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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



LUNCH MEETING

DR. ALFREDO MAHAR FRANCISCO A. LAGMAY
Executive Director
Project NOAH &
UP Resilience Institute
University of the Philippines, Diliman

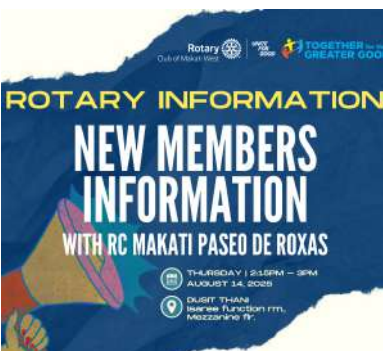
Date: August 7, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

MR. EJ A. QUA HIASEN
President
Financial Executives Institutes of the
Philippines (FINEX)

Date: August 14, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



ROTARY INFORMATION ORIENTATION for New Members

RC Makati West & RC Makati Paseo de Roxas
August 14, 2024/Thursday
Dusit Thani Hotel
2:15pm-3:00pm



LUNCH MEETING

MR. MIKE GROGAN
CEO
Kaizen Leadership Asia

Date: August 28, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



DINNER MEETING

DR. TEODORO J. HERBOSA
Secretary
Department of Health

Date: September 4, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm



TODAY'S PROGRAM

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRES. DINO DUMATOL

12:45 PM President's Time
PRES. DINO DUMATOL

Invocation
PP RUY MORENO

Introduction of Guest Speaker
RTN. JING LAPUS

Philippine National Anthem (video)

1:00 PM Speech
DR. ALFREDO MAHAR FRANCISCO A. LAGMAY
Executive Director
Project NOAH & UP Resilience Institute
University of the Philippines, Diliman

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Token of Appreciation

Introduction of Personalities at the
Presidential Table;

Moderator
RTN. ROMAN AZANZA

Committee announcement

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



August 3
SPS. TECHIE HAGEDORN
Birthday



August 4
SPS. HELEN LIMCAOCO
Birthday



August 5
RTN. TOPE NARCSIO
Birthday



August 10
PP ED BALOIS
Birthday



August 1
RTN. RYAN KERN & SPS. CRISTINA
Wedding Anniversary



August 6
PP ROQUE TORDESILLAS & SPS. MARITONI
Wedding Anniversary



GUEST SPEAKER

DR. ALFREDO MAHAR FRANCISCO A. LAGMAY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PROJECT NOAH & UP RESILIENCE INSTITUTE

Dr. Alfredo Mahar Francisco A. Lagmay is an Academician of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) and Professor at the National Institute of Geological Sciences, University of the Philippines. He is currently the Director of the University of the Philippines Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards (UP NOAH), and the Executive Director of the University of the Philippines Resilience Institute. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of the Philippines and holds a Ph.D. degree in Earth Sciences from the University of Cambridge (2001).

He was a visiting scientist at the Geophysics Department of Stanford University in 2006. His work is focused on volcano-tectonics, disaster forensics, and climate change adaptation. Upon receiving his Ph.D., he returned to the Philippines and has been involved in numerous research efforts related to natural hazards. He lectures on Philippine Disasters by virtue of having hands-on experience in search-and-rescue and forensic analyses of major Philippine catastrophes. These include the lethal Mindoro, Iloilo, Pampanga floods, Guinsaugon landslide, Mayon lahars, and the Ondoy, Pedring/Quiel, Sendong, Habagat, Pablo and Yolanda disasters. He is a recipient of the Presidential citation for search and rescue

work in Guinsaigon and the 2008 Outstanding Research Award for advanced science and technology in the Philippines for innovative applications of space technology. He is a recipient of the 2008, 2011, 2015, 2018 and 2021 University Scientist award, the 2012 New Media digital heroes award and the 2012 Cyberpress best IT product of the year for development of the Project NOAH website and mobile tools.

On June 20, 2013 he was given the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Outstanding Professional of the Year Award for his accomplishments. In the same year, he received the 2013 Outstanding Filipino award (TOFIL), an honor given by the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Philippines to Filipino men and women whose exemplary achievements are worthy of emulation. In 2014, RED Alert, a radio program that he anchors, was recognized by numerous awarding bodies including the Catholic Mass Media Award (CMMA), Philippine Quill Awards and the Hildegarde awards. The following year, on behalf of the development team of the ARKO mobile app, he received the World Summit Award (WSA) for best mobile app for m-inclusion and empowerment. Also in the same year of 2015, Dr. Lagmay was awarded with the Plinius Medal by the European Geosciences Union or EGU for outstanding achievements in interdisciplinary natural-hazard research and natural-disaster engagement in the Philippines.

He is the first Asian to receive such an honor. The latest international recognitions he received are the 2020 StartNetwork Change Maker award for anticipatory action and the 2025 Severino Paz Koh award for Science. In recognition of his commendable contributions to the nation, he was awarded the 2024 Dangal Bantayog ng Katatagan Hall of Fame Award for Disaster Risk Reduction by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and was named as one of Asia's most influential by Tatler Magazine.

He continues to serve the Filipino people by conducting work in areas stricken by disaster. His most recent works include the 2022 landslide tsunami in Abuyog, Leyte and the 2023 Paeng Disaster in Datu Sinsuat Odin, Maguindanao. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles, mostly in international ISI journals. Also a consistent invited keynote speaker in international conferences, regular reviewer of scientific manuscripts in world-class journals and an editorial board member of the Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research, he maintains a reputable status in his field of expertise in the international scientific community.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Amazing July

To my fellow Rotarians,

As we look back on the month of July, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the experiences that made it truly meaningful.

Early in the month, we had the chance to hear from our very own Jimmy Bautista, former Secretary of Transportation. Despite the heavy rain, around fifty members still showed up. That alone says a lot about how supportive our club really is. Secretary Bautista gave us a glimpse into the challenges of working in government. It's not easy. Even with the best intentions to serve, the system can be frustrating and difficult. But he reminded us that there are still good people who stay true to their values and continue doing their best to make a difference.

A few days later, PP Franco del Rosario organized a small Satellite Meeting in Alabang. It was a relaxed Saturday morning over coffee with friends. Nine of us were there, just chatting, talking about current events, and enjoying each other's company. It was especially



nice to see Nono again, since we don't get to see him often at our regular meetings.

I also had the chance to attend a Meet and Greet hosted by Jaden and Friends at Delos Santos Medical Center. This group helps us find the beneficiaries for our Gift of Life project. Most of the attendees were children and families who had received help through the program. It was incredibly touching to see the kids happy and healthy. I also got to meet the amazing doctors behind it all—Dr. Cheng, Dr. Go, Dr. Lu, Dr. Yu, and Dr. Garcia—who have generously volunteered their time and skills. Their dedication was truly inspiring.

To cap off the month, we had a wonderful Fellowship Night last Thursday at the new branch of Apt. 1B (in collaboration with Ellias) located at the Arthaland Building in BGC. Around sixty people attended. Our guest speaker was former Senator Nikki Coseteng, who shared her thoughts on China. It was both enjoyable and insightful. The food was delicious, the drinks were flowing, and the atmosphere was full of energy. Everyone was having such a good time that, honestly, it was a little hard to remember everything she said.

Looking back, I hope more of us can be part of moments like these. Whether it's attending a meeting, joining a fellowship, participating in a project, or simply dropping by a casual get-together, every bit of presence and support counts. These shared experiences and genuine connections are what keep our club strong and show that we care.

Thank you all for being part of something that truly makes a difference.

Christopher Dino C. Dumatol
President, RY 2025-2026
Rotary Club of Makati West



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Induction of Returnee member PP Jojo Querubin at Apartment 1B Arthaland Pacific Tower on July 31, 2025





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50th GOLI Anniversary Committee Meeting
at Manila Golf Club on August 5, 2025



Sitting from left to right are Pres. Dino Dumatol, Treas. Judd Balayan, Rtn. Nono Ibazeta, PP Eric Tensuan, Rtn. Kai Yarra, and Sps. Paz Balayan





THE WEEK IN REVIEW

July 24, 2025



PE/Sec Paul Daza as Moderator



Rtn. Robin Garcia as Invocator



Pres. Dino Dumatol in his President's Time



PP Roque Tordesillas introduces the guest speaker



Rtn. Jimmy Bautista in his speech



Rtn. Jimmy Bautista received from the Club the Gift of Life Certificate









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Pres. Dino Dumatol & Sps Mitch, IPP Gerry Laperal, Treas Judd Balayan & Sps. Paz, PP Eric Tensuan and Dir. Lemarc Limosnero attended the Jaden and Friends Meet & Greet Year 4 at Delos Santos Medical Center on July 27, 2025







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Please contact Treas. Judd Balayan as the delegation head or the Secretariat for the RC Honolulu West visit

The Rotary Club
of West Honolulu

75th Anniversary Celebration

OCTOBER 16, 2025

GOLF | Klipper Golf Course
Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii 96863



OCTOBER 17, 2025



**SISTER CLUB
WELCOME
DINNER**

Honolulu Elks Lodge 616
2933 Kalakaua Ave.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

OCTOBER 18, 2025

DAY TOUR | Bishop Museum
1525 Bernice St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817



**75th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
DINNER** | Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra
410 Atkinson Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814



Roundtrip transportation will be provided to the events listed above.
Event start times and transportation details to be sent when finalized.
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Estes Snedecor, Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon - 1921 Rotary Convention



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