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Thank you 2024, Presidential Award, ESMs Philippines, Donations, Cuba, Mongolia, NOF-TUAF Jacksonville Traveling Fellowships

Thank You, 2024!

We entered 2024 confidently in our attitudes to transform lives touched by neurosurgical care. We ended the year with a sense of pride, joy, and hope. We have had unexpected ups & lows in our work-things got complicated & challenging. We reached out to some of you for feedback. Thank you for all the encouragement, ideas, and support. We appreciate your feedback. We hear it. We hear it loud and clear. We are with advancing our mission and vision. We have conducted 3 Educational Surgical Missions in Asia, presented in Educational Symposiums, Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Donated Medical Equipment, & 2 ESM-ED trained in addition. NOF programs were presented at 3 major international meetings. Social media is ever more alive and our accomplishments are being shared. We have 2 new Board members, 1 Board member from the Philippines received NOF with a Presidential Award, a huge thank you to the Board members who have been the backbone of our organization. We have 2 new Board members who will be joining us in 2025. Thank you for a great 2024, we for a great 2024 with greater hope, determination, and commitment to our mission.

Philippine Presidential Award 2024

The founders Dr. Philippe and Ms. Carmina Aldana received the Presidential Award on behalf of NOF and ESM in the Philippines. In the audience are NOF guests were board member, Dr. Patricia Clarkin, NOF partners, Dr. Craig Nakamoto, Dr. Ricardo Ramos, Dr. Ricardo Ramos, Dr. Ricardo Ramos, Dr. John Lim and Mr. William Chongkian, nominating party representatives Atty. Marie de Castro Pascual, and the parents of Mrs. Carmina Abaca Smith, Mr. Ernesto Abaca and Mrs. Lourdes Abaca. Dr. Philippe Aldana is a neurosurgeon in Manila, Philippines. He has been performing neurosurgery for 5 years. He has been recognized for his altruistic form of appreciation. We are thankful for all of the hard work and dedication to our mission. We are thankful for the partnership we have with NOF since 2012. The steady, consistent work that we have done in the Philippines has helped improve care, save lives, and facilitate the development of neurosurgery in the Philippines. We are proud of what we do. This award is yours and is dedicated to the people we serve. With this award, we have earned access to the Philippine government which we asked so we can do more for our people. We are ready to do more, we are ready to do more for the communities in the Philippines with indefinite sustainability and impact. In addition, this award has reinforced our mission, and will guide our organization for years to come.

Congratulations from NOF! Cheers to us all!

Founders' Acceptance Speech Delivered at the Testimonial Dinner

"Dominica Ang, other dignitaries, fellow honorees, officers of NOF, families and friends, good evening! Thank you for your presence and for your support. Years ago, a 12-month-old infant was given up to a family at a children's shelter in Cebu because they could not care of him. He was born with a large cystic lesion on his head. Fast forward, he is now a 21-year-old, 3rd year medical student. The neurosurgeons at Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center performed surgeries to repair his skull but to later development a disease called hydrocephalus, which fluid builds up in the brain causing pressure and disability in death.

Luckily, around this time two neurosurgeons were engaged with NOF neurosurgeons in an Educational Surgical Mission. We brought to organize a new, minimally invasive technique to treat hydrocephalus and the little boy underwent the procedure. Today, he is a medical student, he is a leader in his community, and he is a role model for many. We have had many heartbreaking neurosurgical case because they don't have access to it. They need a neurosurgeon, and we are the ones who work. We are the Philippines and nothing more.

In the last 10 years we have partnered and collaborated with amazing Filipino neurosurgeons and hospital staff who work above and beyond what is required of them and provide remarkable care despite limited resources. Thank you, Dr. Ricardo Ramos, Dr. Ricardo Ramos, Dr. Ricardo Ramos, Gloria and Dayao, we owe a debt of gratitude. We will continue to request and outreach to the Philippines by establishing partnership and collaboration with neurosurgeons, hospitals, and institutions.

NOF has been helping Filipinos and advance neurosurgical care in the Philippines using innovative approaches tailored to the community needs of the Filipino people. We have provided medical equipment and supplies and provide complex surgery to patients for free and educational equipment to hospitals. All the work is done by volunteers who put in countless hours to ensure the success of our mission. We are grateful for the support from our government leaders as much for our volunteers, some of which are in the audience here tonight.

Mrs.Yasmin NOF, 3 years ago, inspired by our parents and driven by the indigent patients that we see in Cebu and Manila, to help people in need. We have accomplished so much in 3 years, we have provided medical equipment, educational equipment, and why, legacy-wise? It's what shapes the foundation of NOF and the work that we do. We have assisted the same spirit in our Board of Directors, our Board of Directors consists of 2 Filipino-American LGH-trained non-profit engaged in global neurosurgery, helping 1 Filipino with an impact value of almost 10 million, always centered on improving care for the patients.

On behalf of our volunteers and board members, we are emboldened and encouraged by this award. We are ready to do more, we are ready to do more. Presidential Award. Thank you. The PHILCO program (Innovative Tri-generous spirit of Filipinos for their redeemable compatriots). Tonight we celebrate our commitment to our mission, our commitment to our people of the nineteen, to patient from infectious disease, to hydrocephalus with passage during conflict, to create opportunities, to secure peace, and to promote prosperity. We are ready to do more, we are ready to do more. We are Filipino people too, personally, when I hear of these journeys, The Filipino profile, the rich and sometimes very low to be someone to deeply appreciate our very, very, very,