

## “Starting the Year Right”



Last January 14, 2024 the members of the Philippine Heart Center expeditionary medical team touched down at the airport and were greeted by the officers of the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center led by their Medical Center Chief, Dr. Ishmael Dimaren. This medical mission marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> visit to this institution and a total of 25 patients (7 adult / 19 pedia) were given life-saving cardiovascular procedures.

Nurturing the growth of Regional Heart Centers is one of the key measures to prepare the national healthcare system for the implementation of the Universal Healthcare Law. Not only does it enable easier access to quality cardiovascular healthcare for our countrymen living in the province, but it also allows the Philippine Heart Center to decongest its facilities, thus allowing for more Filipinos to be treated for their various cardiovascular ailments.

