

## Inauguration of the Hematology-Oncology Ward



*Shown seated at the presidential table are officers of UP-PGH from ( L-R) Dr. Juliet Sio-Aguilar - PGH Pediatric Chair, Dr. Michael Tee - UP Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development , Dr. Greg Alvior (partly hidden) - PGHMF1 Chairman, Ms. Rolene Strauss- Miss World 2014 , Dr. Jose Gonzales- PGH Director, Ms. Alice Eduardo- CEO Sta. Elena Construction & Development Corp., Ms. Megan Young - Miss World 2013, Mme. Lolita Escobar- Mirpuri - PGHMF1 Corporate Secretary, Ms. Valerie Weigmann - Ms. World Philippines 2014, Dr. Edward C. Tordesillas— PGHMF1 President*

During the visit at the PGH of Miss World Philippines, with some officials of the Miss World Organization headed by Ms. Julia Morley sometime in 2012, they witnessed the lamentable state of patients in the Pediatrics Wards and decided to do something to alleviate their condition. They initially planned to create a learning and recreation center within the department.

The medical staff of the department, however, felt that a more crucial need would be an isolation area to separate the patients suffering from leukemia from the other patients to prevent them from acquiring hospital infection brought about by the prevailing situation.

The section on Pediatric Hematology and Oncology caters to about 350 new patients annually of which about sixty percent (60%) are afflicted with cancer. In spite of the available multi sub-specialty experts in the department where

these patients are submitted to chemotherapy, radiation, antibiotic therapy & other procedures, still about fifty percent (50%) succumb to hospital acquired infection as they are admitted in the pediatrics general wards.

Improvement of this condition was seen as imperative and thus, the creation of a dedicated isolation ward for these children with cancer and hematologic diseases was initiated.

Through a generous donor, the Sta. Elena Construction and Development Corporation headed by its CEO and President Ms. Alice Eduardo and with the participation of Miss World Ltd. and the PGH Medical Foundation, the project - Hematology - Oncology Isolation Ward has come to reality. The inauguration of the facility was held last February 18, 2015.



*During the ribbon cutting (L-R) Ms. Rolene Strauss- Miss World 2014 , Ms. Julia Morley - Chairman & CEO Miss World Organization, Ms. Megan Young - Miss World 2013, Ms. Alice Eduardo- CEO Sta. Elena Construction & Development Corp, Ms. Cory Quirino - National Director Miss World Philippines*



From the Chairman...



*...excerpt from the speech delivered during the 1st anniversary of Samsung Sono School*



Greetings!  
I am happy and grateful for having been invited to celebrate the anniversary of one of our premiere projects- The Samsung Sono School.  
A year ago, we inaugurated this project. It was an important event not only for us but also for our donor whose top executives flew in from Korea just to be with us.

We had great expectations for this project since it will train doctors, nurses and technicians to be better sonographers, the offshoot of which is better patient management resulting from more accurate sonographic testing. The training is not exclusive for the PGH Staff but also for others who will be practicing their craft in other parts of the country. I can see that we are achieving our goal as more than two hundred doctors and other health care personnel from different departments have been trained and many more for the next 2 years.

Samsung is a company that takes seriously the core value of corporate social responsibility. It has also projects in other fields; one of which is its project with TESDA that trains out-of-school youth in electronics which will equip them with certain skills that may hopefully reduce unemployment in the country.

For us at the PGHMF I it has been a pleasure to be part of this project. The PGHMF I serves as a conduit of this and other donations which are coordinated with PGH. I want to say something more about PGHMF I for the information of those who may not know. PGHMF I was founded in 1997 by then PGH Director Dr. Antonio Montalban. Unfortunately when his term ended, it was neglected and went into dormancy. A new Director, Dr. Juan Ma. Pablo Nañagas decided to revive it in 2002 but actual operation started in 2003. The Foundation then had no office, no staff, and practically penniless, but due to strong determination and hard work we were able to raise to date around Php 200M which are being used to support our various projects at PGH, to wit: 1) Infrastructure Development 2) Provisions of Equipment, Instruments and Supplies 3) Training and 4) Our Flagship Project, the Charity Patients Medical Fund which has been the main source of assistance for patients in procuring medicines and laboratory tests. In fact the OB-Gyne Department is a recipient of our projects - i.e.; renovation of Ward 15, OB Admitting Section, Delivery & Labor Room, construction of Breast Feeding Lounge, and the Ortol Primary Reproductive Care Center Bldg. The Foundation continuously solicits funds from individuals and corporations, conducts annual fund-raising events, the proceeds of which are used directly to fund patient assistance.

In closing, I would like to compliment Dr. De Guia, Dr. Uichanco, and all those involved in this project for their services. Sometimes we may feel that ours is a thankless job, but let me assure you that the reward lies deep in our hearts and the satisfaction of doing our share in helping others. Let me quote a saying “it is better to light a candle than curse the darkness”. We are all lighting our little candles and we are grateful that Samsung has a big one that helps us chase the darkness away.

Thank you!  
  
**Dr. Greg T. Alvior**  
Chairman

THE WIND BENEATH OUR WINGS

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It may be recalled, or for the younger generation who must have read it in history books, the tag “man of the masses” was attributed to the 4<sup>th</sup> President of the Philippine Republic – President Ramon Magsaysay. He was known for his humility, integrity and compassion for the common man -- those belonging to the

lower echelon of society. These values have been passed on to his descendants – to his son, the former Senator “Jun” Magsaysay and to his grandson, Mr. Francisco “Paco” Magsaysay.

Paco, true to this tradition, is an active officer of PGHMF I, being a member of its Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. His commitment translates to his direct personal involvement, by contributing his time and effort to the various activities of the Foundation where he is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee that ensures the Foundation’s financial capability to continuously provide the necessary assistance to the indigent patients of PGH.

Paco had his formal education and training in the United States where he took a course in Management major in Marketing. He capped this with a Masters in Entrepreneurship degree at the Asian Institute of Management which came very handy as he manages his several business in the Philippines. The blessings he receives from these business endeavors are now being shared with the indigent patients through his regular contributions / donations to the PGHMF I. Not content with this, last Christmas he made the charity patients at the Pediatrics Department enjoy his “Carmen’s Best Ice Cream”.

His involvement with the Foundation is providential, a calling that emanates from the heart... In the words of St. Francis: “We shall always be judged by what we do for our brothers and sisters”.

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# PGHMF I Acquires Another Php 7M for PGH



The donors (5 & 6 from left) together with PGH Director, Dr. Jose Gonzales and some officers of PGHMF I.

As had been reported, the Php 9M previously donated by a then anonymous donor through PGHMF I were used to purchase medical equipment based on the expressed needs of the recipient departments. These were Portable X-ray Machines for the Radiology Department, the Electro Cautery Machine and Choledochoscope for the Department of Surgery and Plasma Freezer and Blood Bank Tube Sealer for the Blood Bank.

Recently, on top of the Php 9M donation, the donors who have now made themselves known, albeit still under the pseudonym- CUBE DONOR UK granted another Php 7M to the Foundation. This has been used to purchase ten (10) units Cardiac Monitors, three (3) units Cardiac Defibrillators for the Department of Emergency Medicine and one (1) Refrigerated Centrifuge for the Blood Bank Section of the Department of Laboratories.



Cardiac Defibrillators - gives electric therapy for advance cardiac life support



The CUBE Donor- UK (seated 2nd from left front row) and (second from left back row) together with some officers of PGHMF I



Cardiac Monitors - a device that shows the electrical and pressure waveforms of the cardiovascular system for measurement and treatment. It displays cardiac electrocardiogram (EKG) tracing.



Plasma Freezer - to fractionate / separate the blood components.



# PGHMFH Holds its 12th Annual Membership Meeting

....and we are still increasing

Another fruitful year was added to the Foundation that held its annual membership meeting last 27 March 2015 at the Social Hall of the Nurses' Home, PGH Compound.

Before the official order of business, an invocation was led by the new UP PGH chaplain Fr. Chester A. Yacub. S.J.

Dr. Edward C. Tordesillas, PGHMFH President, welcomed the members present and expressed his appreciation for their valued continued support and cooperation in the fulfillment of the Foundation's mission & objectives. He continued to proudly report on the two major projects that were initiated during the year 2014 - the Samsung Sono School at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology that was funded by Samsung Electronics Philippines and Singapore, and the Hematology Oncology Isolation Ward at the Pediatrics Department sponsored by the Sta. Elena Construction and Development Corporation, with the cooperation of the Miss World Organization.

This was followed by the Financial Report as of year-end 2014, delivered by the Foundation Auditor, Mrs. Daisy Nodque in lieu of the Treasurer Mrs. Agnes Essem Perez who was out of the country. She reported a considerable increase in the Total Net Receipts for the year of almost Php 36 million coming from various sources, viz: donations (general & restricted), funds in trust, fund raising, endowment fund, administrative charges and bank interests.

Dr. Dione Suter, the Foundation Executive Director, through a visual presentation reported that while there was a slight decrease in donor base from 2013, this was compensated by an increase in Total Cash Receipts which was the source of the Foundation's various assistance to PGH and its patients in the form of cash funding for medicines, medical supplies & laboratories, renovation of hospital facilities and infrastructure projects. A Pie Chart showing the shares received by the various departments was likewise presented.

Through the Foundation, several benefactors donated various hospital equipment & supplies that were eventually made available to several hospital departments which resulted in more efficient delivery of service and staff performance.



The officers and members of the PGHMFH with the PGH Director Dr. Jose C. Gonzales (4th from right)



Oath taking of the new members before the Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Greg Alvior.



Mr. Noel Gonzales took his oath as a member of the Board of Trustees before Chairman Dr. Greg Alvior



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A new member of the Board of Trustees was elected,-Mr. Noel Gonzales who was inducted into office by Dr. Gregorio Alvior, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Likewise, fourteen new members took their oath: Atty. Lynne Arnaldo-Vega, Dr. Arlene-Alcid Samaniego, Dr. Eloisa Lirio-Quilorgico, Dr. Erwin D. Palisoc, Dr. Jorge G. Ignacio, Dr. Juliet Sio-Aguilar, Dr. Maynoll D. Montalbo, Ms. Margarita "Marge" Malate, Ms. Susan "Chuchi" Serrano-Villar, Ms. Teresita T. Venturina, Ms. Uliran T. Joaquin, Ms. Zenaida F. Consignado, Ms. Bienvenida S. Tandog, and Ms. Victoria S. Clavel.

PGH Director, Dr. Jose Gonzales, concluded the program by thanking the officers and members of the foundation for their valuable support to PGH and its patients.



The officers of the PGHMF I and PGH Director Dr. Jose C. Gonzales

Joint Board of Trustees and Executive Committee Meeting



During the last day of April, the Foundation held its joint Board of Trustees and Executive Committee Meeting at its regular venue, the Tower Club in Makati.

After the official business amenities, The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Greg Alvior, gave the floor to the PGHMF I President Dr. Edward C. Tordesillas to report on the gains & accomplishment of the Foundation, where he reiterated to them the projects that were initiated and their current status. The other fund-raising efforts were also reported.



Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees

The Chair then steered the discussion on the plans and strategies of how the Foundation can better achieve its mission by gaining optimum results in various income generating projects. It was indeed a fruitful exercise where members shared their opinions and experiences to better achieve its objectives.



# Samsung Sono School Conducts Series of Training

After the inauguration on 24 June 2014, the Samsung Sono School conducted its first two (2) days workshop on “Basic Training Course in Obstetric and Gynecologic Ultrasound”. It was held at the Honoria Acosta-Sison Hall of the Department in August 2014.

This project is a significant support to the government’s maternal health target in decreasing the mortality rate of mothers giving birth which has increased considerably as reported in the latest census of the Department of Health. This unfortunate event could be traced to the lack of equipment and facilities as well as the lack of knowledge and information on the basic pregnancy care by health providers.

The training program focuses on training doctors, nurses and medical technicians on basic ultrasonography that will provide them with the skill to diagnose / evaluate pregnant mothers, which will predict possible complications during pregnancy. Since its launching last June 2014, it has trained more than two hundred (200) health professionals. The training sessions were held every month after the first session in August and will run for three (3) years. It is open to all interested health professionals.



The participants'



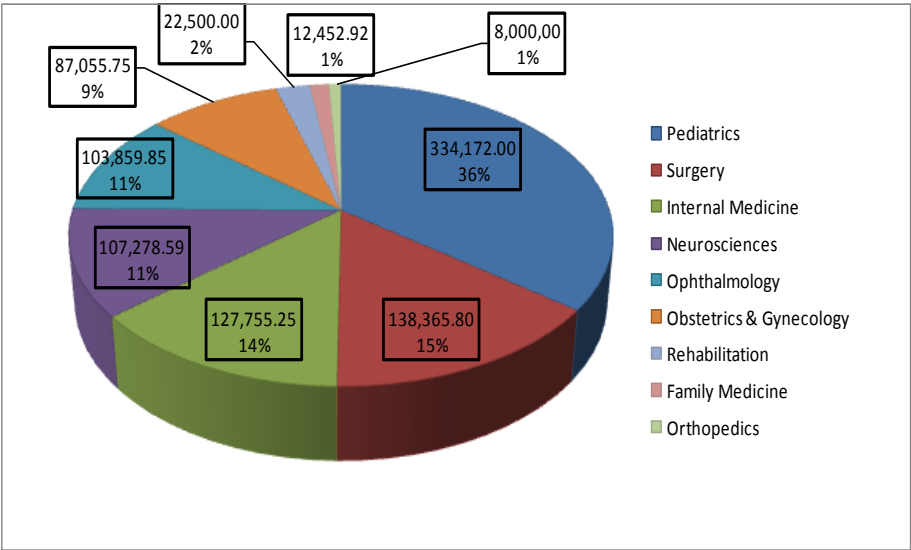
Taken during a training session

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January - April 2015

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# The Primary Reproductive Health Unit Reopens

The UP Manila Primary Health Care Center that is located at the Ortoll Hall, PGH Compound has been renamed the Primary Reproductive Health Unit and is now placed administratively under the PGH Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

It serves a wide range of health needs of Filipino women requiring maternal care. A lying-in clinic is now being provided for normal obstetrical cases requiring only a 24-hour confinement. These cases were initially refused admission because of the limited facility in the OB Wards. Likewise, pre-natal care, infertility and family planning consultations and medically and legally approved services i.e., tubal ligation, intra uterine device (IUD) are also made available.

This facility has the added advantage of serving the University’s need for training of medical students, doctors, nurses, and midwives on normal obstetrical procedures which was then unavailable. This was due to limitation of space where these patients were initially refused admission, as abnormal and critical obstetrical cases were prioritized. This situation had led to innumerable referrals to other medical facilities in Metro Manila, thus depriving our medical and paramedical students with hands –on training in the management of normal deliveries.

With the opening of the Unit, the University’s role in performing its vital share in the betterment and welfare of our women folks will now be greatly improved.

It officially re-opened last October 2014 after more than a two (2) year hiatus due to certain legal/ technical issues.



*The donor Sr. Jorge Ortoll (second from right) with (from left to right) Dr. Edward C. Tordesillas, Dr. Dione M. Suter, Dr. Carmencitta Padilla- UP Manila Chancellor and Mme. Lolita Escobar-Mirpuri*



*The façade of the Unit*



*During consultation by patients*



*Shown standing are Mr. Paco Magsaysay and son Jaime with (seated) Dr. Greg Alvior , Mme. Lolita Escobar– Mirpuri and a guest.*

Mr. Francisco “Paco” Magsaysay, PGHMF I officer, celebrated his birthday last February and requested his guests to donate instead cash gifts to the foundation.



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