

MESSAGE from the Director



For the past thirteen years, I have been privileged to be at the helm of the premier heart hospital in the country--your PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER. The task ahead and responsibility seemed daunting when I took over in 1997, following alleged mismanagement cases of previous administrations.

Slowly but surely, with the vigilance and guidance of members of the Management Committee, we were able to steer the hospital to a new direction to meet the challenges of the next millennium. Most of the ManCom members were pioneers of the PHC like me, and together we were able reassess the hospital's status and bring back the focus on the Center's mandate and the attainment of its four-fold objectives.

Today, after more than three decades of service to millions of Filipino heart patients, most of whom are indigents, we continue to be the leader in upholding the highest standards of cardiovascular care, responsive to the health needs of our people. State-of-the-art equipment and upgraded facilities and other amenities make us a world-class and self-reliant institution. We have trained over 800 heart specialists now serving in hospitals and clinics in different regions of the country. Our surgical outreach program brings free open heart surgery to indigent patients in the provinces.

The Philippine Heart Center has been duly recognized for excellence in its services, programs and corporate social responsibility. We pay tribute to all the men and women who have contributed their share to the Center's achievements. As I end my term in 2010, I wish to thank my Philippine Heart Center family for their whole-hearted support and confidence they have placed in me to lead our institution.


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