

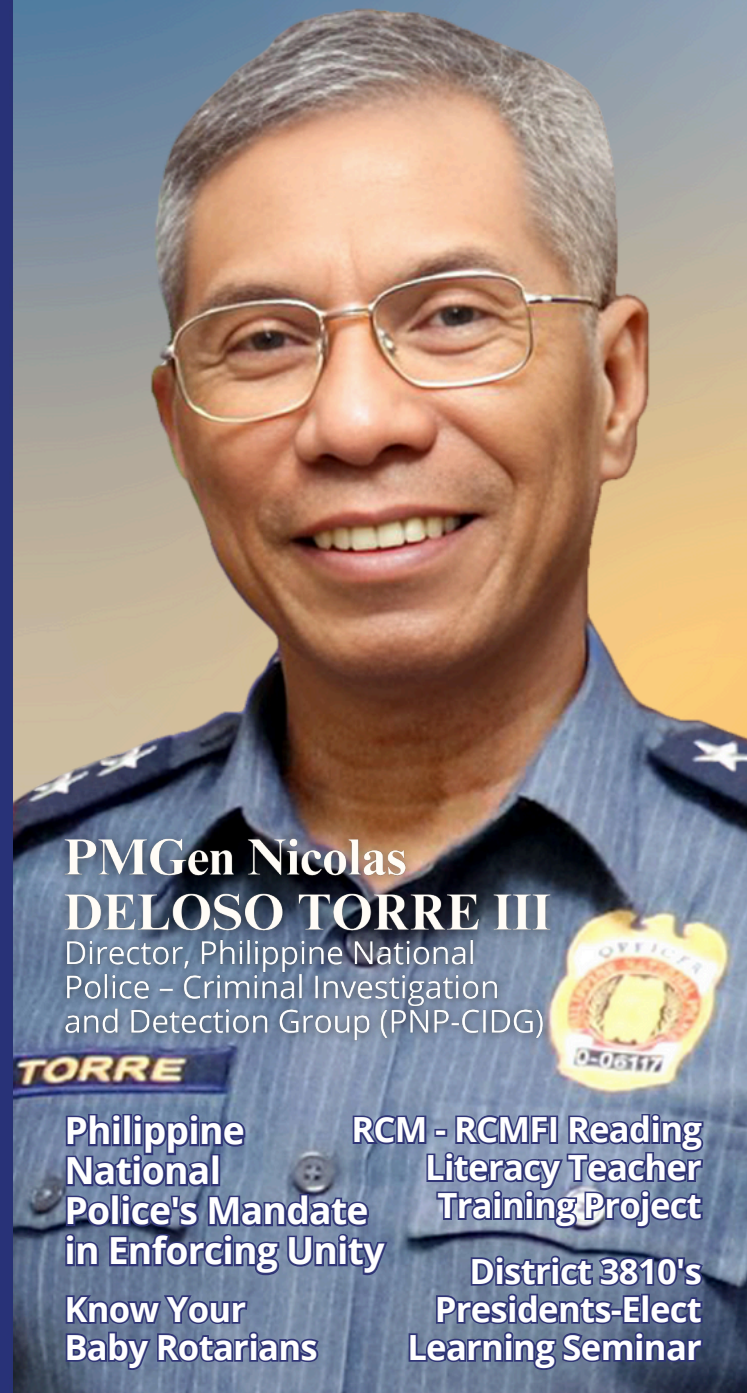
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Learning Seminar**

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PROGRAM

27th Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2024-2025
Thursday, 27 March 2025, 12:30 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: **PE RAOUL C. CREENCIA**

PART I

12:00 PM Registration
12:30 PM Call to Order | **VP JOEL C. VALDES**
Invocation | **RTN. PAUL ANTHONY T. "Paul" KOH**
Philippine National Anthem | **AVP**
Manila Rotary Hymn | **RCM WF Music Chorale**
The Four (4) Way Test | **RTN. DELFIN N. "Del" LORENZANA**
Acknowledgment of Guests | **PE RAOUL C. CREENCIA**
Welcome Song | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**

Birthday Celebrants

Mar. 28 Rtn. Wolfgang Harle
Rtn. Marlon Roño
Rtn. Yasushi Iwata
Mar. 29 DE Hans Palacios
Rtn. Vee David
Mar. 31 Rtn. Ramby Nolido
Apr. 1 Rtn. Dick Lee

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

PART II

12:50 PM President's Time | **VP JOEL C. VALDES**
12:55 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker
DG JOAQUIN "Jackie" C. RODRIGUEZ, SR.
Guest of Honor and Speaker
PMGen. Nicolas D. Torre III
Director
Philippine National Police – Criminal Investigation
and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG)
1:30 PM Open Forum / Q.A.
1:50 PM Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation | **VP JOEL C. VALDES**
2:00 PM Adjournment | **VP JOEL C. VALDES**

EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



GENERAL Nicholas de la Torre III, Chief of the Philippine National Police-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG), has become the subject of national debate following his admission before a Senate panel that force was necessary during the arrest of former President Rodrigo Duterte. In a heated exchange with Senator Imee Marcos and Senate President Pro Tempore Jinggoy Estrada, de la Torre defended his actions, stating that despite multiple efforts to convince Duterte's camp, the former president and his legal counsel refused to comply with the arrest order. This has led many to question not only the manner of the arrest but also the ethics of employing force against a former leader, who, at the time of his arrest, was elderly, ill, and in a fragile state.

The controversy stems from de la Torre's own words, as he described how he "forced" Duterte and his legal

counsel to board the plane, effectively admitting to the use of physical force. The incident, which occurred when Duterte was served with an arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court (ICC), has sparked a discussion about the proper conduct of law enforcement in handling high-profile figures. De la Torre's assertion that violence was necessary because "they won't go with us voluntarily" has led many to ask if this was an overreach of power and a violation of the dignity due to anyone, let alone a former president.

Senator Marcos raised an important point regarding Duterte's age and health condition, questioning whether such drastic measures were warranted. After all, Duterte was not only a former leader but also an elderly individual with health concerns. The senator's remarks, highlighting the apparent disproportionality of the force used, struck a chord with those questioning whether such an arrest could have been handled with more compassion or diplomacy. This brings forth a critical question: does the principle of "justice" require the erosion of empathy when dealing with individuals who, due to their age or health, may be in no position to resist?

Moreover, Senate President Pro Tempore Estrada's recollections of his own arrest during the 2001 EDSA People Power 2 movement underscored the emotional weight of the incident. His reference to his personal experience, where police forcibly entered his hospital room and dragged him out, underscored the deeply ingrained trauma that such actions can invoke. It is a reminder that the manner in which an individual is arrested – particularly someone of significant political stature – can leave a lasting impact on both the person involved and the public.

De la Torre's defense that the Duterte camp used "optics" to manipulate the situation, framing it as a theatrical spectacle, seems to ring hollow to many who view the scene through the lens of basic human decency. While the narrative of resistance may have been a tactic by Duterte's camp, it remains indisputable that the optics of a former president being dragged by the police are deeply troubling for the credibility of the state.

As General de la Torre becomes the "Man of the Hour," his actions have placed a spotlight on the complex and often contentious issue of how law enforcement should operate when dealing with political figures, especially those with significant influence or a controversial legacy. The question that looms large is whether the application of force, in this case, was truly necessary or a sign of overzealous policing.

In the end, de la Torre's defense of his actions speaks to the fine line between maintaining order and ensuring the respect of human dignity. As the country watches the fallout of this event, it is clear that the debate surrounding the arrest of former President Duterte will continue to spark intense discussion about the limits of power and the role of law enforcement in a democratic society.

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build GOODWILL
& BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- IV. to all concerned?

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Philippine Airlines

The Heart of the Filipino

Guest of Honor and Speaker

PMGen Nicolas Deloso Torre III

Director, Philippine National Police – Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG)

POLICE Major General (PMGen) Nicolas Deloso Torre III is a fine officer, a gentleman, and a dedicated public servant who, for almost 33 years, has been serving the nation with honor, integrity, and distinction. I am proud to introduce him to everyone, for he is the living epitome of a man, a born leader. He was born on March 11 in Jolo, Sulu.

He is a graduate of the Philippine National Police Academy, belonging to the PNPA ‘Tagapaglunsad’ class of 1993, which became a gateway for greater responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities for him as a public servant. He went through the ladder of different assignments and offices in the PNP until he reached the step where he is now.

Before reaching his current position, he held significant positions in various fields of expertise that further exhibited his brilliance as an officer. He was designated



as Deputy Regional Director for Operations in NCRPO, Chief of Regional Staff in NCRPO, Deputy Regional Director for Operations in MIMAROPA, Deputy Director for Operations in CIDG, Chief Regional Sstaff of PRO 3, and many other significant positions in the field of law enforcement. On June 16, 2024, he was designated as Regional Director of Police Regional Ooffice 11. And on September 25, 2024, he assumed his position as the acting director of CIDG.

Guest of Honor and Speaker

His love for education and incessant drive for higher knowledge led him to pursue his education at the International Academy of Management and Economics for his Master's in Business Administration.

He received academic, military, and police trainings, wherein he was the top one (1) in all his schoolings. Some of these are provincial city directors qualification course, training on police management, pistol instructors' certification course, human rights international humanitarian law advance course, and many others.

With his notable accomplishments, he received numerous awards and medals, such as *Medalya ng Paglaban sa Manliligalig*, *Medalya ng Pambihirang Paglilingkod*, *Medalya ng Mabuting Asal*, and many more.

Among his significant contributions in the PNP, especially in police operations, is his 3-minute response time policy, which is now adapted and implemented nationwide, and the successful arrest of Pastor Apollo Quiboloy, a significant achievement that exemplifies your unwavering commitment to upholding the law.

Our guest of honor and speaker derives his strength and determination from his supportive wife Patricia and his 3 wonderful sons, Julius, Rod, and Bert, who serve as his greatest source of joy.

Indeed, a real gentleman, family man, and a versatile police officer rolled into one who embodies professionalism and innate skills and is a public servant who reached his well-deserved star rank through hard work, utmost dedication, and commitment to his sworn duties and responsibilities in the Philippine National Police.



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cover story

Philippine National Police's Mandate in Enforcing Unity

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

ON the afternoon of Thursday, March 20, 2025, the prestigious Manila Polo Club hosted the 26th Weekly Membership Meeting of the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM), a distinguished gathering of individuals united in the spirit of service and community-building. The meeting, held under the watchful guidance of Director-Elect **Edwin H. Hernandez** who ably moderated the meeting, was not merely a routine assembly but a celebration of the shared values that bind Rotarians together — a commitment to integrity, service, and

the enduring belief that collective action can shape a brighter future.

As the clock struck 12:30 PM, the distinguished figure of President **Eduardo "Jujut" Enriquez III** rose to his feet, calling the meeting to order with a voice that resonated with both authority and warmth. His opening remarks set the tone for the gathering — a reflection of Rotary's core ethos, emphasizing the continued importance of unity and the collective responsibility each member bears in the pursuit of service above self.



The invocation, an essential part of every Rotary gathering, was delivered by the esteemed Rotarian **Dr. Paul Anthony "Paul" T. Koh**. His words were a call to reflection, invoking divine guidance for the work that lay ahead. As his prayer came to a close, a sense of reverence filled the room, binding the members together in a shared moment of spiritual connection. Following this, the Philippine National Anthem played — a stirring reminder of the Rotarians' duty not just to their club but to the nation they serve. This was followed by the Manila Rotary Hymn, performed by the club's renowned **RCM World Famous Music Chorale**, whose melodic harmonies stirred pride and unity among all present.

*Director-Elect
Edwin H.
Hernandez
moderated the
meeting.*



*President Jujut
Enriquez called
the meeting to
order.*

The program then proceeded with a moment of introspection, as STAR Rotarian **Valentino "Val" S. Bagatsing**, a distinguished member of the club, led the recitation of the Four-Way Test. With measured cadence, he spoke the guiding principles of Rotary that govern the thoughts, actions, and behaviors of every Rotarian: "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" These words, though familiar, never failed to provoke reflection on the high standards to which Rotarians hold themselves.

A special part of the program was dedicated to acknowledging the esteemed guests in attendance. This was followed by a warm and joyful rendition of the **Maligayang Bati (Happy Birthday)** song for Rotarian **Kazu Nomura**, whose birthday fell on March 17. The RCM World Famous Music Chorale graced the gathering once more with their harmonious voices, turning the moment into a celebratory occasion that reminded all present of the bonds of friendship and community that define Rotary.



DSAA Rami Chahwan led the invocation



STAR Rtn. Valentino "Val" S. Bagatsing led the recitation of The Four-Way Test

When the time came for "President's Time," President **Jujut Enriquez** addressed the gathering. His words were both a reflection on the challenges faced by the club and an invitation to continue the work of service. With a tone that blended optimism with resolve, President Enriquez emphasized the need for continued

dedication to the club's mission — to serve humanity through unwavering integrity and to be agents of positive change in the world. His address resonated deeply with the members, inspiring them to reaffirm their commitment to the Rotary cause.



President Jujut Enriquez addressed the gathering during the "President's Time."

The next segment of the meeting, which many had been eagerly anticipating, was the induction of new members into the fold of the Rotary Club of Manila. The process of welcoming new members is always a significant occasion, one that signals the expansion of Rotary's reach and the broadening of its impact. Past President **Domingo "Boy" S.B. Guevara Jr.** and Past Vice President **Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu** had the honor of introducing two distinguished individuals.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez administered the oath-taking of the new members of RCManila

The first was **Francisco Roberto D.C. Mauricio**, the President and CEO of Lightning Finance Company (Finvolution Philippines) and the younger brother of RCMFI Trustee **Anton Mauricio**. Classified under **Banking – Digital Banking**, Mauricio's professional background and commitment to innovation made him an exemplary candidate for Rotary membership. His induction was not just a formality but a recognition of the growing role of technology and finance in fostering economic development and inclusion.



Left: **Rowel Janson S. Ong**
President
Hard Assets Express, Inc.
Classification: Real Estate
Professional Service-Agency
Proposer: PVP Reginald "Reggie" T. Yu

Right: **Francisco Roberto D.C. Mauricio**
President and CEO
Lightning Finance Company
(Finvolution Philippines)
Classification: Banking– Digital Banking
Proposer: PP Domingo "Boy" S.B. Guevara, Jr.

The second new member, **Rowel Janson S. Ong**, is the President of Hard Assets Express, Inc. His classification as **Real Estate Professional Service-Agency** speaks to the expanding influence of the real estate sector in shaping the country's urban landscape. His dedication to excellence and service was evident as he took the oath of membership, pledging to uphold the values of Rotary and contribute to the community in meaningful ways.

With the new members officially inducted, the program took a poignant turn as Past Director, Dean **Amado "Amading" Valdez** eloquently introduced Police Major General Roderick **Augustus "Rod" B. Alba**, the Director of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Directorate for Police Community Relations, addressed the gathering. Major General Alba, stepping in for Police General **Rommel Francisco D. Marbil**, the 28th Chief of the PNP, who had to attend an emergency Senate hearing that day, delivered a speech that was both deeply personal and profoundly insightful.



PD Amado "Amading" D. Valdez introduced the guest of honor and speaker.

In his address, Major General Alba reflected on his 35 years of service in the PNP. He spoke candidly of the motivations that drove him to enter the service — a mix of patriotism and economic necessity. His words were grounded in humility and a genuine commitment to public service. "We enter the service to serve the country," he explained, acknowledging the many sacrifices made by those who wear the uniform. He also expressed pride in his long career, noting that while ranks and titles may fade, the honor of being a general in the PNP is an achievement that lasts a lifetime.



Major General Alba's speech was also an opportunity to convey the message of the Chief PNP, Police General Marbil, who could not attend due to pressing national duties. His message provided a comprehensive update on the PNP's ongoing efforts to secure the upcoming 2025 National and Local Elections. The PNP has been working closely with the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and local government units (LGUs) to ensure a safe and peaceful election process, free from intimidation or violence.

Major General Alba shared detailed reports on the PNP's operations, highlighting the identification of 403 election areas of concern, with a focus on high-risk regions such as the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

The message also emphasized the PNP's commitment to fighting illegal firearms, with the success of **Oplan Katok** (a nationwide campaign to recover unregistered firearms), which has led to the confiscation and surrender of thousands of weapons. Additionally, the PNP's efforts to combat kidnapping, cybercrime, and the total ban on Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs) were highlighted as part of the PNP's broader commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the Filipino people.

As the address concluded, the members of the Rotary Club of Manila were left with a deeper understanding of the vital work being done by the PNP and the importance of collaboration between organizations like the Rotary Club and the police force. It was a moment of reflection on the shared responsibility of all sectors in contributing to the common good.

The floor was then opened for an engaging and dynamic open forum, where Rotarians had the opportunity to pose questions to Major General Alba. His candid responses further solidified the spirit of open dialogue and collaboration that Rotary champions. The exchange was not just an opportunity to address concerns but a reminder of the importance of communication and mutual respect in fostering effective partnerships.

PMGen. Roderick Augustus B. Alba engaged in an interactive conversation with PP Chito Zaldarriaga, PDG Alex Cureg, PD Beda Fajardo, VP Joel Valdes, Rtn. Butch Alcantara, and PD Amading Valdez.



PMGen. Roderick Augustus B. Alba received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation from Pres. Jujut Enriquez.



Rtn. Antwan Malouhi from RC Melbourne (left) and STAR Rtn. Rowel Janson S. Ong (right) won a one-night stay with breakfast for two persons at La Jolla Beach Resort in Bagac, Bataan, sponsored by PSAA Bollie Bolton (middle).

As the meeting drew to a close, President Enriquez took a moment to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Major General Alba for his invaluable insights and contributions. The certificate, a symbol of the Rotary Club's gratitude, was a fitting tribute to the PNP's dedication to public service.

Finally, with the agenda fully addressed and no further business on the table, President Enriquez formally adjourned the meeting, expressing his gratitude to all those who attended. The gathering had been a resounding success, further cementing the Rotary Club of Manila's reputation as a pillar of service and community leadership. The members departed with a renewed sense of purpose, inspired by the shared vision of a safer, more just, and compassionate society, where service above self is not merely a motto but a way of life.





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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

March 2025

	March 06, 2025	March 13, 2025	March 20, 2025	March 27, 2025
MARCH 2025	GISIS PRESIDENT AND GEN. MANAGER JOSE ARNAULFO VELASCO	MR. AJIT SHARMA	PNP CHIEF PGEN. ROMMEL FRANCISCO D. HARRIS	X
MEMBERS PRESENT	46	41	48	0
MEMBERS PRESENT %	20%	18%	21%	0%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	14	9	4	0
EXEMPTED	6	4	6	0
ON LEAVE	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	54	46	46	0
Total # of Members	226	226	228	228
TOTAL %	24%	20%	20%	0%
ROTARACTORS	10	8	9	0
MEDIA	2	0	3	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0	0
DO, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0	0	0
GOMS / GS	6	1	10	1
VISITING ROTARIAN	1	1	3	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	13	5	1	0
TOTAL ATTENDEES	76	56	71	1

LIST OF ATTENDEES

March 20, 2025

1	Aboy, Valentino G.	25	Lopez, Antonio S.
2	Acosta, Crispiniano G.	26	Mauricio, Antonio DC
3	Alcantara, Isidro C.	27	Mommaerts, Steve
4	Angara, Marius	28	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
5	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.	29	Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
6	Bediones, Rodolfo P.	30	Nomura, Kazuhiro
7	Benedicto, Sixto T.	31	Obrado, Daniel Calzado
8	Bolton, Wilhelm	32	Pascual, Abraham F.
9	Carlos, Vicente J.	33	Payumo, Felicitio C.
10	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.	34	Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
11	Chahwan, Rami	35	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
12	Creencia, Raoul C.	36	Reynolds, David J.
13	Cureg, Alexander P.	37	Serapio, Carlos G.
14	Davis, Raymond N.	38	Shimoda, Shigeru
15	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.	39	Tagaytay, Mathias
16	Egan, Brendan W.L.	40	Valdes, Joel C.
17	Enriquez Jr, Eduardo V.	41	Valdez, Amado D.
18	Fajardo, Beda G.	42	Yu, Geoffrey C.
19	Guevara, Jr. Domingo S.	43	Yu, Reginald Tieng
20	Hernandez, Edwin H	44	Zaldariaga, Felix Francisco S.
21	Koh, Paul Anthony T	45	Bagatsing, Valentino S.
22	Lacambical, Alvin D	46	Cid, Dean Y.
23	Lazaro, Juan Miguel G	47	Mauricio, Francisco Robert DC.
24	Locsin, Arsenio Z.	48	Ong, Rowel Janson S.

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

As of March 25, 2025

1	ABOY, VALENTINO G	99	LI, RICHARD JOSEPH CHANG
2	ABRIAM, ARUEL	100	LIANGSON, ROMEO THADEUS
3	ACOSTA, CRISPINIANO G.	101	LIM, DAVID EDUARDO T
4	ALBAÑA, MICHAEL JAEY C	102	LIM, RICHARD
5	ALBERTO, RAYMUNDO ARNOLD S	103	LOCOS, ARSENIO Z
6	ALCANTARA, ISIDRO C	104	LONGA, RENEZDO
7	ALDAY, ALBERT	105	LOPEZ, ANTONIO
8	ALINGGO, ALDOUS A	106	LOPEZ, ARTHUR M
9	ANDAL, ARVELINO L	107	LORENZANA, DELFIN
10	ARAGON, JOSEHA REUBEN G	108	MACAPAGAL, MICHAEL T
11	ARAMBULO, JOAQUIN	109	MACATOMAN, ABDUGANI
12	ARGUELLES, PABLO C	110	MAGRANA, GREG P
13	ASVENTURA, ARNELDO JR L	111	MAGRATRAY, FRANCISCO D
14	BAGATISING, VALENTINO S	112	MANALAYSAY, CESAR P
15	BALANAY, ARIES B	113	MANGALILE, SENEN T
16	BARTOLOME, ARSENIO III M	114	MARTINEZ, RONALD J
17	BEDIONES, RODOLFO P	115	MATSCHECK, GUENTER GERHARD G
18	BELLA, GERONIMO JR. D	116	MAURICIO, ANTONIO O DC
19	BELLO, CHRISTIAN CESAR	117	MENDOZA, ESTELITO P
20	BENEDICTO, SIXTO T	118	MENDOZA, ROSALE
21	BERTELSEN, BERTEL T	119	MENDOZA, RAYMUNDO JOSEPH LAM G
22	BLANCO, MANUEL M	120	MONTAÑARTE, STEVE
23	BOGOTICH, JASON M	121	NOLIDO, RAMON ALBERTO B
24	BOTTON, WILHELM	122	NOMURA, KAZUHIRO
25	BRANILLEC, JACQUES	123	NONES, ROMEO C
26	BRENDIA, CARLOS C	124	NUNEZ, JOSE A
27	CABANGON, EDGARDO A	125	OBRAADO, DANIEL CALZADO
28	CABENAG, ROGELIO R	126	OCAMPO, TEODORO J
29	CAMAT, NATHANIEL	127	ONG, PHILLIP L
30	CAMPOS, JOSELITO JR	128	ORAZTA, JOSE EL ANTONIO L
31	CANON, RAUL JR C	129	PAGDANGANAN, ROBERTO M
32	CARLOS, VICENTE J	130	PALACIOS, ALBERT C
33	CARRANCEJA, ARVIN ARIK B	131	PALLASQUE, JOHN BRIAN
34	CASTRO, KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M	132	PANAREAS, BEN THOMAS P
35	CATALAN, RODILLO R	133	PASCUAL, ABRAHAM F
36	CENICA, JOHN T	134	PATTERSON, COLIN DAVID
37	CHAPMAN, RAMI	135	PAYUMO, FELICITO C
38	CHEN, LIANG TA	136	PELINO, WILFREDO
39	CID, DEAN V	137	PINEDA, JESUS JR M
40	CO, PEDRODAN C	138	PINEDA, PATRICKO JR F
41	CO, VAL CONSTANTINE L	139	PIZARRAS, JORDAN M
42	CORTES, LORENZO R	140	PREYSLER, FAUSTO JR. D.R.
43	COTILLO, ROBERT JR. G	141	PUJALT, JOSE JR
44	CREENCIA, RAUL C	142	RA, INGEL
45	CUREG, ALEXANDER P	143	RAMOS, CLAYER P
46	CUTTER, JOHN MICHAEL	144	RANKEL, PETER
47	DAVIS, RAYMOND N	145	REACTO, PHILIP H
48	DAIANG, RASAE E	146	REYNOLDS, DAVID J
49	DE CASTRO, JUAN ARTURO ILLUMINADO C	147	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN ANTHONY H
50	DEL ROSARIO, OSCAR SR	148	RODRIGUEZ, JOAQUIN SR C
51	DIOSINIS, RAFAEL IGNACIO	149	ROSALALDEZ, PEDRO ANASTASIO G
52	DOMINGO, RICO V	150	ROSALALDEZ, JOSE MANUEL G
53	DOMINGUEZ, CARLOS III G.	151	RONO, MARLON E
54	DY, MANUEL C	152	RUJAS, MICHAEL D
55	EBAN, BRENDA W.L	153	SABANDO, RICARDO MANUEL M
56	ELDER, ISSAM	154	SCHMITZ, STEFAN
57	ENRIQUEZ, EDUARDO III V	155	SCHNEIDER, BERND
58	ESQUEZ, HERMENO S	156	SEBASTIAN, CARLOS C
59	ESQUETAS, JOAQUIN PABLO A	157	SEVILLA, LUIS ANGELO I
60	EUGENIO, JOHN ENYL G	158	SHIMODA, SHIGERU
61	FAJARDO, BEDA G	159	SIBATAN, JOSELITO H
62	FERNANDEZ, ANTONIO JAIKE JOSE V.	160	SIMON, ALANITO
63	FOLLOSCO, CEFERINO JR G	161	SO, WARREN
64	GARCIA, THEODORE Q	162	SORREPEA, ROBERT JOHN L
65	GARCIA, VICTOR III G	163	STRANATHAN, DEE EDWARD
66	GASPAR, FERNANDO L	164	SUERO, JOSE JR. A
67	GO, HENRY S	165	TAGAYATAY, HECTOR D
68	GONZALES, JONAS R	166	TALANPASA, JOEL ANGELO L
69	GONZALEZ LAO, EMILIO P	167	TALLAN, FERNANDO E
70	GUARDY, MICHAEL ARCATONY H	168	TAMANO, SHALIMAR HOFER
71	GUEVARA, DOMINGO JR	169	TAMANO, VICTOR L
72	GUEVARA, RICARDO S.B	170	TAN, EUSEBIO V
73	HALLARE, DELFIN JR. T	171	TAN, JOHN G
74	HALLARE, NICOLAS S	172	TAN, LAWRENCE
75	HALLERBACH, MATHIAS	173	TAN, RANDY T
76	HANADA, TAKAHIRO	174	TEE, TEDDY JR B
77	HERNANDEZ, EDWIN H	175	TERANAN, SHAM MICHAEL
78	HERR, LITE	176	TELAMAN, HANSEL JOSEPH MICHAEL
79	HORTALEZA, ROLANDO B	177	VALDES, JOEL C
80	IBRYAN, BENEDICT JULIUS F	178	VALDEZ, AMADO D
81	IPATA, YASUHI	179	VALENCIA, JOHN NED P
82	JOSEPH, RALPH L	180	VALENCIA, RODOLFO G
83	JUCABAN, JERIC J	181	VAZQUEZ, EVARISTO JR
84	KALAW, TEODORO ALEJANDRO IV J	182	VILLARCA, HENRY E
85	KATTIGAN, J ALFONSO L	183	YAP, ENRIQUE JR. Y
86	KLEBS, DAVID	184	YORDANOV, STEFAN
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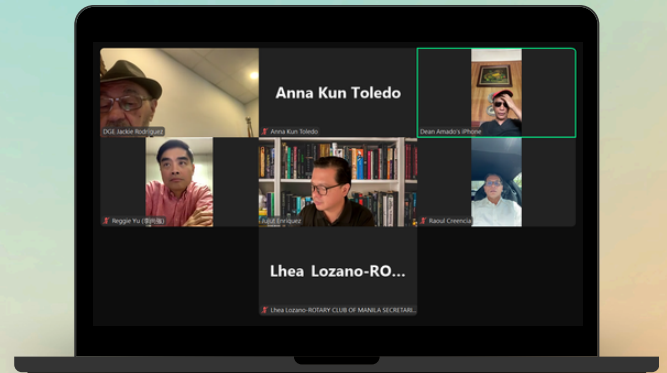


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JOURNALISM AWARDS

Journalism Awards 2025 Presentation Date Set



The Journalism Awards 2025 Committee met on March 21, 2025 via Zoom. The committee agreed to hold the presentation of the Journalism Awards 2025 on Thursday, June 5, 2025.

Present during the Zoom meeting were Pres. Jujut Enriquez, RCMFI Chair /PVP Reggie Yu, DG Jackie Rodriguez, and PE Raoul Creencia.

RCM - RCMFI Reading Literacy Teacher Training Project

Teacher Training Project - Part 2 in Collaboration with DepEd and Reading Specialists



From left: Ms. Raquel Ner (RS), Ms. Arlyn Lamigo (incoming President Rotary Los Baños), Ms. Tess Natividad (MIP Rotary Los Baños), Principal Sylvia Encabo (Maahas Elementary school), Principal Rodel Guevarra (Los Baños Central ES), RCMFI Trustee Anton Mauricio, and Ms. Joanna Montinola (Program Specialist)



RCMFI Trustee Anton Mauricio delivered an Inspirational Message for the teacher participants on behalf of the Rotary Club of Manila and RCM Manila Foundation.



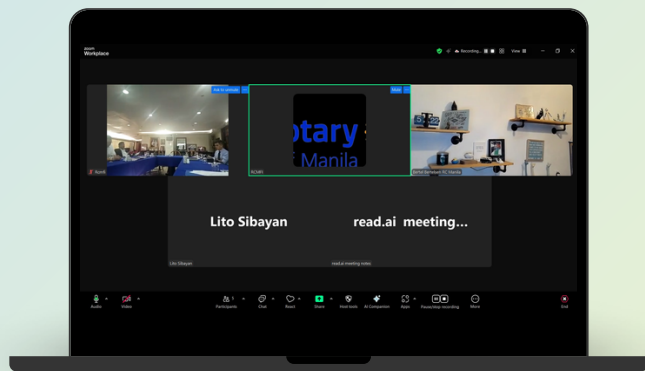
The Rotary Club of Manila received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Education - Los Baños and Reading Specialists in recognition of its generous support for the success of the **Teacher Training on the ABCs of Training: How to Teach Children to Read.**



From left: Ms. Lyra Panday (RS), Ms. Joanna Montinola (Program Specialist), Cecile Jocson (RS), Mr. Paul (RCLB), Ms. Teresa Natividad (President RCLB), Ms. Arlyn (incoming President RCLB), Ms. Joanne (RCLB), Rafael Duran (RS), Principal Sylvia Encabo (Maahas ES), Ms. Beth Baril (RCLB), Principal Rodel (Los Baños Central ES) and Raquel Ner (RS)

RCMANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

RCMFI Board of Trustees Held Its Third Board of Trustees meeting



RCMANILA Foundation, Inc. held its third Board of Trustees meeting on March 21, 2025, Friday, 5pm at Manila Elks Club - Manila Room. Present at the meeting were Chair Reggie Yu, Trustee/Treasurer Karlo Castro, Trustee/AT Mike Roxas, Trustee Anton Mauricio, Trustee Paco Magsaysay, Trustee Noy Benedicto, and Exec. Dir. Amy Babiano. Trustee/Past Chair Lito Sibayan and Trustee Bertel Bertelsen joined the meeting via Zoom.

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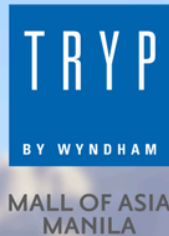
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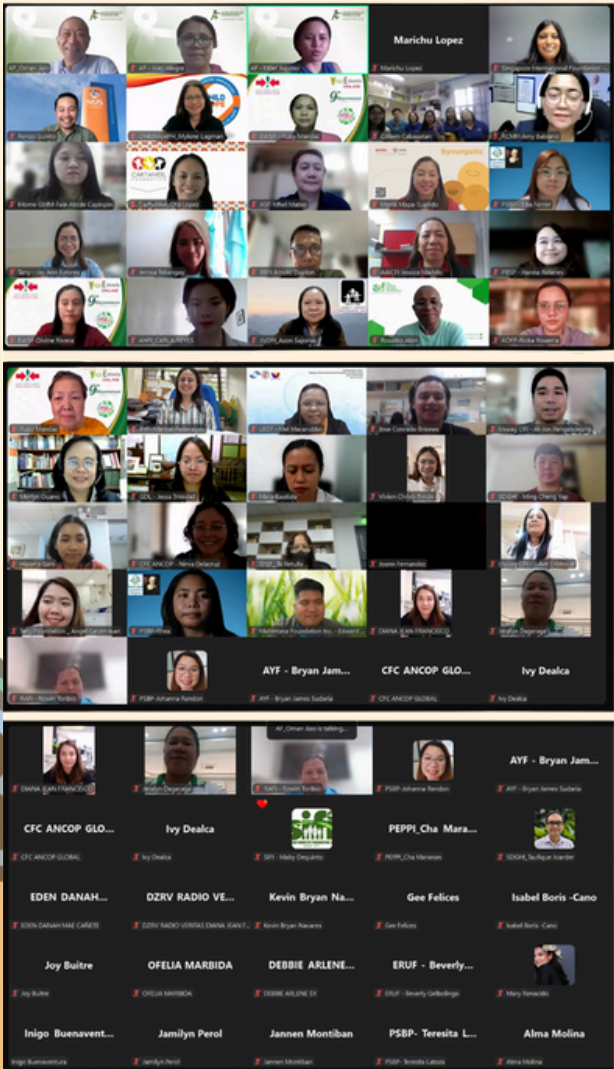
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Learning Session on Building Heat-Resilient Cities



BUILDING HEAT-RESILIENT CITIES
Collaborating for Solutions in the Philippines
26 March 2025, 10:00-11:30 AM via Zoom



Ms. Amy Babiano, Executive Director of RCManila Foundation, Inc., attended the virtual meeting with the members of the Association of Foundations on March 26, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

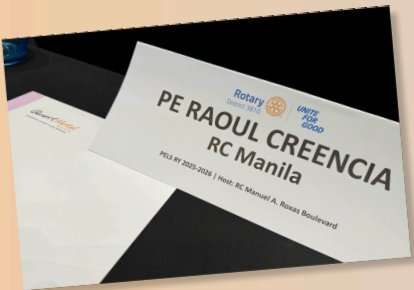
The resource speakers were Rekha Makalingam of Singapore International Foundation and Renzo R. Guinto, MD DrPH, Associate Professor of Global and Planetary Health.

DISTRICT EVENT

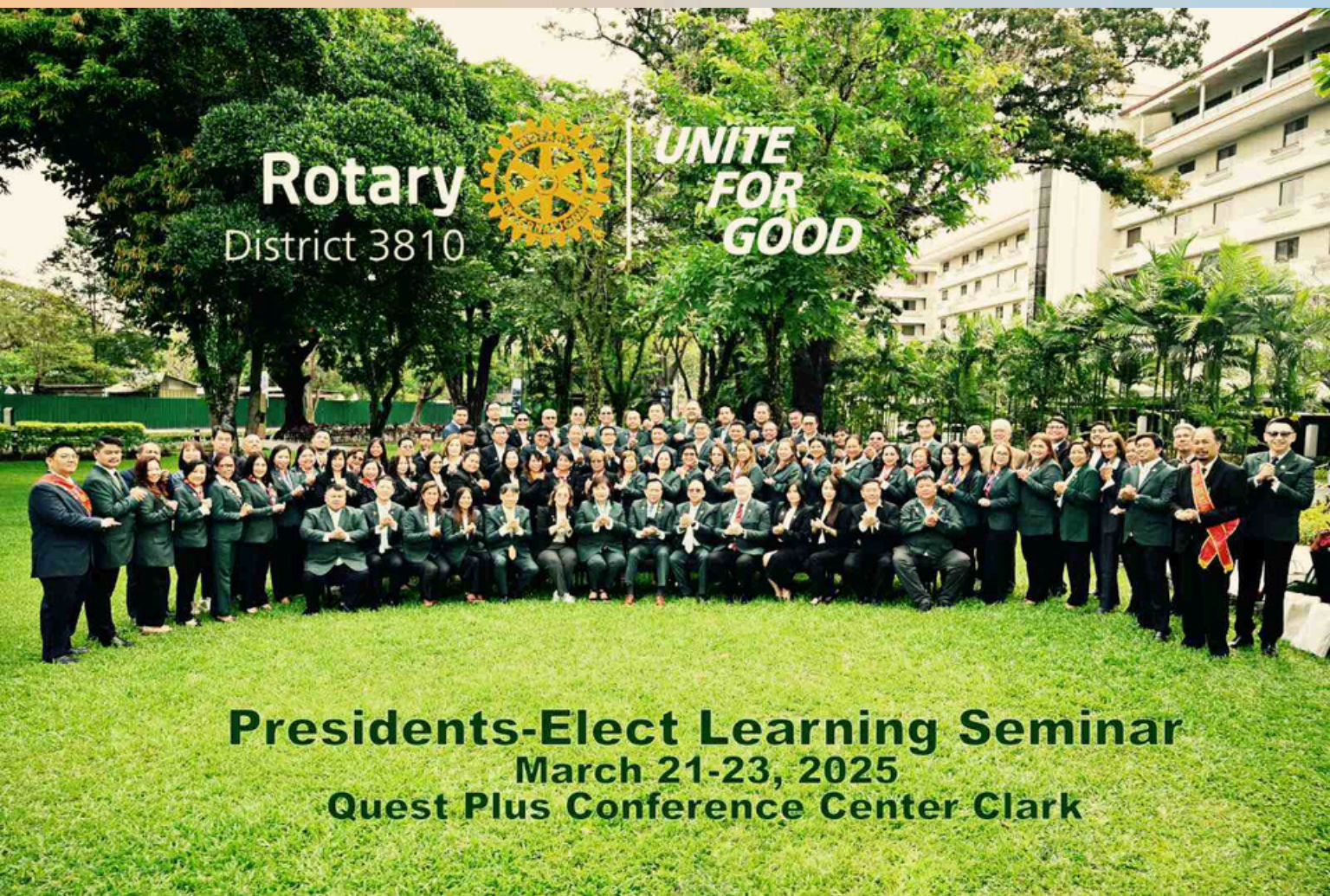
RI District 3810's
Presidents-Elect Learning
Seminar (PELS) Part 2



President-elect Raoul Creencia with DGE Mary Mei Rodrigo during the President-Elect Learning Seminar (PELS) Part 2 in Quest Conference Center, Clark, Pampanga



PE Raoul Creencia was presented with the Certification of Completion by DGE Mary Mei Rodrigo and incoming district officers of RID 3810.



ROTATING ROTARIAN

Director Teddy Kalaw Attends Weekly Membership Meeting of Rotary Club of Melbourne, Australia



Director Teddy Kalaw attended the weekly membership meeting of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Australia, on March 26, 2025. Beside Dir. Kalaw is RC Melbourne Club Secretary, former Hong Kong judge, and fellow arbitrator John Saunders.

RECOGNITION CORNER

Rtn. Vee David Receives Loyalty Award for RY 2023-24



President Jujut Enriquez presented the Loyalty Award for RY 2023-24 to Rtn. Vee David.

Present to witness the presentation were (from left): PSAA Gunter Matschuck, Rtn. Uwe Hesse, Rtn. Vee David, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, and PT Ner Lonzaga.

RECOGNITION CORNER

**Rtn. Yasushi Iwata,
SMBC Country Head and
Managing Director, at the
Signing Ceremony of Ayala's
First Yen-Denominated
Samurai Loan Equivalent
to \$200 million**



From left, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. (SMBC) Manila Branch Executive Director and Head of Corporate Banking Ruben Vicia, Ayala Corp. Treasurer Estelito C. Biacora, SMBC Country Head and Managing Director Yasushi Iwata, Ayala Corp. Chief Finance Officer Alberto M. de Larrazabal, Mizuho Bank General Manager Masaaki Wada, and Mizuho Bank Joint General Manager Yasunori Iwamoto during the signing ceremony of Ayala's first yen-denominated Samurai loan equivalent to \$200 million.

**Rtn. Jerry Agnes,
a Semiconductor Industry
Veteran, Joins Murugappa
Group's CG Semi as CEO**

Indian Semicon Cos Eye Global Talent to Drive Operations Here

Shortage of local expertise due to absence of a robust semiconductor ecosystem fuels demand

By Rekhi

Chennai: Homegrown semiconductor companies are rushing to tap talent globally to spearhead their nascent operations in this potential growth market, said industry experts.

The moves come as India Inc faces a severe dearth of C-suite talent in the semiconductor space due to the absence of any fab or a robust semiconductor ecosystem in the country, leaving these companies to rely exclusively on hiring expats for senior roles, the experts said.

For instance, Tata Electronics tapped Intel's Foundry Services president Randeep Thakur as its CEO and MD while Murugappa Group's CG Semiconductor roped in Filipino semiconductor industry veteran Jerry Aracan Agnes as CEO. The extended list includes past hires such as Vedanta which hired David Reed as CEO of semiconductor business and YJ Chen as CEO of display business in 2023.

"The semiconductor manufacturing industry is at a very nascent stage in India so there is no option for companies but to hire talent from elsewhere," said an executive at a local semiconductor maker.



Looking Out

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Tata Electronics currently has 41 open positions on LinkedIn.

These include posts such as chief financial officer for its upcoming OSAT facility in Assam, and CPO for its upcoming semiconductor fab plant in Gujarat.

Following incentives, Tata Electronics, CG Semi and Kaynes SemiCon are among companies receiving top talent under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) for setting up facilities in the country. Tata Electronics is building India's first fab and an OSAT facility while the others are focusing on OSAT plants. Three of the four units are coming up in Gujarat.

Companies, depending on the size of operations and executive roles, are paying between \$80,000 to \$1 million annually for such executives. The lower range being for OSAT facilities and the higher for fab-related roles, the person cited above said. However, some experts termed it as a "conservative estimate," saying several companies are paying equal hires, especially for very senior roles, far more.

"All Indian semiconductor companies are looking to hire top talent from global companies at top dollar to fast-track their operations in India," said Naveet Singh, chairman and regional managing director of India for executive search firm Korn Ferry. "The salaries for such leaders can even go beyond \$1 million sometimes depending on the role and the candidate's seniority."

YOUTH SERVICE

Fellowship Beyond Meetings: Strengthening Bonds at Wildflour Greenbelt

ON March 13, 2025, after an insightful session at the Rotary Club of Manila's 25th Weekly Membership Meeting, Rotaract Manila joined a warm and engaging fellowship at Wildflour Greenbelt, hosted by RCM Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms Dr. John Cutter.

Represented by President Summer Bonifacio, and Public Image Director John Carlo De Guzman, we were also delighted to share this experience with our twin club officer from RAC Puerto Princesa and soon-to-be sibling club officers from RAC Philippine Christian University.



Over great food and even better company, we exchanged ideas on health, lifestyle, travel, and the exciting future of Rotaract. These fellowships remind us that Rotaract is more than service—it's about building lasting friendships, expanding perspectives, and creating meaningful collaborations. If you're looking for a community where you can grow, connect, and make a real impact—this is your sign to join Rotaract Manila!

FELLOWSHIP



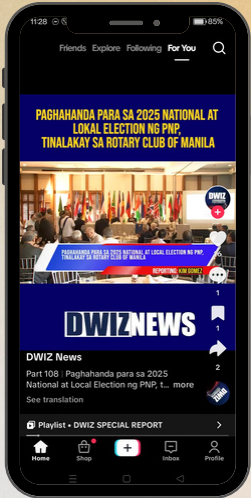
Aleco Monday Breakfast Fellowship



On March 24, 2025, the Aleco Monday breakfast fellowship hosted by PD Beda Fajardo took place. Present were (from left): PD Beda Fajardo, PD Jun Hallare, former RCM member Eric Severino, DIS Anton Mauricio, Rtn. Tong Payumo, Rtn. Paco Magsaysay, Rtn. Cris Acosta, PD Abe Pascual, PP Archit Bartolome, and Gov. Jackie Rodriguez.

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RCM’s 25th Weekly Membership Meeting Featured on DWIZ News



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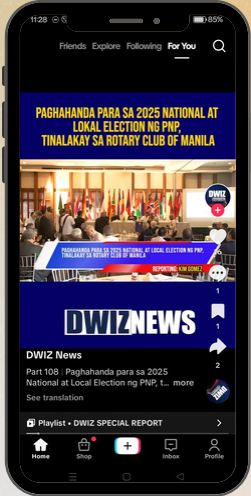
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Let us offer our prayers for the eternal
repose of the soul of
PD Estelito “Titong” P. Mendoza.



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