest institutional business portfolio, overseeing over ₱400 billion in assets and thousands of accounts. Equally devoted to nurturing minds, P.J. serves as an adjunct professor at the Asian Institute of Management, guiding future leaders in portfolio management. Whether charting real estate growth or shaping investment strategy, he remains a quiet architect of capital and confidence — one who proves that the best returns come not only from markets, but from mastery.



CHARLIE CARLOS G. SERAPIO

Board Legal Adviser

Atty. Charlie Serapio stands as a man torn — once called to priesthood, yet wholly claimed by the law. With Christian ministry in his marrow and jurisprudence as his chosen craft, he has walked the corridors of power with a philosopher's mind and a disciple's heart. Admitted to the Philippine Bar in 1976, he carries with him the wisdom of Jesuit rigor and Marian devotion, having been a scholar at UP, Ateneo, and Keio University in Japan. His early leadership in the Student Catholic Action paved the way for a life of public service rooted in faith and reason. Behind the scenes, he has advised presidents, cardinals, and political titans, always with discretion and depth. As founding partner of the Magnificat Movement and strategic consultant to international bodies like the UNDP and ADB, Charlie continues to shape policy with principle. His life is a testament to grace forged through law — and purpose lit by belief.



PACO
FRANCISCO D. MAGSAYSAY
Assistant Secretary

Paco Magsaysay has long stood at the confluence of innovation, leadership, and enduring legacy. A marketing graduate of the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, he has helmed some of the most dynamic enterprises in the Philippines. As President and CEO of Asian Vision Cable Holdings and RMJ Development Corporation since the 1990s, and later, as the Chairman of Carmen's Best Dairy Products, Paco brought precision, creativity, and compassion to every venture. Under his watch, Carmen's Best grew from a family endeavor into a proudly Filipino artisanal icon. His leadership across industries — cable, real estate, and dairy — has been matched by service, notably as President of the Philippine Cable Television Associations Foundation and a director of PGH Medical Foundation. Rooted in De La Salle Greenhills, seasoned in global insight, Paco Magsaysay builds not just businesses — but bridges across sectors, communities, and generations.



**KARLO
KARLO EUGENE JOSEF
M. CASTRO**
Assistant Treasurer

Karlo Castro charts his path with quiet intensity — an engineer by discipline, a leader by instinct, and a builder of trust in every community he serves. Born in Quezon City and trained at the University of the Philippines, Karlo's foundation in industrial engineering and operational excellence — sharpened further at Stanford — anchors his current role as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Palawan Pawnshop and Palawan Express Padala. From oil fields in Canada with Schlumberger to strategic planning at Shell Philippines, he mastered the intricacies of systems before returning home to power one of the country's most accessible financial service networks. Steadfast in service, he is also a devoted Rotarian and former club treasurer. Beyond the boardroom, he is a husband to Maria Claribelle and father to Maya, Sofia, and Alonso. Through every title and task, Karlo remains grounded in values, driven by progress, and fueled by purpose.



NICK
ARSENIO Z. LOCSIN
Internal Auditor

Nick Locsin's story is one of steady evolution — anchored in discipline, lifted by service, and guided by a quiet passion for excellence. Armed with a Business degree from De La Salle and an MBA from UP Diliman, he built a formidable career in finance and investment banking, rising as VP for Finance at Philippine Rock Products. But in 1991, he charted his own course, founding Nissan Rent a Car Philippines, which swiftly became Metro Manila's largest fleet operator. Though he retired from business in 2016, Nick's vigor never waned. A lifelong sportsman and a spirited Rotarian, he found joy not only in competition but in connection — walking fairways, building friendships, and strengthening global ties. As Chairman of RCM's International Relations Committee, he helped forge the Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs. For Nick, retirement is merely a shift in rhythm — not in resolve. His compass still points firmly toward purpose.



MIKE
MICHAEL D. ROXAS
Assistant Internal Auditor

Mike Roxas moves with the quiet confidence of a man who knows numbers — but sees beyond them. A decorated CPA and ASEAN Chartered Professional Accountant, Mike has spent over two decades not just auditing ledgers, but transforming institutions. As Chairman and CEO of MOORE Roxas Tabamo & Co., he has redefined what it means to lead in the world of public practice — fusing global insight with local grit. From early stints in Russia and SGV to his stewardship of national standards and sustainability councils, he has shaped policy with the same precision he once applied to balance sheets. An Ateneo Executive MBA holder and San Beda alumnus, Mike is as comfortable in boardrooms as he is at home with his sons Ulrich and Alessio. With his wife Channet by his side, Mike lives not just a career, but a calling — to serve, to lead, and to leave a legacy grounded in integrity.



Our Destiny. Our Legacy. Rotary!

Music and Lyrics: Raoul C. Creencia

I
here we are
with united sense of purpose
hand in hand
in our bold and selfless service
let's not fail to see
this was meant to be
life in Rotary
that's our destiny.

II
we are one
a committed band of brothers
and much more
we unite for good and others
we will always be
One Club, One Rotary
ours was first to be
that's our legacy.

Chorus I
and now we're here to seize the day
unite for good, yes, come what may
our history, one century
of service to humanity
we share a common destiny
let's mark our legacy.

[Repeat II & Chorus I]

Bridge
United we will always be
In serving our community
Let's proudly wave the flag of Rotary....
Rotary!

Chorus II
unite for good and seize the day
let's be of service, come what may
it's Rotary, it's you and me
Manila was the first to be
this is our common destiny
let's stamp our legacy.

Our destiny, our legacy, ROTARY!



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THE GOVERNOR'S 15 POINT CHALLENGE RY 2025-2026

1. Achieve a 15% increase in membership based on the July 2025 club invoice.
2. The club must be at charter strength of at least 20 members on or before April 15, 2026.
3. The club must have a membership retention rate of 85% based on the July 2025 club invoice.
4. Accomplish the Club Excellence Awards on or before April 15, 2026.
5. Achieve a 5% increase in your TRF contribution, or a minimum of US\$1,000, whichever is higher.
6. Organize at least one (1) new Rotary/ Satellite/ Rotary Club.
7. The Club must achieve a TRF annual fund contribution of at least \$100 per capita.
8. Recruit and mentor at least 2 Rotaractors to your club and conduct at least one (1) service project focused on Economic and Community Development.
9. Install or rehabilitate a Four-Way Test Marker.
10. Achieve 100% subscription to the Philippine Rotary Magazine.
11. Implement sustainable projects and design programs that address long-term community needs of at least 4 of the Rotary's Areas of Focus, with economic and community development as a must in the 4 areas that your clubs will complete.
12. Conduct an activity promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion by involving prospective members from the community, the place of business/work, and the family of Rotary.
13. The club must sponsor at least 5 scholars for education or technical vocational courses that focus on providing practical, job-specific skills and knowledge for a particular trade, preparing students for immediate entry into the workforce.
14. Register at least 3 delegates to the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, from June 13-17, 2026.
15. Register at least 10 delegates to DISCON 2026.

5 **YEARS**
LOYALTY AWARDEES

50 Years Loyalty Awardee

PDG Vicente "Vince" J. Carlos joined the Rotary Club of Manila in 1975, with the classification of "Aviation Law." He became the Club President in 1982-1983, the second youngest in the club's history. He holds the distinction with his father as the only father and son who became Presidents of RCM in its 106 years of existence. He served as District Governor of then District 381 in 1990-1991.

During the Rotary International Convention held in Mexico City, he garnered 4 out of the 8 international awards conferred by then President Paulo V. Costa. He was acclaimed by then-President Costa as "The Champion, the best district governor in the world."

He has maintained a perfect attendance record of 50 years. He has attended a total of 38 Rotary International Conventions. He has served Rotary International as a member of several committees and task forces, and has represented the R. I. President in some district conferences.

He is a recipient of the "Service Above Self" Award from Rotary International. He is a Major Donor and Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation and has received the Distinguished Service Award and Citation for Meritorious Service from the Rotary Foundation. He was accorded the "Serving Beyond Your Year" Award by the Philippine College of Rotary Governors.



PDG VICENTE J. CARLOS

50 Years Loyalty Awardee

Past President Archit Bartolome, a revered member of the Rotary Club of Manila since 1975, was sponsored by his business partner, Ramon “Ray” Ilusorio. His leadership began as Club Treasurer (1978–1980), then Director in 1979, and ultimately as Club President for Rotary Year 1988–1989.

His career extended beyond Rotary, encompassing leadership in both public and private sectors. He served as President of key institutions such as the Management Association of the Philippines, Financial Executives Institute, Development Bankers Association, and the Asian Bankers Association. In government, he was the first Chairman and President of the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA), transforming former military sites into economic zones. He also led the Philippine National Bank as President and CEO, and chaired Century Bank in Los Angeles.

His executive roles spanned prominent financial institutions like CITIBANK, Bancom, Multinational Investment Bancorporation, RCBC, and Urban Bank. For his achievements, he received numerous honors including the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Award in Development Banking (1980), Outstanding Citizen of Manila, Outstanding Club President of District 3810, and Outstanding Manila Rotarian.

A proud Fellow of the Upsilon Sigma Phi and a devoted member of the Ang Ligaya ng Panginoon community, PP Archit exemplifies a life of service, faith, and excellence.

He is married to Nenne Reyes, with whom he shares four children and twelve grandchildren — his enduring legacy and inspiration.



***PP ARSENIO M.
BARTOLOME III***

50 Years Loyalty Awardee

Rotarian/Dr. Claver P. Ramos is a respected figure in the Philippine medical community, known for his lifelong commitment to excellence in medicine, education, and public service. A graduate of the University of the Philippines College of Medicine, Class of 1962, Dr. Ramos began his journey in the healing profession with a strong foundation in academic rigor and a heart for service.

Following his medical training, Rtn/Dr. Ramos pursued a career in academic medicine, serving for many years as an Associate Professor at his alma mater, the UP College of Medicine. In this role, he mentored and trained future generations of Filipino physicians, leaving a legacy of academic excellence and professionalism.

A pioneer in the field of nephrology, Rtn/Dr. Ramos currently maintains a private medical practice at the Makati Medical Center (MMC), where he is recognized for his clinical expertise, compassionate care, and dedication to patients with kidney diseases. His contributions to nephrology extend beyond clinical work—he is the Founding Medical Director of the National Kidney Foundation Hospital. Through this institution, he helped advance kidney healthcare services in the Philippines and promoted better awareness and treatment for renal diseases.

Through decades of medical service and professional leadership, Rtn/Dr. Claver P. Ramos continues to embody the highest ideals of the medical profession and Rotary: integrity, compassion, and service to humanity.

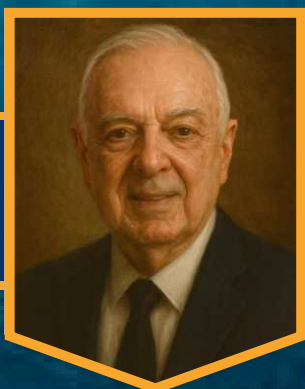


RTN CLAVER P. RAMOS

50 Years Loyalty Awardee

Rtn. Brendan William Laurence Egan was born on 8 March 1937 at the Louise Margaret Hospital in Aldershot, Hampshire, while his father Bill was stationed with the Army near Alexandria, Egypt. He received his early education in Colchester, Aldershot, and Farnborough before passing the “Eleven-plus” scholarship exam and attending Farnborough Grammar School. Supported by a Hampshire County Major Scholarship, he pursued higher education at the University of Reading, where he graduated in 1959 with a BSc in Mathematics and Physics.

Rtn. Brendan Egan began his career in information sciences with the Royal Air Force’s Operational Research Group in Bomber Command, before moving to the private sector as a programming supervisor with NCR’s Financial Computing Centre in London. In 1965, he was seconded to the Philippines, where he held various leadership roles with NCR Corporation Philippines. In 1980, he co-founded Beeline Management Services, an IT consulting firm focused on management information systems. He married Victoria Nebrida Zablan in 1971, and they raised three sons. Rtn. Brendan played an essential role in the establishment and governance of the British School Manila from its founding in 1976, serving as a Governor for four decades and currently as Special Advisor to the Chairman. In recognition of his services to British education, he was appointed a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1987, with the investiture held at Buckingham Palace by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal.



***RTN BRENDAN WILLIAM
LAURENCE EGAN***

ROTARY CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD GOALS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Rotary Club Excellence Award recognizes the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Taking action towards achieving the required number of goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs work to achieve these goals, they also contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come.

To be eligible for the Club Excellence Award, clubs need to be active clubs in good standing – or having paid each invoice balance in full upon receipt. To verify that your club is in good standing, go to My Rotary>Click on Club Name>Finance>Club Invoice. You should have an outstanding balance of \$0.00. Invoices are due when they are posted, in mid-January and mid-July.

Rotary club leaders can go into Rotary Club Central and select the goals they wish to apply toward the club excellence achievement. This flexibility allows clubs to choose the goals that are most relevant and achievable. In addition, many goals will be self-reported by marking “achieved” in Rotary Club Central. Clubs must achieve at least half of the goals by 30 June to be eligible.

To achieve the Club Excellence Award:

1. Go to Rotary Club Central
2. Review the available goals
3. Set at least half of the available goals
4. Achieve those goals
5. Report achievement in Rotary Club Central by 30 June.
6. Pay club invoices in full upon receipt

Once you are in Rotary Club Central, go to Club Goals on the left side of the page if you are not there already, select the year, and click on the All tab to see the goals. Eligibility will be determined based on goal achievement as of 30 June.



ROTARY CLUB

EXCELLENCE AWARD GOALS AND INSTRUCTIONS

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

GOAL/DESCRIPTION

Service participation

How many members will participate in club service activities during the Rotary year?

Rotary Action Group participation

How many club members will be members of at least one Rotarian Action Group (RAG) during the Rotary year?

Rotary Fellowship participation

How many club members will be members of a Rotary Fellowship during the Rotary year?

District conference attendance

How many members will attend your district conference?

District training participation

How many of your club's leaders will attend a learning event to prepare for their role.

Leadership development participation

How many members will participate in leadership development programs or activities during the Rotary year?

Social activities

How many social activities will your club hold outside of regular meetings during the Rotary year?

Social activities

How many social activities will your club hold outside of regular meetings during the Rotary year?

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

GOAL/ DESCRIPTION

Service Projects

How many service projects will your club complete during the Rotary year?

Inbound Youth Exchange students

How many Rotary Youth Exchange students will your club host virtually or in person during the Rotary year?

Outbound Youth Exchange students

How many Rotary Youth Exchange students will your club sponsor virtually or in person during the Rotary year?

Annual Fund contributions

How much money will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund by your club and its members during the Rotary year?

PolioPlus Fund contributions

How much money will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund by your club and its members during the Rotary year?

Major gifts

How many single outright donations of US\$10,000 or more will be made by individuals associated with your club during the Rotary year?

Bequest Society members

How many individuals or couples will inform The Rotary Foundation of their plans to leave US\$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation through their estate?

Benefactors

How many individuals or couples will inform The Rotary Foundation of their estate plans to include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary or will make an outright gift of US\$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund?

EXPAND OUR REACH

GOAL/ DESCRIPTION

Club membership
How many total members does your club want by the end of the Rotary year?

New member sponsorship
How many members will sponsor a new club member during the Rotary year?

Rotaract clubs
How many new and existing Rotaract clubs will your club sponsor during the Rotary year?

Interact clubs
How many new and existing Interact clubs will your club sponsor during the Rotary year?

RYLA participation
How many individuals will your club sponsor to participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) events during the Rotary year either in person or virtual?

Media stories about club projects
How many media stories will cover your club's projects during the Rotary year?

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

GOAL/ DESCRIPTION

Strategic plan
Does your club have an up-to-date strategic plan?

Review club by laws
Do your club bylaws reflect your members and other participants needs?

Online presence
Does your club's online presence accurately reflect its current activities?

Update website and social media
During the Rotary year, how many times per month will your club's website or social media accounts be updated?



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