

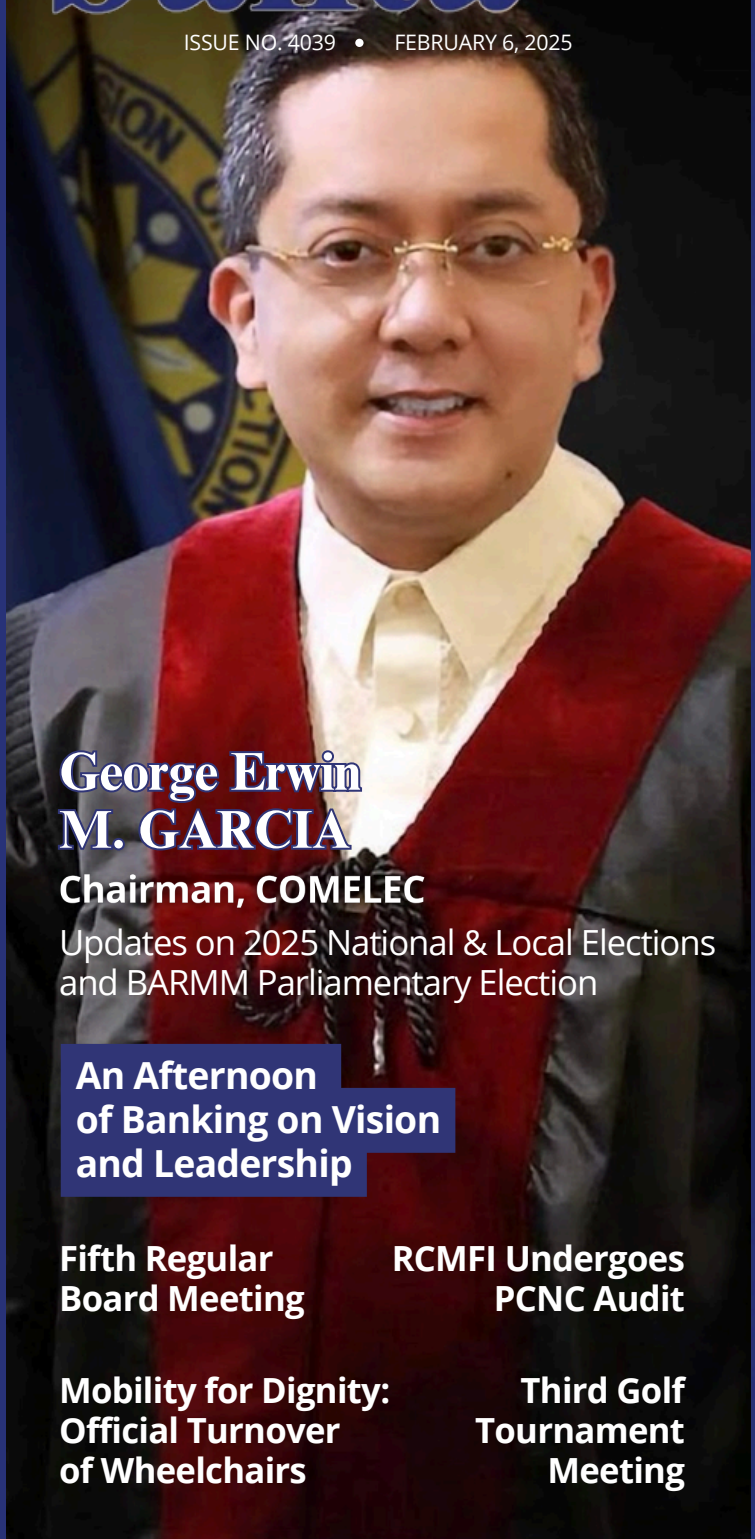
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Chairman, COMELEC

Updates on 2025 National & Local Elections
and BARMM Parliamentary Election

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of Banking on Vision
and Leadership**

**Fifth Regular
Board Meeting**

**RCMFI Undergoes
PCNC Audit**

**Mobility for Dignity:
Official Turnover
of Wheelchairs**

**Third Golf
Tournament
Meeting**





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PROGRAM

21st Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2024-2025
Thursday, 06 February 2025, 12:30 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: **VPE RICARDO S.B. "Ricky" GUEVARA**

PART I

12:00 PM Registration
12:30 PM Call to Order | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
Invocation | **PP FELIX FRANCISCO S. "Chito" ZALDARRIAGA**
Philippine National Anthem | **AVP**
Rotary Club of Manila Hymn | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**
The Four (4) Way Test | **RTN. ABDULGANI M. "Gani" MACATOMAN**
Acknowledgment of Guests | **VPE RICARDO "Ricky" S.B. GUEVARA**
Welcome Song | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**

Birthday Celebrants

Jan. 31 PD Oscar Del Rosario
Feb. 03 PVP Thad Liamzon
Feb. 04 Rtn. Teddy Tee
Feb. 06 PP Ebot Tan

Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song | **RCM WF Chorale**

PART II

12:50 PM President's Time | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
12:55 PM Introduction of the Guest Speaker
RTN. D. EDGARD A. "Ed" CABANGON

Guest Speaker

Address:

HON. GEORGE ERWIN M. GARCIA
Chairman
Commission on Elections

1:30 PM Open Forum / Q.A. |
1:50 PM Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ
2:00 PM Adjournment
PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ

EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



THE upcoming May 12 national and local elections are more than just a midterm exercise — they are a defining moment for the Philippines' democratic future. With battle lines already forming ahead of the 2028 presidential race, this electoral contest will be a proving ground for the country's political forces, a referendum on President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr.'s administration, and a selection process for the next generation of national and local leaders. At the heart of it all is the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) under the leadership of Chairman George Erwin M. Garcia, whose stewardship will determine whether this election is remembered for its credibility — or controversy.

Chairman Garcia, a seasoned election lawyer before joining the poll body, is no stranger to the legal and technical intricacies of the electoral process. He built his reputation by representing high-profile politicians, including Marcos Jr. himself, and is intimately familiar with both the vulnerabilities

and safeguards of Philippine elections. This background places him in a unique position: he understands precisely how elections can be manipulated, and therefore, how best to prevent it.

The stakes could not be higher. A clean and transparent election will uphold the legitimacy of the democratic process and maintain public trust. A flawed or contentious one, however, could further deepen political divides and fuel allegations of electoral malpractice. With tensions simmering between the Marcos-Romualdez bloc and the embattled Duterte faction, the credibility of this election will directly impact the trajectory of the 2028 presidential race.

Moreover, this midterm vote serves as a performance review of the Marcos Jr. presidency. Despite maintaining majority approval ratings, his administration will be tested on whether it still enjoys strong public backing. Local races will also play a crucial role, as political dynasties and emerging leaders vie for control over provinces, cities, and legislative seats.

COMELEC must therefore ensure an electoral process that is beyond reproach. It must guarantee a secure and efficient voting system, enforce campaign finance laws rigorously, and swiftly address any attempts at fraud,

vote-buying, or intimidation. The speed and integrity of the vote count will be particularly critical in maintaining public confidence.

For Chairman Garcia, this election is a defining test of his leadership and commitment to democracy. His personal history and prior affiliations will inevitably invite scrutiny, but the only way to silence any doubts is by delivering an election that is universally acknowledged as free, fair, and credible. The nation is watching, and the responsibility of safeguarding the people's voice rests squarely on his shoulders.

The May 12 elections must not only be transparent — they must be unimpeachable. Anything less would cast a long shadow over the democratic process and set a dangerous precedent for 2028. The country deserves an election where the will of the people prevails, untainted by doubt or deception. It is now up to Garcia and the COMELEC to ensure that happens.



**Philippine
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The Heart of the Filipino

**Atty. George Erwin
Mojica Garcia**
**Chairman
Commission on Elections**



HON. George Erwin Mojica Garcia is the 23rd Chairman of the COMELEC. He assumed office on 3 August 2022, shortly after he served as Comelec Commissioner.

Before he focused on his career in private practice, Hon. Garcia first joined the COMELEC in 1997. During the early stage of his career, his distinguished leadership skills and profound appreciation for election laws already manifested as he rose from the ranks and became the Chief of Staff of the Office of COMELEC Commissioner Julio F. Desamito.

COMELEC under Transformative Progress

Coming in full circle, Hon. Garcia has a panoramic understanding of the COMELEC and the way the institution operates inside out: from grassroots challenges to broader policy issues that are part and parcel of election management and administration. With this, Hon. Garcia's first year in leadership was devoted to providing the COMELEC with a blueprint that sketches the implementation of innovative policy and legislative reforms and embeds the principles of transparency, inclusivity, and accountability in its institutional processes.

As the Chairman of an organization described as the bastion of democracy, Hon. Garcia's transformative leadership is focused on recognizing and navigating complex institutional barriers of the COMELEC and providing feasible and transparent solutions consistent with his commitment to Constitution and the rule of law. His leadership hinges on his ability to make swift yet firm decisions that align with only the best interests of the Commission, the Filipino people, and his own sense of integrity. He recognizes that his role is built on trust and accountability, both individual and collective, within the Commission En Banc.

Hon. Garcia's transformational practices are mapped out clearly in the blueprint of his chairmanship. In the first year of his tenure, he formulated a framework with policy and legislative reforms attuned with the current developmental needs for a thriving democracy. The template for Hon. Garcia's framework is designed to endure any interest except the will of the Filipinos. In line with this, Hon. Garcia pursued the codification of all the provisions of the Omnibus Election Code with all other election laws and guidelines into a Revised Code of the COMELEC to ensure stability in the processes of the COMELEC despite changes in its administration.

The structural and management reforms introduced by Hon. Garcia set out the implementation of data-driven and measurable improvements to elevate the performance and efficiency of the Commission. Currently, the COMELEC implements an overall high-impact operations in the conduct of elections and democratic exercises. In the age of information, Hon. Garcia prioritized the integration of science and technology in

its operations to materialize an impactful and accessible voting and registration processes to all qualified Filipino voters, including those abroad.

In demonstrating Hon. Garcia's belief in the power of voter education, he continued to harness the expertise of the Education and Information Department (EID) to amplify the impact of the COMELEC information drive and voter education campaigns in the pursuit of an informed and engaged electorate. In his daily series of interviews, Hon. Garcia is in the front line of providing timely updates on the latest electoral rules, disseminating information about the innovative strides of COMELEC, and addressing pressing questions from the public with utmost transparency. Recognizing the potential pitfalls of misinformation, he takes it upon himself to clarify intricate areas of election law that might be vulnerable to confusion or misinterpretation. Moreover, Hon. Garcia's blueprint sketched out avenues to foster an environment of open dialogue and deliberation and to harness the collective resources of the EID.

Hon. Garcia champions not only the mechanisms of governance but also the profound responsibility of nurturing an electorate empowered by knowledge. His commitment to education radiates through each interaction, reminding the nation that the future lies in the hands of those who are informed, engaged, and steadfast in their pursuit of a brighter collective destiny.

He firmly believes that the act of casting a vote transcends mere participation; it embodies a collective responsibility to make informed decisions that shape the trajectory of the nation.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW

Founder/Principal, G.E. GARCIA LAW OFFICE

As an election law practitioner, he had handled cases before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Sandiganbayan, Presidential Electoral Tribunal, Senate Electoral Tribunal, House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal, Comelec, First level courts, and Office of the Ombudsman and other prosecution offices. Hon. Garcia largely contributed to the enrichment of the Philippine jurisprudence in the field of Political Law, Constitutional Law, Election Law, Administrative Law and the Law on Public Officers through his significant participation in various landmark decisions

ACADEME

Dean, College of Law and Law Center, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM)

President (Acting), Board of Regents and Office of the Secretary of the University, PLM

Member, Board of Regents and Office of the Secretary of the University, PLM

Professor of Law, PLM, De La Salle University College of Law, Philippine Law School, Lyceum of the Philippines University (LPU) – Manila and General Trias, Cavite, Manila Law College

MCLE Lecturer and Resource Person in Election Law

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

[Pro bono] *TV, Radio and Social Media Program Host*, Huntahang Ligal, UNTV

[Pro bono] *Radio Host*, UNTV Pollwatch, UNTV

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Lifetime Member

Cavite Chapter, Integrated Bar of the Philippines
1999 Philippine Bar Examination Passer

Senior Fellow

Philippine Public Safety Colleges Council of Fellows

Member

Philippine Trial Lawyers Association

Member

Vanguard of the Philippine Constitution

AWARDS

Year 2024

EXEMPLARY VALUES IN MANAGEMENT

AWARD, by Net25 Trailblazers Awards (January 2024); **PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE YEAR** awardee, by Kiwanis International (January 2024); **ASIA'S INFLUENTIAL FIGURE IN ELECTION LAW**, Influential Leader in Public Service awardee, Asia's Influential Awards (February 2024); **ICONIC LEADER IN PUBLIC GOVERNANCE** award by Asia's Golden Icon Awards (May 2024); **MEN AND WOMEN OF POWER AND PURPOSE LIST** awardee, by the Embassy of Indonesia in the Philippines (June 2024); **MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE** – **Election Law** award, by BizNewsAsia (November 2024); and **PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE YEAR** awardee, by INCHARGE Magazine (December 2024).

Year 2023

MAN OF THE YEAR: PUBLIC SERVICE, Global Excellence Awards by the Manila Times (May 2023); Honouree named as **NATION BUILDER**, Emerging Leaders and Captain from Different Industries, Rising Tigers Magazine Anniversary Issue: "Top 50 Rising Tigers – Beyond Leadership" (June 2023 Issue); **MAN OF THE YEAR** awardee, Asia Leaders Awards 2023 (November 2023); **EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**, 36th Annual Awards by Aliw Awards Foundation, Inc. (December 2023); and **CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRIES** awardee by Rising Tigers Magazine (December 2023).

Consistent Academic Scholar and Outstanding Student; Local Scholarship Program (Masteral Degree) Recipient, Civil Service Commission; *Outstanding Alumnus Award*, PLM, LPU, Cavite State University; *Awardee of the Outstanding Student for Academic Excellence and Leadership Award*, LPU; *Ten Outstanding Students of Manila (TOSM)*; *Ten Outstanding College Editors*; and *finalist for the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP)* and of *The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM)*, among others.



cover story

An Afternoon of Banking on Vision and Leadership

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

ON Thursday, January 23, 2025, the Manila Polo Club played host to the 20th Weekly Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila, an event that was not just an ordinary gathering of minds but a celebration of

leadership, innovation, and service to the community. The meeting was moderated by Rotarian Xavier “Xavy” Y. Zialcita, who seamlessly guided the proceedings through a series of insightful reflections and inspiring speeches.



The gathering began with President **Eduardo “Jujut” Enriquez III** calling the meeting to order. As the members settled into their seats, Rotarian **Raymond “Ray” N. Davis** led the invocation, offering a moment of contemplation before the formal proceedings began. The audience was then treated to an inspiring Audio-Visual presentation of the Philippine National Anthem and the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn, a beautiful performance by the world-renowned **RCM Music Choral**. The Four-Way Test was read aloud by Rotarian **Yasushi Iwata**, reminding everyone of the core principles that guide the Rotary movement.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez called the meeting to order.



Rtn. Xavier “Xavy” Y. Zialcita moderated the meeting.



Rtn. Raymond “Ray” N. Davis led the invocation.



Rtn. Yasushi Iwata led the recitation of the Four-Way Test.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez during the President's Time

A Spirit of Fellowship and Service

President **Jujut Enriquez** took to the floor during the President's Time to announce a forthcoming fellowship event, along with an exciting collaboration with the Philippine Red Cross on a Wheelchair Project.

In a symbolic and momentous gesture of goodwill, the Rotary Club of Manila also signed a 'Special Friendship Club' agreement with the newly established Rotary Club of AIM (Asian Institute of Management). This marks the beginning of a partnership rooted in the spirit of collaboration and community service, a sentiment that would echo throughout the meeting.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez and Pres. James Charles Tsang Que (RC AIM)





From left: DG Jackie Rodriguez, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, Pres. James Charles Tsang Que, IPDG Jay Tambunting (D3830) and Precious Irresistible Pres. Keith Harrison (RC Makati)



Pres. Jujut received a PHP 1 million check donated by DG Jackie Rodriguez for The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, with PDG Alex Cureg witnessing the turnover.



CP Jesus "Susing" M. Pineda, Jr. introduced the guest of honor and speaker.

A Visionary Speech from Mr. Eugene S. Acevedo

The highlight of the evening was the guest speaker address delivered by Mr. Eugene S. Acevedo, President & CEO of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC). His speech was a powerful testament to the values of resilience, hard work, and innovation. He shared the story of his humble beginnings in Mangagoy, Surigao del Sur, where he was raised in a nipa hut by a father who worked tirelessly to become a lawyer. From this small provincial town, Acevedo went on to achieve remarkable success in his career, driven by a love for learning and an unyielding belief in himself.



"I was nothing but a third-rate, trying-hard copycat," he confessed, recalling his school days and the moment that changed his life: a crush on a classmate who pushed him to excel academically. What started as a personal challenge blossomed into a realization that inspiration — whether drawn from love, adversity, or sheer willpower — could turn the seemingly impossible into achievable success.

His journey to success was shaped by a blend of hard skills and soft skills, the latter of which he believes are exponential in their power. “Hard skills are incremental; soft skills are exponential,” he shared, emphasizing the importance of leadership, mentorship, and the continuous development of one’s character. His time at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM), where he carried only a duffel bag with his belongings, taught him the value of opportunity, resilience, and a relentless pursuit of growth.



Throughout his career, Acevedo has remained dedicated to “paying it forward,” from mentoring young professionals to ensuring that leadership opportunities are available to individuals from all walks of life. At RCBC, his leadership philosophy has been anchored in the values of empathy, collaboration, and purpose. He spoke passionately about the bank’s focus on financial inclusion, its advocacy for renewable energy, and its commitment to serving underprivileged communities through innovative banking platforms.

Empowering Generations and Making a Difference

As Acevedo wrapped up his address, he shared the incredible achievements of RCBC, including their commitment to digital transformation and social responsibility. Under his leadership, RCBC has become a beacon of progress, winning awards for its digital banking services and contributing to nation-building through its advocacy for renewable energy. He reflected on how doing good is not just a business strategy, but a moral compass — “Doing the right thing is its own reward,” he said.

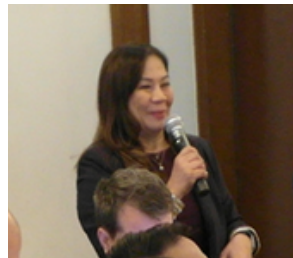
His closing thoughts centered around the idea that true leadership is about caring for others and creating opportunities for growth and success. “Goals must inspire,” he reminded the audience. “They must make hearts beat faster.”



Guest of honor and speaker Eugene S. Acevedo, President and CEO of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation



Mr. Eugene Acevedo actively engaged in an interactive conversation with DG Jackie Rodriguez, Rtn. Dave Froelich, PDG Vince Carlos, Ms. Ana Santos (Asst. Gov, D3830), Pres. James Charles "Jake" Tsang Que (RC AIM), Mr. Reynard (RC AIM), and Rtn. Reynand Canoy (RC AIM).



A Message for the Future

The evening concluded with the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation by President Jujut Enriquez to Mr. Acevedo, who humbly accepted the recognition with gratitude. As the meeting adjourned, the members of the Rotary Club of Manila left the venue inspired and energized by the words of a man who has dedicated his life to leadership, innovation, and service.



Mr. Eugene Acevedo received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation, witnessed by CP Jesus "Susing" M. Pineda Jr., Pres. Jujut Enriquez, DG Joaquin "Jackie" C. Rodriguez, and Rtn. Raymond "Ray" N. Davis.

In a world that often emphasizes the pursuit of personal success, Mr. Acevedo's story serves as a reminder that true fulfillment comes not from what we achieve for ourselves, but from what we do for others. His words, resonating with the Rotary's core values, remind us that leadership is not just about making a difference — it is about empowering others to do the same.

The 20th Weekly Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila was an afternoon not just of speeches, but of tangible inspiration — a call to action for each of us to live lives of purpose, to create change, and to make a lasting impact on the world around us.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez adjourned the meeting.



by PE Raoul Creencia



DEMOCRACY & ELECTIONS

THIS week's membership meeting promises to be another insightful and relevant gathering, with a guest of honor and speaker who will timely discuss the on-going preparations for the upcoming mid-term elections. In less than 100 days, the country will be conducting the constitutionally-required elections scheduled every three years, which is set in the second Monday of May. The Commission on Elections (COMELEC), the body mandated to oversee and conduct the electoral process in the country, is once again tasked to ensure the successful holding of the elections. The current Chairman of the Commission, himself an eminent election law practitioner, has his job cut out for him. The WMM, with guest speaker Chairman George Erwin M. Garcia, will give Manila Rotarians to hear firsthand whether the COMELEC is indeed prepared to successfully hold the May 12 elections.

As a constitutional democracy, the selection of our leaders is vested upon the citizenry. Through a process that must be both credible and peaceful, the sovereign will of the people must prevail and accordingly respected and reflected in the final outcome. This is the mandate of the COMELEC – “to give life and meaning to the basic principle that sovereignty resides in the people and all government authority emanates from them.” As an independent constitutional body (created by a 1940 amendment to the 1935 constitution), the COMELEC is expected to

perform its mandate with impartiality and competence. The credibility of the electoral process, and the acceptability of its results, depend on the COMELEC's doing a good job.

Our country's electorate has been choosing leaders for decades; and with this comes questions that must be candidly answered. Have we been choosing the right ones? Do we have, to begin with, truly qualified candidates to begin with? Has the voting populace been able, over the years, to actually and judiciously determine and choose the best qualified persons to occupy key positions in our government? Do we have an electorate that is able to discern and objectively vote for people who have the needed background and skill, as well as the real desire to pursue and protect the interest of the nation? When will we ever give priority to voters' education? Is there a serious effort to truly empower our voting public to make wise decisions for the country? When will we adopt a systemwide re-examination and institute the much needed reforms? When do we finally address the pestering issue of political dynasty? How about the party-list system? Is it time to re-examine its merits?

Elections in the Philippines must not just be about giving each voter the opportunity to fill-out a ballot, nor should it be simply about counting the votes cast. We need to dig deeper and consider a major policy shift. Indeed, we must adopt reforms to make our democracy truly work for our country. Truly, there is so much to be done.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

January 2025

JANUARY 2025	January 02, 2025	January 09, 2025	January 16, 2025	January 23, 2025	January 30, 2025
	HOLIDAY BREAK	BSP GOVERNOR ELI M. REHOLINA JR. PHD	RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC. DAY	RCRC PRESIDENT & CEO MR. EUGENE S. ACEVEDO	NO WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MEMBERS PRESENT	0	58	47	39	0
MEMBERS PRESENT %	0%	26%	21%	16%	0%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	0	4	0	12	0
EXEMPTED	0	6	2	4	0
ON LEAVE	0	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	0	56	51	44	0
Total # of Members	222	222	223	223	223
TOTAL %	0%	25%	23%	20%	0%
ROTARACTORS	0	3	5	0	0
MEDIA	0	3	0	3	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0	0	0
DO, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0	0	0	0
GOVT / IS	0	11	0	3	0
VISITING ROTARIAN	0	30	0	16	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	0	30	3	7	0
TOTAL ATTENDEES	0	122	54	87	0

LIST OF ATTENDEES
January 23, 2025

1	Acosta, Crispiniano G.	19	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.
2	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.	20	Magsaysay, Francisco D.
3	Benedicto, Sixto T.	21	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
4	Bogovich, Jason M.	22	Nuñez, Jr., Jose A.
5	Carlos, Vicente J.	23	Payumo, Felicito C.
6	Co, Val Constantine L.	24	Pineda, Jr., Jesus M.
7	Cureg, Alexander P.	25	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
8	Cutter, John Michael	26	Reynolds, David J.
9	Davis, Raymond N.	27	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
10	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	28	Roxas, Michael D.
11	Egan, Brendan W.L.	29	Serapio, Carlos G.
12	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.	30	Simon, Juanito A.
13	Go, Henry S.	31	So, Warren S.
14	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV	32	Yasushi, Iwata
15	Katigbak, J Alfonso S.	33	Yu, Reginald Tieng
16	Koh, Paul Anthony T	34	Zialcita, Xavier Y.
17	Lacambacal, Alvin D.	35	Yordanov, Stefan
18	Lopez, Antonio S.	36	Cid, Dean Y.

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

As of February 5, 2025

1	ABOT, VALENTINO G.	91	LEDOA, JAMIE VICTOR B
2	ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.	92	LEE, RICHARD L.
3	ALBANA, MICHAEL JIMMY C.	93	LIAMZON, ROMEO THADDEUS
4	ALBERTO, RAYMUNDO ARNOLD S	94	LIM, DAVID EDUARDO T
5	ALCANTARA, ISIDRO C	95	LIM, RICHARD
6	ALDAY, ALBERT	96	LOCKIN, ARSENIO Z
7	ALINGGOS, ALDOUS A	97	LOZAGA, REINERIO
8	ANDAL, AVELINO L	98	LOPEZ, ANTONIO
9	ARAGON, JOSHUA REUBEN G	99	LOPEZ, ARTHUR M
10	ARAMBULO, JOAQUIN	100	LORENZANA, DELFIN
11	ARGUELLES, PABLO C	101	MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T
12	AVENTURA, AVENILO JR L	102	MACATOMAN, ABDULGANI
13	BAGATISING, VALENTINO S	103	MAGBANUA, GERRY P
14	BALANAY, ARIES B	104	MAGSAYSAY, FRANCISCO D.
15	BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M	105	MANALAYSAY, CESAR P
16	BEDONES, RODOLFO P.	106	MANGALILE, SENEN T
17	BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D	107	MARTINEZ, RONALD I
18	BELLO, CHRISTIAN CESAR	108	MATSCHECK, GENTER GERHARD G
19	BENEDICTO, SIXTO T	109	MAURICIO, ANTONILO DC
20	BERTILSEN, BERTIL I	110	MENDOZA, ESTELITO P
21	BLANCO, MANUEL M	111	MENDOZA, MIGUEL
22	BOGOTCH, JASON M	112	MENDOZA, RAYMOND JOSEPH IAN O
23	BOTTON, WILHELM	113	MOHAMMETS, STEVE
24	BRANELLIC, JACQUES	114	NOLIDO, RAMON ALBERTO B
25	BUENDA, CARLOS C	115	NOMURA, KAZUHIRO
26	CABANGON, EDGARDO A	116	NONES, ROMEO C
27	CABINAG, ROGELIO R	117	NUÑEZ, JOSE A
28	CAMAT, NATHANIEL	118	OBRAIDO, DANIEL CALZADO
29	CAMPOS, JOSELITO JR	119	OCAMPO, TEODORO J
30	CANON, RAUL JR C	120	ONG, PHILLIP L
31	CARLOS, VICENTE J	121	ORAZETA, MIGUEL ANTONIO L
32	CARRANCEJA, ARVIN ARIK B	122	PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M
33	CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M	123	PALACIOS, ALBERT C
34	CATALAN, ROGELIO R	124	PALLASIGUE, JOHN BRIAN
35	CENICA, JOHN T	125	PANARES, BEN THOMAS P
36	CHAPMAN, RAMI	126	PASCUAL, ABRAHAM F
37	CID, DEAN V	127	PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID
38	CO, FERDINAND C	128	PAYUMO, FELICITO C
39	CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L	129	PELINO, WILFREDO
40	CORTEZ, LORENZO R	130	PENEDA, JESUS JR M
41	COTILLO, ROBERT JR. G	131	PENEDA, PATRICIO JR. F
42	CURENIA, RAUL C	132	PIZARRAS, JORDAN M
43	CUREG, ALEXANDER P	133	PREYSLER, FAUSTO JR. D.R.
44	CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL	134	PUJALTE, JOSE JR
45	DAVIS, RAYMOND N	135	RA, INGILL
46	DATANG, RIAN T	136	RAMOS, CLAYER P
47	DE CASTRO, JUAN ARTURO ILLUMINADO C	137	RANKI, PETER
48	DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR	138	RECTO, PHILIP H
49	DIONISIO, RAFAEL IGNACIO	139	REYNOLDS, DAVID J
50	DOMINGO, RICO V	140	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H
51	DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G	141	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR. C
52	DY, MANUEL C	142	ROMALDEZ, JOSE MANUEL G
53	EGAN, BRENDAN W.L	143	ROXAS, MICHAEL D
54	ELDIEN, ISSAM	144	SABIENTO, RICARDO MANUEL M
55	ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V	145	SCHMITZ, STEFAN
56	ESGUERRA, HERMINIO S	146	SCHNIDER, BERND
57	ESQUIVAS, JOAQUIN PABLO A	147	SERAPIO, CARLOS C
58	EUGENIO, JOHN EMIL G	148	SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO L
59	FAJARDO, BEDA G	149	SHIMODA, SHIGERU
60	FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAMIE JOSE V.	150	SIBAYAN, JOSELITO H
61	FOLLORSCO, CEFERINO JR G	151	SIMON, JUANITO
62	GARCIA, THEODORE Q	152	SO, WARREN
63	GARCIA, VICTOR III G.	153	SORREPEÑA, ROBERT JOHN L
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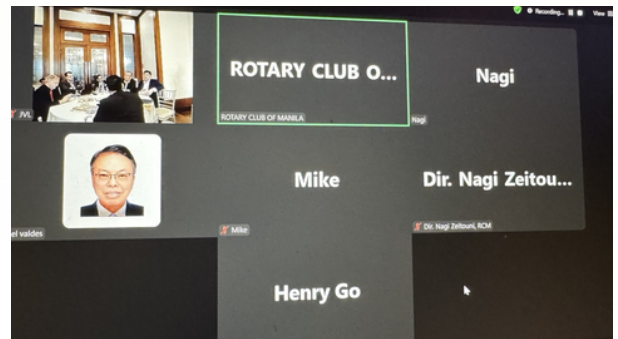
Fifth Regular Board Meeting



THE Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Manila for RY 2024-2025 held its Fifth Regular Board Meeting last January 23, 2025 at the Turf Room of the Manila Polo Club in Makati City.

Present were President Jujut Enriquez, Director Teddy Kalaw, Director Albert Alday, Treasurer Mike Roxas, Deputy Sergeant at Arms/Ethics Committee Chair John Cutter, Assistant Treasurer Joshua Aragon, Director-Elect/Sergeant at Arms Jason Bogovich and Innovation and Sustainability Officer Anton Mauricio.

Vice President Joel Valdes, Director Mike Albaña, Director Henry Go and Director Nagi Zeitouni joined the meeting via Zoom.



RECOGNITION CORNER

Inauguration of JDV Museum and Building of Former House Speaker/Rtn. Joe de Venecia



Former Speaker of the House/Rtn. Joe de Venecia's JDV Museum and Building was inaugurated on January 28, 2025.

Present at the inauguration were Spouse Gina de Venecia, Past District Governor Connie Beltran, Past Dir. Amading Valdez, incumbent Speaker of the House of Representatives/Rtn. Martin Romualdez, Congressman/Past District Governor Odie Tarriela, and friends.



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MOBILITY FOR DIGNITY



Official Turnover of Wheelchairs through Philippine National Red Cross



THE official turnover of wheelchairs through the Philippine National Red Cross was held last Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the Philippine Red Cross Headquarters in Mandaluyong City.

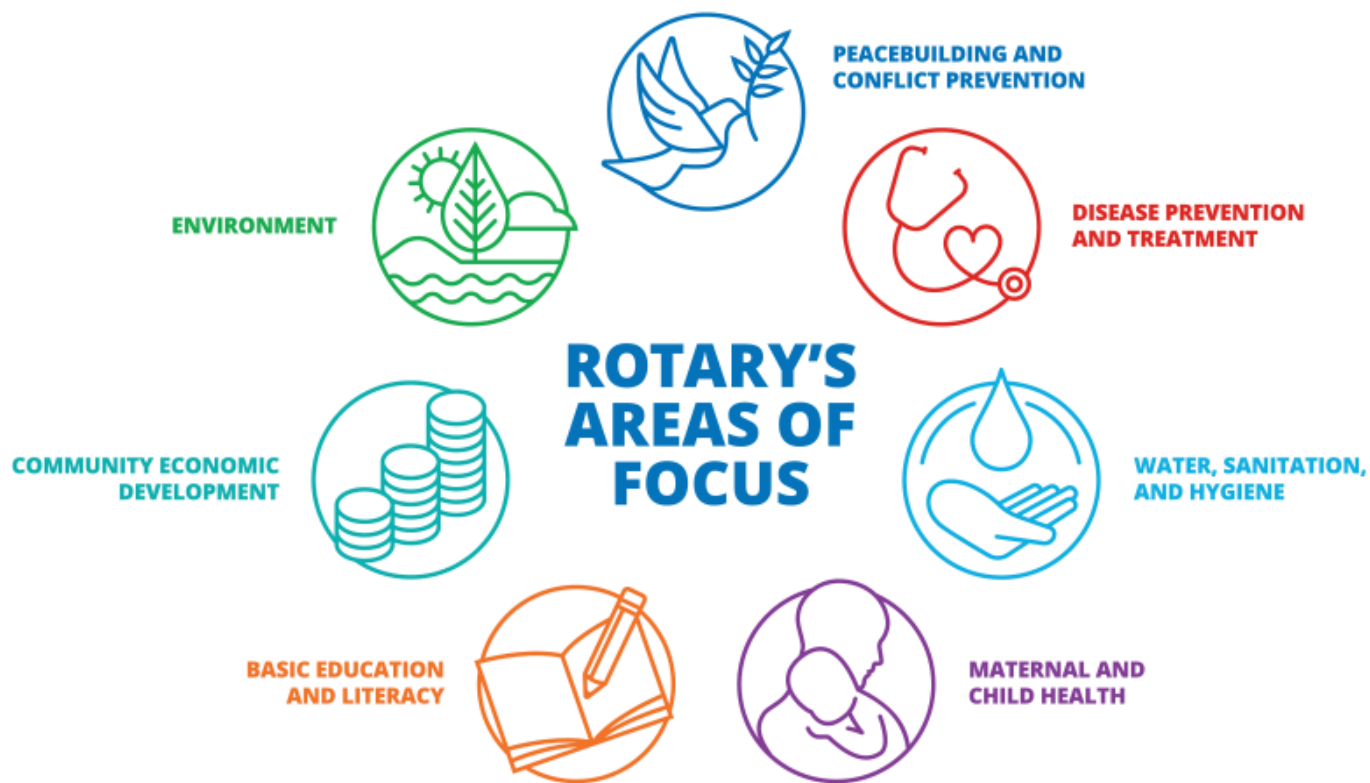


This impactful initiative was initiated by RCManila 101 in cooperation with Love USA and the Philippine National Red Cross, with partners including the Rotary Club of Manila and RCManila Foundation. The project benefitted 300 individuals, aiming to restore hope and empower the productivity of Filipinos with mobility impairments, especially those most in need.

President Jujut Enriquez, Project Chair/Asst. Treas. Joshua Aragon, RCMFI Trustee Anton Mauricio, and District Governor Jackie Rodriguez were present during the formal turnover.







RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

RCManila Foundation Undergoes PCNC Audit at RCM Headquarters



THE Rotary Club of Manila Foundation, Inc. (RCMFI) is currently undergoing a rigorous audit by the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) at the RCM Headquarters. The evaluation process, aimed at assessing RCMFI's compliance with standards for NGO certification, is being attended by a full force of RCMFI Trustees, demonstrating the organization's commitment to transparency and good governance.

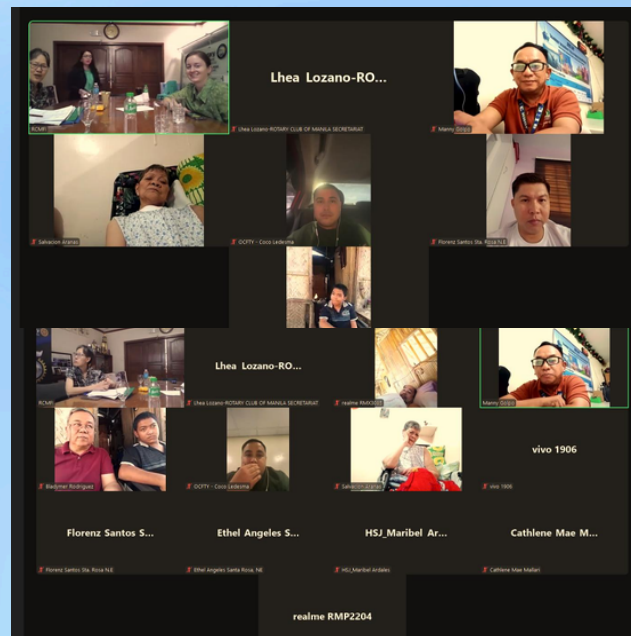
Leading the RCMFI delegation is Chairman Reggie Yu, joined by President Mike Albaña, Past Chairs PP Hermie Esguerra and Lito Sibayan, Treasurer Karlo Castro, Assistant Treasurer Mike Roxas, and Trustees Anton

Mauricio and Rami Chahwan. Further reinforcing the foundation's commitment to excellence, RCM President Jujut Enriquez is also present to support the proceedings.

The PCNC Evaluation Team is composed of Ms. Bernadette Yao, Ms. Kathrin Joy Tayao, and Ms. Jessica Jinky Panes, CPA, who are conducting a thorough review of RCMFI's financial records, governance practices, and program impact. The audit is a crucial step in securing PCNC accreditation, which grants RCMFI the status of a certified donee institution, allowing donors to avail of tax incentives while ensuring that the foundation adheres to the highest standards of accountability and service.



Board of Trustees present to meet with PCNC evaluators - Chairman /PVP Reggie Yu, President/RCM Director Mike Albaña, Past Chairman/RCM Past Treasurer Lito Sibayan, Trustee PP Hermie Esguerra, Trustee/ RCM Treasurer Mike Roxas, Trustee/RCMFI Treasurer Karlo Castro, RCMFI Trustee/Asst. Treasurer Mike Roxas, Trustee Rami Chahwan, Trustee/RCM DIS Anton Mauricio, and RCM Pres. Jujut Enriquez.



PCNC Evaluation Team, Ms. Bernadette Yao interviewed some representatives and beneficiaries for RCManila Foundation's various projects for the renewal certification via Zoom on January 28, 2025

Present were People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) director Ms. Ashley Fruno, Chief of Staff of Councilor Franco Tañada-Yam from San Juan, Mr. Coco Ledesma, Mobility Project beneficiaries from San Juan, Ms. Salvacion Aranas and Mr. Manny Golpo. Representatives from Sta Rosa, Nueva Ecija Messrs. Bladymer Rodriguez and Jonathan Ruiz, with some wheelchair beneficiaries, and Ms. Maribel Ardeles, Executive Assistant from Hospicio De San Jose.

Third Golf Tournament Meeting



THE third Golf Tournament Meeting was held on January 30, 2025 at Chair Nico Valencia's house.

Present at the meeting were Golf Tour Chair Nico Valencia, Spouse Ms. Zyrene Valencia, RCM Pres. Jujut Enriquez, Spouse Ms. Lia Enriquez, Immediate Past Chair/Trustee Lito Sibayan, Past Chair Pepo Nuñez, Trustee Anton Mauricio, RCMFI BLA/PE Raoul Creencia, Event Organizer Ms. Ting Yupangco-Puzon, and Exec. Dir. Amy Babiano.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Global Grant # 2572214 Cleft Lip & Palate Surgery Project Meeting



THE Global Grant #2572214 Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery project meeting between the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary Club of San Bruno, San Francisco, California, USA, was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

Representing the Rotary Club of Manila were President Jujut Enriquez, spouse Lia Enriquez, and Vice President Joel Valdes. The Rotary Club of San Bruno was represented by Rotarians Meg and Ed Finones.



The evening was made even more memorable with a delightful dinner prepared by Vice President Joel Valdes, spouse Sarah and family, much to the guests' enjoyment.

KADOGAWA TOWN:

A Journey of Nature, Culture, and Gourmet Wonders

(An invitation from Rtn. Vee David)

IN 2024, Japan welcomed a record-breaking 36.87 million foreign visitors, contributing ¥8.14 trillion to the economy. Kadogawa Town, located in Miyazaki Prefecture, offers a unique opportunity to attract wellness-seekers, cultural enthusiasts, and food lovers. With its breathtaking natural landscapes, iconic cultural landmarks, and world-renowned Miyazaki Wagyu, Kadogawa is poised to thrive in global tourism.

Suggested Dates: April 1-5, 2025, to take advantage of the 'Cherry Blossom'

A. PROPOSED STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES

- a.1. Target Audience: Wellness tourists, Rotary Clubs, and global organizations
- a.2. Activity Highlights:
- a.3. Nature: Forest trails, Otojima Island, and Mt. Tomiyama Observatory
- a.4. Culture: Kadogawa Shrine, traditional fishing villages, and Eiganji Temple
- a.5. Culinary: Miyazaki Wagyu farm tours, organic meals, and cooking classes

B. SPECIAL INITIATIVES

- b.1) Forest bathing, yoga, and wellness retreats
- b.2) Adventure tourism: hiking, snorkeling, and eco-tours
- b.3) Civic engagement: collaborations with Rotary Clubs and volunteer programs

C. PROMOTION AND ACCESSIBILITY

- c.1) Leverage digital marketing, influencers, and multilingual tools
- c.2) Develop eco-friendly transportation and AR-guided tours

D. ITINERARY FOR RCM MEMBERS

- Day 1: Welcome dinner and town introduction
- Day 2: Forest bathing and pottery workshops
- Day 3: Coastal adventures and cultural performances
- Day 4: Wagyu farm tours and traditional rituals
- Day 5: Farewell with scenic reflections

Conclusion

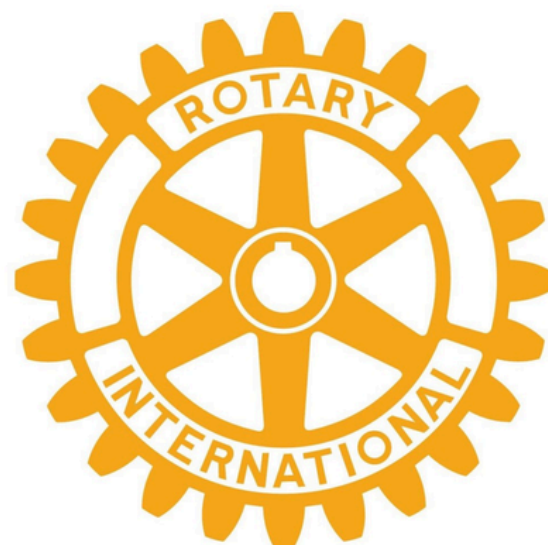
Kadogawa Town is set to establish itself as a global destination by blending natural beauty, cultural heritage, and world-class cuisine. This program aims to drive local economic growth while fostering meaningful international cultural exchange.

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- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
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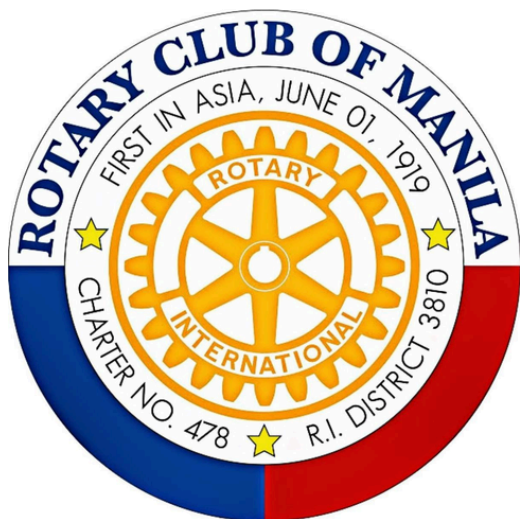


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