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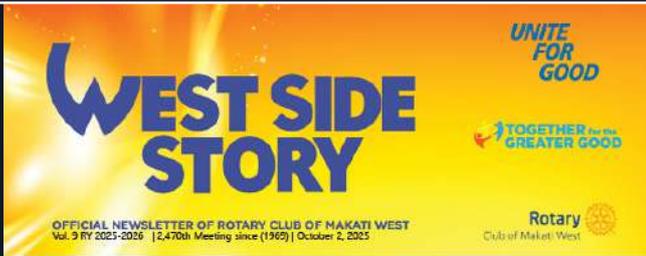
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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



LUNCH MEETING

DR. EDWIN M. MERCADO
President and Chief Executive Officer
Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
(PhilHealth)

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



LUNCH MEETING

SEC. TEODORO J. HERBOSA
Secretary
Department of Health (DOH)

Date: October 9, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

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**Rotary Club of West Honolulu
75th Anniversary Celebration**

**Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra
410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
October 16-18, 2025**



LUNCH MEETING

MAYOR BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG
Mayor
Baguio City

Date: October 23, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



LUNCH MEETING

DR. PHILIP ARNOLD P. TUAÑO
President
Philippine Institute for Development
Studies (PIDS)

Date: October 30, 2025/ Thursday
Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel
Time: 12nn-2pm



TODAY'S PROGRAM

October 2, 2025

12:15 PM Call to Order
PRES. DINO DUMATOL

Invocation
RTN. TIMMY TAN

Philippine National Anthem (video)

12:30 PM RC Makati West Hymn

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guest:

Introduction of Personalities at the
Presidential Table;

Committee announcement

Classification Talk
RTN. JOSE LUIS ABELLAR

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

Introduction of Guest Speaker
PP ERIC ANGELES

1:00 PM Speech
DR. EDWIN M. MERCADO
President & CEO
Philippine Health Insurance
Corporation (PhilHealth)

Token of Appreciation

Moderator
PDG JAY TAMBUNTING

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRANTS



October 3
RTN. TIMMY JIMENEZ
Birthday



October 3
SPS. PATSY FLORO
Birthday



October 4
RTN. SED HODGENS
Birthday



October 5
DIR. WILSON GOH
Birthday



October 6
RTN. CHITO SANTIAGO
Birthday



October 5
RTN. ALEX RECTO & SPS. MARYASIA
Wedding Anniversary



GUEST SPEAKER
DR. EDWIN M. MERCADO
PRESIDENT & CEO, PHILHEALTH

Dr. Edwin is an experienced clinician and a health system executive with over three decades of experience in hospital and health systems management.

Edwin Mercado or “Doc Ed” is a Philippine Board-Certified and U.S.-trained Orthopedic Surgeon. He finished his medical education and orthopedic training at the University of the Philippines – College of Medicine, and Philippine General Hospital, respectively. In his senior year of residency, he was Chief Resident and awarded Most Outstanding in Research.

He is an experienced Health System executive with over three decades of experience in hospital and health systems management. His strong academic credentials complement his extensive hands-on experience:

1) Master’s in Healthcare Administration degree from the Gillings School of Global Public Health, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

2) Master of Medical Sciences in Global Health Delivery degree from Harvard Medical School.

He dedicated 25 years transforming a 10-bed clinic into an integrated system spanning 4 hospitals with a total of 500 beds, two ambulatory centers, and five multispecialty clinics—generating USD 60 million in annual revenue. This serves as a viable blueprint for a functional healthcare provider network (HCPN) in the country, a cornerstone of universal health care (UHC).

Having built a professionally fulfilling career as both clinician and as a healthcare system executive, he aspires to share his expertise to advance the UHC reforms. His expertise spans health systems operations, medical devices, healthcare information technology (HIT), healthcare finance, business innovation, universal healthcare, global health, and orthopedics, with strong focus on health systems strengthening, health equity, and access.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sister Club visit

Fellow Rotarians,

In recent years, I've noticed that more of our members have been participating in visits to our sister clubs for inductions of new club presidents and/or anniversary celebrations. This made me reflect on the true value of these connections.

These visits go beyond service projects. These kinds of relationships bring us closer as people, allowing us to forge lasting friendships and truly see Rotary as a global family, rooted in compassion, action, and a shared purpose.

Collaborating with our sister clubs also opens new doors for service. Together, we can take on projects, exchange knowledge, and accomplish initiatives that might be challenging for a single club alone.



During the first three months of my term as RCMW President, I've had the privilege of representing our club at several sister club anniversaries abroad. In early July, I traveled to Singapore with 16 members and spouses for RC Singapore West's 65th Anniversary. Last September, 22 members and spouses joined me in celebrating RC Sapporo West's 75th Anniversary. This October, 18 members, spouses, and family will accompany me to Hawaii for RC West Honolulu's 75th Anniversary. We've also received an invitation from RC Kowloon West for their 65th Anniversary in November.

Clearly, the first half of my term has been filled with extensive international engagements. I might just be the most traveled RCMW President! Ha ha...

Even with my frequent travels abroad, our regular lunch meetings and fellowship activities continued smoothly and remained well attended. On September 29, Chairman Dodie Poblete led a Breast, Cervical, and Prostate Cancer screening at Valley Golf, while PP Dave Caldwell organized the HIV Caravan at Faith College in Tanauan, Batangas, with support from the RCMW Secretariat. The September fellowship was also successfully organized by Rtn. Davy and Dan Lim at VIP Golf.

Chairman Lemarc has been doing an outstanding job with our Gift of Life surgeries, while PDG Jay Tambunting and his team are busy preparing for the District Pickleball Tournament this October. PRID Guiller has been focused on recruiting new members, and PP Eric T. has been working tirelessly to raise funds for our GOL program.

All this has been happening even while I was traveling extensively. You could say RCMW truly runs on its own! My heartfelt thanks to everyone for keeping everything moving so seamlessly.

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



Club Fellowship at VIP GOLF Met Live, Pasay City on September 30, 2025





GG#1868973 HIV (P.A.C.T.) Prevention, Awareness, Care & Treatment The final HIV Caravan at FAITH Colleges, Tanauan, Batangas with DDB Group Philippines & The Red Whistle on September 29, 2025





1st Prostate Screening Test at Valley Golf
Sponsored by Ateneo Hampas Lupa Group and
in partnership with Philippine Cancer Society,
RC Makati West and Valley Golf on September 29, 2025





PRID Guiller Tumangan, PDG Jay Tambunting, PP Junvee Vital and IPP Gerry Laperal attended the District 3830 Awards Night at Solaire Grandballroom on September 28, 2025





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Breast and Cervical Screening project at Santiago park, Gen. Trias, Cavite. Sponsored by the family of Rtn. Dodie Poblete and in Partnership with Philippine Cancer Society, City Government of Gen. Trias & RC Makati West on September 19, 2025







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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

September 18, 2025



Rtn. Alex Floro as Moderator



Rtn. Bok Malantic as Invocator



Pres. Elect Paul Daza during the President's Time



Rtn. Tope Narciso introduces the guest speaker



Rtn. Scott Moore in his speech



Rtn. Scott Moore received from the Club the Gift of Life Certificate



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Dear President Christopher Dino Dumatol,

ROTARY CLUB OF PETALING JAYA (RCPJ) 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OFFICIAL INVITATION

Warm greetings from the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya.

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that our Club will soon be commemorating a significant milestone of 65 years dedicated service to the community.

This achievement stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment and enduring contributions of our past and present Rotarians.

In recognition of this momentous occasion, we will be celebrating our 65th Anniversary on Saturday, 17th January 2026, at our home venue, the Dorsett Grand Subang Hotel, Subang Jaya, Malaysia.

We are honored to extend our heartfelt invitation to you and your esteemed club members (including spouses) to join us for this joyous celebration. Please find below the tentative itinerary of events:

Itinerary of Events

13th January 2026 (Tuesday)

- Arrival of RCMW members
- A dedicated bus will be arranged to transfer all delegations from the airport to the hotel
- To streamline transportation (approximately 65 km, 1 hour drive), we kindly request all delegates to arrive on the same flight, where possible
- Dinner to be hosted by President David Ong at his residence

14th January 2026 (Wednesday)

- Free and Easy / Shopping

15th January 2026 (Thursday)

- After Breakfast at the hotel depart **8AM** day trip to Melaka (approximately 150 km one way)
- Golfers will proceed to A'Famosa Golf Resort Melaka (*please bring your own golf equipment*)
 - Non-golfers/spouses will enjoy a guided tour of the historic city of Melaka
- Return to the hotel after dinner at A Famosa Resort
- All activities, including golf, are fully hosted by RCPJ

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 Years of Service



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16th January 2026 (Friday)

- After Breakfast at the hotel, Golfers Depart at 7:15 AM for 2nd round of golf at Templer Park Country Club (approx. 25 km)
- Non-golfers/spouses: Depart at 9:00 AM for Kuala Lumpur city tour, sight-seeing and shopping, followed by lunch. Leave for hotel by 5:00 PM
- Rotary Meeting and Welcome Dinner at the hotel at 7:00 PM
 - Attire: Smart Casual
 - Sister's Club Signing Ceremony
 - Exchange of Gifts
- All activities, including golf and tours, are hosted by RCPJ

17th January 2026 (Saturday)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit to the Groundbreaking Ceremony of an RCPJ Global Grant Project at SS2, Petaling Jaya, followed by lunch
- Return to the hotel by 2:00 PM to prepare for the evening
- 65th Anniversary Celebration Dinner begins at 5:00 PM at Dorsett Grand Subang
 - Attire: Formal
- All activities are hosted by RCPJ

18th January 2026 (Sunday)

- Morning at leisure
- Departure and transfer to the airport via organized bus service

Accommodation – Dorsett Grand Subang

Accommodation has been arranged at Dorsett Grand Subang (4-star) at special rates:

- Deluxe Room (Single/Twin): RM310.00 nett per room per night, inclusive of breakfast
- Club Room (Single/Twin): RM440.00 nett per room per night, inclusive of breakfast

Kindly indicate the number and type of rooms (Deluxe or Club) required for your delegation. We will require full name as per passports and the reservations will be made on your behalf, with your payment to be settled directly upon check-in on 13th January 2026.

All anniversary events, including the Welcome Dinner, will be held at the hotel for your convenience.

We are truly honored to welcome delegations from our ten sister clubs across ten countries to share in this joyous celebration. To ensure that we can extend our warmest hospitality to all, we kindly and respectfully request that your club limit its delegation to **26 participants**, including spouses.

Your gracious cooperation will help make this milestone even more memorable and we eagerly look forward to celebrating this special occasion together in the spirit of Rotary Friendship and Fellowship.



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To ensure smooth coordination of accommodation and transport arrangements, we would need your confirmation of your club's member/spouse attendance **no later than 15th October 2025**.

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your members to Petaling Jaya, and to celebrating this meaningful milestone together.

With Warm Regards,

Organizing Chairperson
PAG Captain HS Dharan
65th Anniversary Celebration

President (RY 25/26)
Rtn David Ong
Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya

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Years of Service

OCTOBER IS



**ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MONTH**

"To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world."

Dr. Seuss

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