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A Message from Our President

BYRON YIP

Dear Valued Stakeholders,

At Okada Manila, our journey in 2024 began with a renewed commitment to sustainability through our Okada Green Heart initiative. This comprehensive program reflects our dedication to integrating responsible environmental practices into every aspect of our operations. From reducing plastic waste to sourcing sustainable ingredients, Okada Green Heart has become a guiding force in how we care for our community and our planet. As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to share the many milestones we have achieved—not only in sustainability, but also in setting new benchmarks in gaming, leisure, and entertainment, all while staying true to our vision of enriching lives and creating meaningful moments.

Looking ahead, Okada Manila is committed to driving deeper impact through our Okada Green Heart program by aligning our efforts with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In 2025, we will advance our initiatives across all six sustainability pillars—Waste Management, Energy Efficiency, Water Conservation, Talent and Community, Safety, Security, and Welfare, and Responsible Gaming—with concrete, measurable targets. These include increasing our single-use plastic recycling rate to 30%, expanding our Food Rescue Project to cut food waste by 25%, and boosting graywater recycling capacity by 50%. We also aim to enhance energy efficiency through AI-driven systems, scale renewable energy use, and broaden access to wellness and education programs for our team members and communities. Through these focused efforts, we reaffirm our commitment to climate action, social equity, and the well-being of future generations.

On behalf of everyone at Okada Manila, thank you for your trust and support. Together, we look forward to creating even greater experiences—and building a greener, more sustainable future.

Warm regards,

Byron Yip
President and COO
Okada Manila

The background is a solid pink color with a repeating pattern of stylized leaves and branches in a lighter shade of pink. The leaves are elongated and pointed, with visible veins. The branches are thin and curved, creating a dense, organic texture.

WELCOME TO OKADA MANILA

Welcome to Okada Manila

Okada Manila, the Philippines' premier integrated resort, spans 30 hectares in the heart of Entertainment City and continues to redefine hospitality, gaming, and entertainment with its world-class offerings. Recognized for the sixth consecutive year with the prestigious Forbes 5-Star Award, Okada Manila is a true fusion of Japanese excellence—marked by precision, innovation, and attention to detail—and the heartfelt warmth of Filipino hospitality.

This signature blend creates a guest experience that is both refined and deeply welcoming, solidifying Okada Manila's status as an iconic destination in the region. Beyond delivering unforgettable leisure and entertainment, Okada Manila is also steadfast in its commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement through its comprehensive Okada Green Heart program, which has earned the Forbes Responsible Hospitality recognition.

As a leader in innovation and premium service, Okada Manila remains dedicated to creating meaningful moments while embracing sustainable practices and social responsibility.





Our Vision, Mission, and Values

Vision

To enrich people's lives by creating meaningful moments and experiences and by being the innovative leader in gaming, leisure, and entertainment.

Mission

Working as one with the community and our stakeholders, we share value and sincere service that sustain meaningful experiences.

Values

Humility
Pride in teamwork
Creativity
Integrity
Environmental and social consciousness
Sense of fun

At Okada Manila, every moment is an opportunity to deliver **excellence** inspired by **Japanese precision**, while embracing the **genuine warmth of Filipino hospitality**. These values guide us in making a positive impact on our guests, team members, and the communities we serve, ensuring that Okada Manila remains a beacon of premium experiences and unforgettable memories.



OUR ESG COMMITMENT THE OKADA GREEN HEART

Our ESG Commitment – The Okada Green Heart

At Okada Manila, we believe that our actions today shape the world of tomorrow. We are dedicated to integrating sustainable practices throughout our operations, from energy conservation and waste reduction to responsible sourcing and promoting biodiversity.

We pledge to reduce our carbon footprint, conserve natural resources, and foster environmental stewardship among our team and guests. By partnering with local and global organizations, we aim to drive meaningful change and inspire others to join us in this vital endeavor.

Our vision is to ensure the preservation of our natural world for future generations. At Okada Manila, sustainability is our promise to nurture a brighter, greener future for all.

The Okada Green Heart, Okada Manila's Sustainability Program, is a comprehensive initiative designed to integrate environmentally responsible practices across all facets of our operations. Our program is guided by a commitment to reduce our environmental impact, promote sustainable development, and contribute positively to the well-being of our community and the planet.

Waste Management

Okada Manila is dedicated to reducing, reusing, and recycling waste while supporting local communities through innovative programs.



Linen for Life:

Discarded hotel linens are donated to NGOs through a collaboration with Diversey Philippines, PHILSSA, and Urban Poor Associates. These are repurposed into useful items, providing sustainable income to underprivileged families.



Food Rescue Project:

As the first integrated resort in the Philippines to partner with Scholars of Sustenance (SOS) Philippines, Okada Manila donates high-quality surplus food from Medley Buffet and banquet events to underserved communities—helping fight hunger while reducing food waste.



Single-Use Plastic Recycling:

In line with the Extended Producer Responsibility Act of 2022, Okada Manila partners with PETValue Philippines to recycle plastic bottles into food-grade materials, contributing to a 'World Without Waste.'



Sustainable Practices:

In all hotel rooms, the resort has eliminated plastic bottled water in favor of glass containers and introduced single-container bathroom amenities. Wooden key cards, digital guest registration, and a comprehensive material recovery facility further minimize landfill waste.



Circular Kitchen Efforts:

Kitchen scraps are upcycled and food waste is converted into fertilizer, while The Retreat Spa and Fitness Center grow their own organic herbs to support on-site sustainability.

Energy Efficiency

Okada Manila embraces cutting-edge technology and sustainable practices to optimize energy use and reduce our carbon footprint.



In-room Smart Controls:

Motion sensors and in-room tablets optimize lighting, HVAC, and other amenities based on occupancy.



100% LED Lighting:

Upgraded lighting systems save energy and reduce replacement frequency.



Building Management Systems:

Advanced back-of-house systems ensure energy efficiency and minimize environmental impact.



Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station:

Installed the first EV charging station in Entertainment City to support clean energy adoption, reduce carbon emissions, and offer a seamless, valet-assisted charging experience for guests using electric vehicles.

Water Conservation

Our water conservation initiatives reflect a commitment to sustainable resource management and zero wastewater discharge.



Sustainable Water Bottling with Nordaq:

Replaced single-use plastic bottles with sustainably filtered water using Nordaq's on-site bottling system, serving premium water in reusable glass bottles and eliminating up to 2 million plastic bottles annually.



Graywater Recycling:

Utilized ultrafiltration systems to recycle wastewater for irrigation, flushing, and cooling, achieving zero wastewater discharge into Manila Bay.



Green Linen Program:

Encouraged guests to reuse towels and linens, reducing water and energy consumption.



Waterless Car Wash:

Introduced a waterless car wash for guests and company vehicles, significantly reducing water usage while maintaining high cleaning standards.



Optimized Laundry Operations:

Machines operate at 90% capacity to maximize water and energy efficiency.

Talent and Community

At Okada Manila, we prioritize the well-being of our team members and empower local communities through education, health programs, and outreach initiatives.



Internship Program:

Welcomed over 100 student interns per quarter through partnerships with top schools, offering hands-on experience, professional development, and industry-recognized training in hospitality and entertainment.



Wellness Programs:

Hosted cervical cancer awareness events, blood donation drives, and mental health activities to support team member health.



Community Outreach:

Conducted medical and dental missions in underserved areas, tree planting activities at La Mesa Watershed, and holiday charity events for children and families. Some special projects are in collaboration with non-government organizations to extend the reach and impact of these initiatives.



Team Member Development:

Certified employees through the Okada Manila Training Circle and provided experiential training to over 100 student interns per quarter.

Safety, Security, and Welfare

Okada Manila is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for guests and employees.



Emergency Preparedness:

Awarded Overall Champion at the 11-in-1 National Fire Brigade Competition for excellence in fire safety and emergency response.



First Aid Training:

Conducted first aid challenges and comprehensive safety training to enhance employee preparedness.



Fire Safety Advocacy:

Promoted workplace safety through internal drills, awareness campaigns, and continuous skill-building for our emergency response teams.

Responsible Gaming

Promoting responsible gaming is integral to our operations, ensuring guests enjoy balanced and secure experiences.



Exclusion Programs:

Monitoring gaming behaviors and providing timely interventions and support.



Training and Education:

Conducted training on responsible gaming practices and anti-money laundering compliance to ensure ethical operations.

Through the six pillars of the Okada Green Heart program, we strive to lead by example in sustainability, innovation, and community empowerment. Together, we are shaping a brighter and more sustainable future.





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HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2024 Highlights and Achievements

In 2024, Okada Manila reaffirmed its commitment to sustainability, community engagement, and operational excellence through numerous impactful initiatives. Guided by the six pillars of the Okada Green Heart program, these accomplishments demonstrate our dedication to creating a positive impact on the environment, our team members, and the communities we serve.

Okada Manila Joins Earth Hour with Eco-Friendly Initiatives

24 March 2024 - Okada Manila, heralded as Asia's most spectacular gaming and entertainment destination, participated in the Biggest Hour for Earth, aligning with millions globally for a critical cause—protecting our singular planet, Earth.

On March 23, Okada Manila powered down its exterior lighting and the iconic Fountain to observe Earth Hour from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. The hotel also dimmed its lights in its Coral and Pearl lobbies, wellness centers (The Retreat Spa and The Sole Retreat), and other areas within the integrated resort.

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By turning off our facilities and amenities for just an hour, we conserved energy and saved a significant amount of electricity in our operations. These small, yet impactful, actions demonstrated our commitment to sparking positive environmental change,

Byron Yip
President and COO
Okada Manila

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Earth Hour invited everyone to dedicate an hour to engaging in enjoyable activities that benefited the planet.

To commemorate the Biggest Hour for Earth, restaurant and hotel guests savored complimentary beverages in the dining outlets and on the gaming floors. La Piazza, known for its exquisite Italian cuisine, offered a special three-course, sustainable dinner by candlelight. Additionally, Medley Buffet featured a vegan station and Earth Hour-themed pastries. The PLAY Kids' Club entertained children with an indoor bonfire and storytelling from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

“We each had a role in fostering change and needed to act together. As a Forbes 5-Star-rated property and a premier integrated resort in the Philippines, Okada Manila stood united with the global community in advocating for the preservation of Earth. We aimed to establish exemplary standards for society, not only for the betterment of today but also for the benefit of future generations,” concluded Yip.

Earth Hour symbolized a united front that brought people together, highlighting the urgent need to address nature loss and the climate crisis. It motivated millions to take action and advocate for significant changes. Each year, the initiative strived to transform a single hour of solidarity into countless hours of environmental advocacy and action.



Okada Manila Hosts The Manila Times' Women Empowerment Forum 2024, Championing Inclusive Leadership and Gender Equality

March 2024 - Okada Manila proudly served as the official venue partner of The Manila Times' Women Empowerment Forum 2024, held on March 14 at the resort's Grand Ballroom 3. Themed "Inspiring Inclusivity: Our Collective Responsibility," the forum gathered distinguished leaders, advocates, and changemakers to drive forward the conversation on women's rights, leadership, and inclusive development across all sectors.

Dr. Manida Xongmixay-Lau, Okada Manila's Vice President of Business Solutions and Premium Marketing Operations, delivered the welcome address and underscored the significance of inclusive leadership in today's ever-evolving professional and social landscape.

The forum featured a powerhouse lineup of speakers from government, business, academia, and advocacy sectors who shared insights on dismantling barriers, creating supportive environments for women, and shaping policies that pave the way for a more inclusive future. Discussions covered a range of pressing topics including workplace diversity, women in leadership, and inclusive governance.

Okada Manila's partnership with The Manila Times for this milestone event reflects the integrated resort's continuing commitment to diversity, equity, and empowerment—values deeply embedded in its corporate culture and sustainability efforts.

By supporting platforms that elevate women's voices and experiences, Okada Manila reinforces its belief that empowering women is essential to building thriving organizations and resilient communities.



Okada Manila Sets Benchmark in Emergency Response with Back-to-Back National Fire Brigade Win

5 April 2024 - Okada Manila, a premier hospitality and entertainment destination in the Philippines, has once again demonstrated its unparalleled commitment to safety and security by securing the Overall Champion title in the 11-in-1 National Fire Brigade Competition 2024. The prestigious event was held on March 9, 2024 at ARCA South, Taguig City, under the organization of the Safety Organization of the Philippines Inc.

Okada Manila's fire brigade team showcased exceptional skills and preparedness, successfully defending their championship in the High Rise – Hotel Category against the country's top integrated resorts and hotels. Their victory marks back-to-back wins, underscoring Okada Manila's status as a leader in emergency response practices and fire safety.

The competition, aimed at promoting fire safety awareness, preparedness, and camaraderie among Fire Brigade Teams, saw Okada Manila excel in various categories, including Busted Hose, Lifting and Moving, Fire Extinguishment, and Fire Whiz. These achievements highlight the team's enhanced capabilities and dedication to maintaining the highest safety standards.

President and Chief Operating Officer of Okada Manila, Byron Yip, expressed his pride in the team's accomplishment, stating, "We are thrilled and honored to receive this back-to-back win. This recognition reflects our continuous commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our guests and team members, as befits a Forbes 5-Star property."

In addition to the team's success, Christele Rose Robilo, representing Okada Manila as Muse, was honored as the SOPI Fire Ambassadors 2024 1st Runner Up, standing out among 126 candidates.

The Okada Manila Fire Brigade Team, led by Team Manager Thomas Frias Jr., Assistant Team Manager Lloyd Sapla, and Team Coach Glenn Mark De Leon, along with Consultant Edilberto Capacete Jr., exemplifies the highest standards of readiness and capability in fire safety.

This achievement aligns with Okada Manila's overarching mission to provide a safe and secure environment for both guests and employees, further establishing its reputation as a leading destination that prioritizes well-being and safety above all.



Okada Manila and Philippine Coast Guard Serve 648 Residents of Talim Island in Medical and Dental Mission

30 April 2024 - Okada Manila, in a significant community outreach effort, partnered with the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary 107th Squadron to conduct a comprehensive Medical and Dental Mission in Talim Island, Barangay Subay, Cardona Rizal on April 20, 2024. The mission successfully provided essential health services to 648 residents, addressing a critical need for medical care in this remote community.

The day-long event offered a range of services including medical consultations, surgical operations such as circumcision, dental extractions and treatments, optical check-ups with the distribution of free reading glasses, and a supply of medicines. These services were made accessible to the island's residents, who face challenges in reaching traditional medical facilities due to their geographical isolation.

A total of 153 volunteers participated in the mission, including members from Okada Manila Security and Safety Division, the Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary, medical and dental doctors from DZRH Operation Tulong & Harley Davidson Group, and local officials from Barangay Subay. The Okada Manila Team was led by Jay Ian Capuz and Ramil Alejo, and received strong support from local leaders such as Vice Mayor Gil F. Pandac and Barangay Subay Chairman Fernando Ditablan Anore Sr. The Coast Guard Auxiliary 107th Squadron was under the capable direction of AUX Capt. Cesar Bredes, with Commodore Arnaldo Lim leading the Philippine Coast Guard efforts.



“Our mission goes beyond business—it is about serving our men, women, and children, especially in remote areas where basic facilities are scarce. This initiative is proof of our commitment to reaching out and making a difference in the lives of the communities we serve.”

Byron Yip
President and COO
Okada Manila

This mission is part of Okada Manila’s ongoing efforts to bring healthcare services closer to those in remote locations and to improve the overall health and wellbeing of its constituents. The success of this event underscores the powerful impact of collaborative efforts between corporate entities and government agencies in addressing community health needs.



Okada Manila Supports Global Dialogue on Safe Gaming at the 1st International Conference on Responsible Gambling and Gaming Addiction

May 2024 - Reinforcing its position as a key advocate for safe and responsible gaming, Okada Manila proudly supported the 1st International Conference on Responsible Gambling and Gaming Addiction as one of its official sponsors. The landmark event took place from May 20 to 22, 2024.

The three-day conference brought together global and local leaders in public health, government, academia, and the gaming industry to explore solutions to the growing challenges of gambling and gaming addiction. Participants tackled pressing issues ranging from prevention and treatment to policy reform and community education.

As a sponsor, Okada Manila elevated its industry presence and reaffirmed its commitment to multi-sectoral collaboration—supporting knowledge exchange among key stakeholders from the private sector, government, and the academe.

This initiative aligns with Okada Manila’s Responsible Gaming Program, which upholds proactive education, player support mechanisms, and participation in industry-wide efforts to promote safer gaming environments.



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DOH-MMCHD and Parañaque City Kick-off Cervical Cancer Screening at the Workplace in Okada Manila

28 May 2024 - The Department of Health – Metro Manila Center for Health Development (DOH-MMCHD), together with the Local Government of Parañaque City, launched Cervical Cancer Screening in the Workplace at Okada Manila on May 28, 2024.

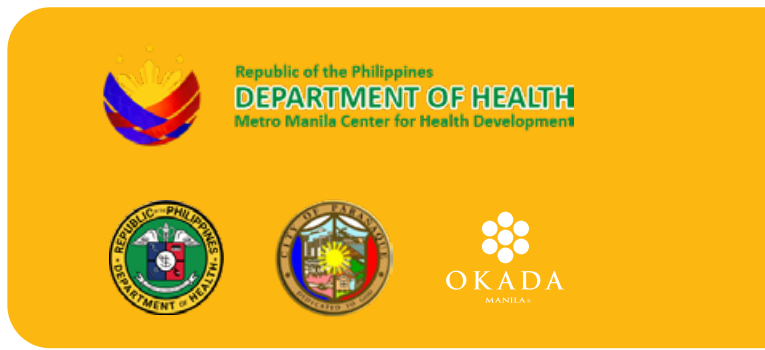
In line with the theme, “Babae, Mahalaga Ka! Magpa-Cervical Cancer Screening Na!” a comprehensive range of services was provided during the Cervical Cancer Screening at Okada Manila. These included Human Papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing, HPV Vaccination, Non-Communicable Diseases Risk Assessment, and Reproductive Health Services. The Parañaque City Health Office ensured that employees had access to these health services, promoting their engagement in various workplace health programs.

During the ceremonial launch, MMCHD Regional Director Rio L. Magpantay underlined the significance of the three P’s—Purpose, Passion, and Perseverance—in the decision-making process to prioritize health and ensure a sense of value for everyone. He also highlighted the importance of providing preventive and detection measures, such as regular screenings and vaccinations, which play a crucial role in reducing the incidence and mortality rates of cervical cancer.

“All of us have a purpose, ano man ang posisyon natin. Bilang mga alagad ng Kalusugan at partners ng Kagawaran, our purpose is to make everyone feel na mahalaga talaga ang buhay. That is why the City of Parañaque is offering health services to make your life better. Another P is passion, which should always be there to serve as a drive to fulfill our purpose. Lastly is all about perseverance. Anything you do, whatever your position is, perseverance is the key if you want to succeed.” Regional Director Magpantay said.

The launch is also part of the advocacy for health in various settings where we live, work, and study. For the workplace, the DOH aims to create a culture of health and safety where healthy behaviors are the easier choice for every worker. This paradigm shift showcases a whole-of-society approach convening the efforts of the DOH, DOH-MMCDH, LGUs, and partners.

Parañaque City Mayor Eric L. Olivarez also recognized the importance of this initiative in promoting and empowering women’s health.





“The launching of the nationwide cervical cancer screening services in the workplace by the national government is very much aligned with the local government’s unwavering dedication to making quality healthcare accessible to our constituents,” said Mayor Olivarez.

The City Mayor then recognized the support of the DOH and Okada Manila, praising them for their trust and cooperation in realizing this endeavor.

“We are, thus, thankful to the Department of Health and Okada Manila for being one of Parañaque City’s most consequential partners,” Mayor Olivarez stated.

“We are very optimistic that with a shared vision of ensuring that all women and girls have access to care, we can create a brighter and healthier future for the next generation,” he added.

Meanwhile, Okada Manila President and Chief Operating Officer Byron Yip expressed his gratitude towards the local government for spearheading the advocacy campaign.

“We at Okada Manila, under our Sustainability program pillar, Talent and Community, are dedicated to championing the health and welfare of our female employees. We fully support the Department of Health and the City of Parañaque’s efforts in promoting this vital cervical cancer awareness campaign. We extend our gratitude to the government bodies for selecting Okada Manila to avail of these essential free services,” said Yip.

Okada Manila, in collaboration with the City Government of Parañaque and DOH-MMCHD, aims to build a healthier workplace by responding to the needs of every employee. This initiative aligns with one of the DOH’s 8-Point Action Agendas, “Bawat Pilipino, Ramdam ang Kalusugan,” which ensures the accessibility and availability of health services in Bagong Pilipinas, kung saan Bawat Buhay ay Mahalaga.

Okada Manila Celebrates World Environment Day 2024 with Commitment to Generation Restoration

5 June 2024 - In support of the United Nations' call to restore ecosystems this World Environment Day, Okada Manila proudly joins the global community in celebrating World Environment Day 2024, reinforcing its commitment to environmental sustainability with this year's theme, "Generation Restoration." This theme focuses on land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience, highlighting the urgent need to revive natural spaces for a sustainable future.

Global Threat to Ecosystems

Ecosystems worldwide, including forests, drylands, farmlands, and lakes, are threatened and reaching a tipping point. This year's World Environment Day focuses on land restoration, desertification, and building drought resilience under the slogan, "Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration." The current generation is the first to witness severe environmental degradation and the last with the chance to counter it and achieve global climate and biodiversity goals.

Key Environment-friendly Initiatives

In alignment with "Generation Restoration," Okada Manila has implemented several key initiatives that underscore its dedication to environmental stewardship, categorized as follows:

Land Restoration

Tree Planting Activities: In partnership with organizations like Nuvali, ABS-CBN Bantay Kalikasan, and the Motolite-PBSP Balik Baterya program, Okada Manila has engaged in tree planting activities that contribute to reforestation efforts in critical areas such as the Marikina Watershed and La Mesa Dam.

Plant Propagation: The Nursery at Okada Manila propagates, stocks, and grows plants for internal and external landscapes, replacing existing plants due to damage or senescence, and serves as a recuperation area for indoor plants displayed around the property.



Marine Restoration

Coastal Cleanups: The resort organized coastal cleanups of Manila Bay in 2018 and conducted another cleanup drive in September 2023. These efforts demonstrate the resort's ongoing commitment to the environment and the preservation of marine life.

Zero Water Waste: Okada Manila utilizes state-of-the-art sewage treatment plants and ultra-filtration system technology to achieve zero water waste discharge, ensuring that water used in operations is treated and recycled, thereby minimizing environmental impact.

Sustainable Practices and Green Spaces

The Garden: Adjacent to the Asian cuisine restaurants, The Garden features Japanese pocket gardens and a gazebo with flowering vines overlooking Manila Bay, enhancing guests' dining and strolling experiences.

The Zen Garden: Designed for relaxation, meditation, and contemplation, The Zen Garden places special emphasis on creating harmony, tranquility, and balance with every plant and rock.

The Herb Garden: A dedicated space for growing herbs used by The Retreat Spa, located in the Secret Garden and maintained organically to avoid contamination and insects.

The Winter Garden: Featuring the Giant Fern (*Angiospteris evecta*), a threatened Philippine plant, adding to the forest-like atmosphere of the property.

The Tropics at Cove Manila: Creates a tropical atmosphere with lush plants, pebbles, and white sand, enhancing the overall experience for guests enjoying the indoor pool.

"At Okada Manila, we are committed to building and designing an integrated resort that balances economic, environmental, and social considerations to ensure long-term viability and positive impacts," said Byron Yip, President and Chief Operating Officer of Okada Manila. "This means adopting environmentally friendly practices, managing resources efficiently, and reducing waste and carbon footprints to combat pollution and climate change. We have the power and the knowledge to reverse the harm and restore the environment – if we act now."

Okada Manila invites everyone to join in celebrating World Environment Day 2024 and to participate in ongoing efforts to restore and protect the environment. Together, a significant impact can be made, paving the way for a sustainable future.



Okada Manila Showcases Sustainable Gastronomy at 9th Annual Philippine Sustainability Movement Event

November 2024 - Okada Manila's award-winning culinary team demonstrated the harmonious blend of sustainability and gastronomic artistry at the 9th Annual Philippine Sustainability Movement Event, held on October 22, 2024. The event, spearheaded by SeaTrace International and Marriott Manila, convened key stakeholders from various sectors to emphasize the importance of eco-friendly sourcing and sustainable supply chains, focusing on transforming food systems toward more sustainable practices.

At the event, Okada Manila's chefs presented their signature dish: Poached Prawn, Smoked Eggplant Quinoa with Pomelo Foam, crafted using responsibly sourced tiger prawns. This culinary creation exemplifies Okada Manila's commitment to sustainability through its Okada Green Heart program, which integrates eco-friendly innovations, resource conservation, and waste reduction across all operations.

As a Forbes 5-star integrated resort, Okada Manila continually incorporates sustainable practices across every aspect of its operations, setting the standard in sustainable hospitality. The Okada Green Heart initiative reflects the resort's dedication to reducing its environmental footprint and fostering environmental stewardship among its team and guests.





Okada Manila Serves Sustainably Premium Nordaq Water

11 November 2024 - In today's climate, sustainability isn't just a buzzword—it's a global imperative. At Okada Manila, the five-star integrated resort is stepping up to meet this challenge head-on by embracing innovative solutions that reduce environmental impact.

As part of its commitment to a greener future, Okada Manila is replacing single-use plastic bottles with a more sustainable alternative: high-quality, filtered water bottled directly within the property.

"We are elevating our waste management protocols through the Okada Green Heart program. This bold move proves that we can prioritize the planet while still delivering a premium experience to our guests," said Byron Yip, Okada Manila President and Chief Operating Officer.

Plastic waste remains one of the world's most pressing environmental issues. Millions of tons of plastics are discarded into oceans and landfills daily, endangering ecosystems and human health alike.

"Okada Manila is playing its part in building a better, greener tomorrow. Through our own water filtration and bottling system, we are significantly reducing the demand for single-use plastics," Yip added.

Okada Manila can produce 1,000 bottles of water per hour, all served in reusable glass bottles. This sustainable approach eliminates the use of approximately 2 million single-use plastic bottles annually.

This initiative was made possible through a partnership with Nordaq, a Swedish company known for its state-of-the-art water filtration technology. Nordaq's patented system is the preferred choice of top hotels and restaurants worldwide, allowing Okada Manila to provide its guests with sustainable, premium water.

With this new system, Okada Manila can produce 1,000 bottles of water per hour, all served in reusable glass bottles. This sustainable approach not only enhances the quality of water provided to guests but also eliminates the use of approximately 2 million single-use plastic bottles annually.

"By embracing this change, we're not just reducing waste—we're setting a new standard for what responsible hospitality should look like," said Rob Scott, Vice President of Hotel Operations. "It's a win for our guests and a win for the planet."

"We hope guests will enjoy this eco-friendly choice and join us towards a greener, more sustainable future for generations to come," Scott added.



A Season of Giving Back to the Community at Okada Manila

20 December 2024 - This holiday season, Okada Manila embraces the true essence of giving through its Okada Green Heart program, fostering connection, compassion, and joy. By reaching out to local communities and supporting meaningful initiatives, the program reflects the spirit of the season in a way that uplifts lives and inspires change.

Nurturing Creativity and Sustainability

At the Enchanting Christmas Village, the Okada Green Heart Booth served as a beacon of sustainable living and Filipino creativity. Up until January 5, 2025, the booth featured a curated selection of locally crafted products, from clothing to eco-friendly holiday ornaments, created in partnership with PhilStar Media Group's NakakaLocal micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and Likhaan creators. Through these efforts, Okada Manila highlighted its commitment to sustainability and social responsibility, inspiring thoughtful holiday choices.

Additionally, Okada Manila donates used soaps and linens, which Fresh Hope for Families Philippines Inc., Urban Poor Associates, and the Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA) upcycle into new items via its partnership with Diversey Philippines under the "Soap for Hope" and "Linen for Life" programs. Guests can experience the festive magic firsthand at the Christmas Village and explore its offerings of sustainable shopping, family activities, and more.

Spreading Joy Through Connection

Okada Manila celebrated the holidays by fostering meaningful connections through heart-warming events. In partnership with the Philippine Daily Inquirer, the resort hosted a Read-Along Session, uniting children from the Virlanie Foundation and seniors from the Santa Maria Josefa Home for the Aged in the joy of storytelling. Professional storytellers and a celebrity guest created an engaging atmosphere, inspiring a love for reading and bridging generations. The event included sharing of hearty meals, games for the children, and relaxing massages for the elderly by The Retreat Spa. It concluded with gift-giving, a spectacular Fountain show, and a visit to the Enchanting Christmas Village, leaving participants with cherished holiday memories.

Young athletes from Football Club Bilibid, comprising of children of wardens and persons deprived of liberty, enjoyed a day of play and camaraderie at Thrillscape. The adventure enthusiasts braved the 32 high-energy obstacles guided by athletic coaches, and were treated to a viewing of the Fountain show, creating a sense of empowerment for these children during the festive season.

For the 40 children from New Faith Children's Home and Agape Orphanage Foundation, and young cancer warriors, the holidays became a magical experience at the PLAY Kids' Club. The day was filled with endless fun, educational games, and wonderful storytelling led by celebrity guest Iñigo Pascual. This activity added extra Christmas cheer, and brought the community together, while building compassion in everyone's hearts

A Symbol of Love and Care

The holiday outreach culminated with a toy drive for the children of Barangay Tambo, Parañaque City. Throughout December, Okada Manila team members came together to collect donations, which were distributed to bring smiles and warmth to young hearts. This initiative reflected Okada Manila's commitment to uplifting its neighbouring communities and giving them a reason to celebrate this season.

The Spirit of the Season

"At Okada Manila, we believe that true celebration lies in creating moments that matter—not just for ourselves, but for the lives we touch," said Byron Yip, President and Chief Operating Officer of Okada Manila. "Through the Okada Green Heart program, we are honored to share joy, inspire change, and build lasting connections with our community and the environment. This season is not just about giving—it's about giving meaningfully, with purpose and heart."

By blending sustainability with heartfelt outreach, the resort continues to inspire positive change and make the festive season a truly meaningful experience for all.

Okada Manila Earns Forbes VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality Badge, Redefining Sustainable Excellence



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Okada Manila Earns Forbes VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality Badge, Redefining Sustainable Excellence

3 March 2025 - Okada Manila has become the first integrated resort in the Philippines to receive the Forbes Travel Guide VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality badge—an esteemed recognition affirming the resort's unwavering commitment to sustainability, environmental protection, and the well-being of its employees, guests, and communities. By meeting over 100 stringent standards in waste management, energy efficiency, and resource conservation, Okada Manila continues to set new benchmarks for responsible hospitality.

Developed in collaboration with sustainability pioneer Hervé Houdré, the Responsible Hospitality badge sets a global benchmark for environmentally conscious luxury. This trusted third-party verification assures guests and travel advisors that the world's finest hotels, including Okada Manila, are committed to responsible and sustainable operations.



“At Okada Manila, sustainability is more than a policy—it’s a promise we uphold every day,” said Rob Scott, Vice President for Hotel Operations. “We are deeply committed to providing a premium guest experience while ensuring that our actions positively impact the environment, our team members, and the communities we serve. This recognition affirms our continuous efforts to create a responsible and sustainable hospitality model that prioritizes people and the planet.”

At the core of this achievement is the Okada Green Heart program, the resort’s comprehensive sustainability initiative. Dedicated to reducing its environmental footprint, the program integrates eco-friendly innovations, resource conservation, and waste reduction across all operations.

In the front office, a fully digital guest registration process and the introduction of wooden key cards have transformed traditional practices. Hotel rooms now feature eco-conscious amenities, including glass water bottles, in-room tablets, and smart building systems equipped with advanced motion sensors to optimize energy efficiency.

Okada Manila’s culinary operations reflect the same deep commitment to sustainability. Locally sourced ingredients, sustainable food packaging, and responsible waste management ensure that every dish contributes to a greener future. Surplus food is donated, scrap materials are upcycled, and food waste is converted into fertilizer.

The Retreat Spa further embrace sustainable practices by cultivating organic herbs on-site and exclusively using natural, plant-based wellness products.



Commitment to Employee Well-Being

As part of its holistic approach to Responsible Hospitality, Okada Manila prioritizes the well-being of its team members through a range of programs designed to enhance their professional and personal lives. Employees enjoy comprehensive wellness programs, free vaccinations, health check-ups, mental health support services, and fitness activities to ensure a healthy work-life balance. The resort also fosters career growth through continuous training, skills development, and employee recognition programs that celebrate outstanding contributions.

Community Engagement and Social Responsibility

Community engagement remains a pillar of Okada Manila's mission. The resort actively supports initiatives such as Soap for Hope and Linen for Life, which help repurpose hotel materials for underserved communities. Okada Manila also participates in global environmental observances like World Environment Day, Earth Day, and World Ocean Day, reinforcing its commitment to sustainability beyond its operations.

A New Standard in Sustainable Hospitality

Byron Yip, President and Chief Operating Officer of Okada Manila, stated, "The Forbes Verified Responsible Hospitality badge is more than just an honor—it reflects our deep-rooted belief that premium hospitality must go hand in hand with environmental responsibility. Every sustainable initiative we implement is a purposeful step toward creating a legacy where exceptional experiences contribute to a healthier planet and a thriving community."





Okada Manila Highlighted Sustainability During Earth Hour 2025

23 March 2025 - Okada Manila, the first integrated resort in the Philippines to earn the Forbes VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality badge, participated in Earth Hour last March 22, 2025. The resort joined millions around the world in switching off lights to raise awareness for environmental protection.

As part of its ongoing commitment to sustainability, Okada Manila joined the "Biggest Hour for Earth" by dimming lights in common areas, switching off its façade lighting, and turning off The Fountain's lighting system. In addition to these efforts, the resort arranged a series of engaging activities throughout the resorts for guests to enjoy and participate in, including a special storytelling session and a fun-filled scavenger hunt at PLAY Kids' Club. Guests were treated to a special vegan station at Medley Buffet, complimentary Earth Hour-themed pastries, and complimentary drinks at the casino floor.

Okada Manila continues to lead the way in responsible hospitality through its sustainability program, Okada Green Heart. This initiative focuses on energy efficiency, waste reduction, and other eco-conscious practices across the entire resort, with energy efficiency as one of its key pillars. Earth Hour provides an ideal opportunity for the resort to further highlight its dedication to reducing its environmental

footprint while inspiring guests to get involved in creating a more sustainable world.

As a recognized leader in sustainable tourism, Okada Manila's commitment to eco-friendly practices underscores its role in advancing environmental responsibility within the hospitality industry. The resort's participation in Earth Hour is just one of the many steps it is taking toward a more sustainable future for the planet.

Okada Manila Leads the Way with Entertainment City's First Electric Vehicle Charging Station

3 April 2025 – the country's premier integrated resort, a six-time Forbes 5-Star awardee, and a recipient of the Forbes VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality badge, takes a bold step toward sustainable innovation by introducing the first-ever electric vehicle (EV) charging station in Entertainment City. This initiative underscores the resort's commitment to eco-friendly hospitality while catering to the growing number of EV users in the country.

Conveniently located at the Lower Ground Floor Parking near the VIP and valet drop-off area, the charging station is designed to provide a seamless experience for guests. The unit features two Type 2 charging sockets with a power output of 22 kWh. On average, an EV can be charged from 50% to 100% in approximately two hours.

Currently, the charging station is exclusively available through Okada Manila's Valet service, ensuring a hassle-free experience as valet personnel facilitate the entire process.

Reward Circle cardholders under the Maharlika, Supreme, and Okada Club tiers enjoy complimentary charging.

Okada Green Heart: Driving Sustainability Forward

The installation of an EV charging station is part of Okada Green Heart, the resort's sustainability initiative, aligning with its Energy Efficiency pillar. This pillar focuses on integrating smart systems, renewable energy solutions, and advanced technologies to reduce the resort's carbon footprint. By encouraging the adoption of electric vehicles, Okada Manila actively supports the transition to clean energy and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

"At Okada Manila, sustainability is a core part of our responsibility as a corporate citizen," said Rob Scott, Vice President of Hotel Operations at Okada Manila. "This EV charging station reflects our ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and our role in shaping a greener future for tourism and hospitality in the Philippines."

By embracing this mandate, Okada Manila reinforces its leadership in responsible tourism while contributing to the country's long-term sustainability goals.



Shaping the Future of Eco-Friendly Travel

More than a service, electric vehicle charging stations in hospitality establishments signify a commitment to a greener future. By offering this amenity, Okada Manila not only enhances guest convenience but also takes a proactive role in shaping the future of sustainable travel. As electric vehicle adoption continues to rise, the resort remains steadfast in its dedication to environmental responsibility, ensuring that guests can enjoy a premium experience while making eco-conscious choices.





OUR 2024 IMPACT IN NUMBERS

2024 Impact in Numbers

Okada Manila's sustainability initiatives in 2024 were defined by measurable achievements across environmental, social, and operational areas, demonstrating the impact of the Okada Green Heart program.

Environmental Achievements



collected, diverted, and recycled in partnership with PETValue Philippines.



contributing to the Extended Producer Responsibility Act of 2022 and the 'World Without Waste' program.



implemented property-wide, significantly reducing energy consumption.

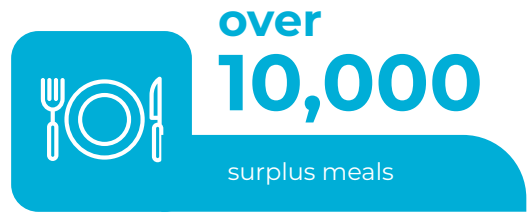


achieved into Manila Bay through ultrafiltration systems and recycled water used for irrigation, flushing, and cooling.

Waste Reduction Initiatives



created through the Soap for Hope and Linen for Life programs.



donated through the Food Rescue Project with Scholars of Sustenance (SOS) Philippines, reducing food waste and hunger.

Community Contributions



served during the Talim Island medical and dental mission, addressing critical healthcare needs in remote communities.



across two major donation drives, supporting the Non-Remunerated Voluntary Blood Program.



planted at La Mesa Watershed as part of our three-year commitment to the DENR National Greening Program.



trained quarterly in various departments, enhancing skills and creating career opportunities.

Sustainable Innovations



in single-use plastic across operations by replacing plastic bottled water with Nordaq's filtration system and introducing biodegradable wooden key cards.



efficiency achieved, optimizing water and energy usage.

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OKADA FOUNDATION, INC.
ADVANCING SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY

Okada Foundation, Inc. Advancing Social Responsibility

The Okada Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to empowering communities and fostering positive societal change through strategic initiatives that enhance infrastructure and education, promote the environment and healthcare, and preserve cultural heritage. By leveraging our hospitality service philosophy, "Service with Heart," we strive to deliver meaningful contributions to society, aligning with Okada Manila's brand values of excellence, integrity, and community engagement.



Core Values

Collaborative Partnerships

The Okada Foundation, Inc. maintains strong partnerships with local organizations, government agencies, and non-profits to maximize our impact. By working together, we ensure that our initiatives are sustainable and tailored to the specific needs of the communities we serve. Our collaborative approach allows us to combine resources, expertise, and efforts to create a better future for all.

Community Support

We believe in the importance of giving back to the community as a cornerstone of our operations. Our programs are designed to address the needs of the underprivileged and marginalized sectors of society, providing them with the support they need to improve their quality of life. Through our various initiatives, we aim to contribute to the well-being and growth of our communities, fostering a spirit of mutual support and development.

Shared Growth

At the Okada Foundation, Inc., we envision a future where communities are empowered, environments are preserved, and cultural heritage is celebrated. By embracing our service philosophy, "Service with Heart," and aligning with Okada Manila's brand values, we are committed to working hand in hand with our partners and the communities we serve to create a brighter, more sustainable future for everyone.

Service Philosophy:

“Service with Heart”

At the Okada Foundation, Inc., our service philosophy, "Service with Heart," reflects our unwavering commitment to extend the same warmth, care, and dedication that define Okada Manila's hospitality to our community service efforts. This philosophy underpins our mission to serve the community with genuine compassion and dedication, fostering an environment where everyone can thrive and grow together.

Key Initiatives:

Education Infrastructure:

School Construction and Renovation: We invest in building and upgrading educational facilities to provide students with safe and conducive learning environments.

Scholarship Programs: We offer scholarships to deserving students from underprivileged backgrounds, ensuring access to quality education.

Environment and Health:

Environmental Conservation Projects: We support initiatives aimed at preserving natural resources, promoting sustainable practices, and raising environmental awareness.

Healthcare Services: We collaborate with local health organizations to provide medical services, health education, and access to essential healthcare for underserved communities.

Disaster Relief: We respond to natural disasters by providing immediate relief and long-term recovery support to affected communities.

Cultural Heritage:

Cultural Preservation Programs: We support projects that safeguard and promote the rich cultural heritage of the Philippines, including arts, traditions, and historical sites.

Community Engagement: We organize cultural events and activities that celebrate local traditions, fostering a sense of pride and identity among community members.

Heritage Education: We develop educational programs to teach the younger generation about the importance of cultural heritage and its preservation.





Okada Foundation, Kabisig kick off Food Share Program in Parañaque

22 March 2024 - Food security, child welfare, and livelihood opportunities were the objectives set by the Okada Foundation, Inc. (OFI) as it entrusted a Food Share Program, together with other agencies, on Friday March 22, 2024.

Okada Foundation, Inc., in partnership with Kabisig ng Kalahi (KnK), successfully held the launching ceremony of its Food Share Program with its initial 30 family-beneficiaries from Barangay Marcelo Green.

“The Okada Foundation believes that food security is a fundamental human right, and that nutritious, healthy food must be easily accessible,” said Okada Foundation, Inc. President James Lorenzana in his opening remarks.

To kick off the project, the Food Share Program will allocate 10 kilos of rice monthly to the selected families.

“The only thing we ask for in return is your support and stewardship for the community garden that our Food Share Program will establish,” Lorenzana added.

The project is a part of Okada Foundation, Inc.’s P25-million pledge as KnK’s partners in delivering key programs targeting food security, health and other needs of marginalized Filipinos.

“The Kabisig ng Kalahi has 20 years of experience in putting together these types of projects, and there would be no better partner for us to work with,” Lorenzana added.

The OFI president remarked how Parañaque City was the best place for the launching of the Food Share Program, as Okada Manila seeks “to give back to its host city.”

“And what we started here with you will eventually grow and branch out to more communities that need our help,” he continued.

The Food Share Program’s model revolves around the active participation of its beneficiaries, as they cultivate a community garden and reap its rewards as sources of food or for income and livelihood.

The project was launched in cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the barangay council of Marcelo Green represented by Chairman Ian Aguilar.

DSWD National Capital Region Community Based Services Section Head Arnel Bautista affirmed the program’s beneficial outcomes for its community, noting that “for as long as we keep learning how to work with it, nature will keep us nourished and provide our needs.”

Apart from the introduction of the Food Share Program, KnK Founder Vicky Wieneke also announced that they are working to provide reading materials for several daycare centers in Marcelo Green.

“Hopefully it will be useful to your kids. Additionally, we will add books that even parents can enjoy,” said Wieneke.

Lorenzana encouraged the diligent participation of the family-beneficiaries, noting the success of every initiative is “determined by how hard we work for it.”

The Okada Foundation, Inc. president also called on the continued cooperation of the public and the private sector, “to ensure the welfare and wellbeing of those who belong to marginalized communities.”

The Okada Foundation, Inc. is committed to providing assistance to three key sectors, namely Education Infrastructure, Environment and Health, and Cultural Heritage. It likewise maintains working partnerships with like-minded organizations to provide services for the underprivileged and marginalized sectors of society. To this end, Okada Foundation, Inc. has established itself as one of the most munificent organizations in the country, and has since undertaken numerous projects to uplift lives and communities.



Okada Foundation donates P10-M worth of drone equipment to PNP

29 May 2024 - In order to help police forces enhance their surveillance, coordination, and monitoring activities, Okada Foundation, Inc. (OFI) recently turned over their donation of P10-million worth of drones and a drone jammer to the Philippine National Police (PNP).

The donation consists of P9,966,140 worth of drones, including a drone jammer, according to the Memorandum of Agreement between the PNP and OFI signed in February. OFI President, James Lorenzana, expressed satisfaction with the completion of the project, adding that the new equipment would provide the PNP with additional technological capabilities to uphold peace and order.

“We know how vital the role of the PNP is to our community. Everyday, you put your lives on the line in the performance of your duties,” said Lorenzana. “Our society as a whole owes a big debt of gratitude to the brave men and women of the PNP,” Lorenzana noted.

“It is their vigilance, alertness, and dedication to peace and order that allows ordinary citizens to become more productive, without fear for their safety. We want to assure you that the Okada Foundation is committed to helping uplift the lives and improving the wellbeing of our police officers, and your families, through our various projects,” he added.

OFI’s donation to the museum will go towards the production of dioramas, replicas of historical documents and artifacts, documentaries, and other media that would improve the exhibition of Museo ni Miguel Malvar. Included among these are some of the war hero’s personal effects, such as his weapons, embellishments, and accessories.

“On behalf of the Okada Foundation’s Board of Trustees, it is an honor to participate in the commemoration of General Miguel Malvar, and to pay homage to his life, his extraordinary bravery, and the legacy of patriotism and sacrifice that he has left behind,” said Lorenzana.

The OFI president, additionally, also called for the continued cooperation of the public and the private sector. “This contribution is in line with one of the tenets of the Okada Foundation — to act as stewards of our culture and history, and help the government effectively curate and preserve our rich history,” said Lorenzana. “May we continue to build upon this fruitful partnership, and pave the way for more impactful projects.”

Okada Foundation receives Red Cross' 'Most Outstanding Humanitarian Award' for COVID-19 response

3 June 2024 - The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) presented the Okada Foundation, Inc. (OFI) with the "The Most Outstanding Humanitarian" Award for its efforts in supporting the country's COVID-19 pandemic response.

The award cited OFI's "unwavering support to communities affected by the pandemic", and added that the foundation's selfless contributions were instrumental in strengthening public health response, and a key enabler in helping the Philippine Red Cross to provide vital and life-saving assistance to those most in need.

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OFI President James Lorenzana and Board Trustee Kenji Sugiyama received the award on behalf of the organization.

"The core values of the Okada foundation are deeply intertwined with those of the Philippine Red Cross. It is thus such an honor and privilege to be recognized among other organizations and individuals for their outstanding compassion and work," said Lorenzana.

Since 2020, OFI has pledged and granted more than P280 million worth of donations to healthcare institutions, LGUs, and communities to bolster their COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

It can be recalled that the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic was marked with overcrowded hospitals and overworked frontliners. OFI immediately pledged a total of P50 million worth of donations between the Lung Center of the Philippines and Philippine Heart Center. This was followed by another P30 million donation to the Philippine Red Cross.



Succeeding healthcare initiatives by OFI also included relief assistance worth P200 million across several regions including Cordillera Administrative Region and Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

"We welcome the Philippine Red Cross' recognition of the Most Outstanding Humanitarian Award as a validation of the path we are taking," Lorenzana underscored. "This serves as a huge inspiration for us to take bigger strides in the projects we have planned for the future," he concluded.

Okada Foundation, Inc. launches food share program for Laguna communities

4 July 2024 - Two barangays in Laguna are now the newest recipients of the Okada Foundation, Inc.'s (OFI) food share program, where a total of 60 families were named its beneficiaries at the program's recent launching ceremony.

The food share program is an initiative sponsored by OFI, with PHP 25 million pledged for its nationwide reach through its partnership with the prominent non-government organization Kabisig ng Kalahi (KnK). The program, according to OFI President James Lorenza, was established to "address concerns and improve the condition of food security, nutrition, and livelihood opportunities starting at the community-level."

OFI worked with the barangays of La Mesa in Calamba City and Diezmo in Cabuyao City, as well as the local public offices for social welfare and development and for agriculture and several other private agencies to identify its beneficiaries.

Additionally, the selected families also received a supply of rice, with their local public libraries receiving a donation of books for both daycare-aged children and adults from OFI and KnK.

The chairmen of both barangays, in turn, expressed their gratitude to OFI for extending the program to their communities.

During the ceremony, KnK founder Vicky Wieneke expressed her organization's enthusiasm to work with OFI in establishing the food share program in different parts of the country. "Kabisig is happy to have OFI as a partner that is focused on nation-building," said Wieneke.

She also urged the beneficiaries to be patient and consistent in their efforts with the food share program's community garden, which will eventually reward them with "food, nutrition, and even additional income."

Lorenzana emphasized the importance of cooperation between public and private organizations to "make efforts like the food share program successful and effective."

“Ultimately, OFI, through the food share program, wants to impart a sense of empowerment and encouragement to its beneficiaries,” said Lorenzana.

“That’s why this initiative places a significant emphasis on the ‘pledge-to-work system’ that is focused on our beneficiaries being self-reliant; learning skills, and applying those same skills to grow food and even establish an extra source of income,” he added.

“OFI and its partners deeply hope that our beneficiaries make the most out of this opportunity,” Lorenzana concluded, “so they may cultivate a brighter future for their families and communities.”

Okada Foundation, Inc. pledges PHP 3M to Museo ni Miguel Malvar

22 July 2024 - The Okada Foundation, Inc. (OFI) is set to donate PHP 3 million to the Museo ni Miguel Malvar in Sto. Tomas, Batangas, for its improvement and the production of more of its historic and cultural exhibits.

OFI President James Lorenzana signed the memorandum of agreement (MOA) initiating the project, together with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Executive Director Carminda Arevalo, NHCP Chief Historic Sites Development Officer Gina Batuhan, and Gabby Malvar, the great-grandson of the revolutionary hero.

“The Okada Foundation is very excited about this partnership,” said Lorenzana. “To us, it’s a great opportunity to enrich our current and future generation in their understanding and appreciation of our history.”

According to Lorenzana, the donation will be used for dioramas, replicas of historic artifacts, framed historical documents, as well as fully-produced mini-documentaries.

“We believe that this will enhance the experience of our museum-goers,” the OFI president continued. “The Okada Foundation is optimistic that through this project, more Filipinos, especially the youth, find inspiration in General Malvar’s courage and patriotism.”

“The foundation is also hopeful for more collaborations with NHCP in the future,” Lorenzana added.

In response, Arevalo called the new partnership “a major development” for NHCP. “Rest assured that your contribution will help in promoting our history and educating the youth.”

Malvar expressed his family’s gratitude for the project. “On behalf of the Malvar family, I would like to thank both the Okada Foundation and the NHCP.” He admitted that improving the museum was challenging as it was not easy to secure funds.

“Without the partnership of the private sector, it would be very difficult and challenging to introduce new ideas,” Malvar pointed out. “Thank you to the Okada Foundation for believing in this endeavor.”

“The Okada Foundation is with the same mind as Mr. Gabby. It is in line with our mission that the public and private sector work together to raise the standard of how we exhibit to the public our history and culture, through the many museums and historical sites we have in the Philippines,” Lorenzana remarked. “We look forward to more opportunities to help the caretakers of our shared heritage.”



Okada Foundation, Inc. joins groundbreaking of new PH Red Cross Cavite Chapter HQ

2 August 2024 - Okada Foundation, Inc.'s (OFI) president, James Lorenzana, was among the dignitaries at the recent groundbreaking ceremony of the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Cavite Chapter's soon-to-rise headquarters in Imus City, Cavite.

In June, OFI donated P60 million to the PRC for the construction of the building. "The foundation was happy to know that our donation would be immediately realized," said Lorenzana. "We're hoping to see the building rise soon and begin serving our fellow Filipinos."

The three-story headquarters will house the PRC's state-of-the-art Blood Center, which would host large blood drives and serve as the facility for blood processing, testing, and collection, along with round-the-clock emergency response services and many other functions. Once complete, the facility would also be a training center for medical professionals in transfusion medicine.

"One of our foundation's main goals is to execute or contribute to projects for health and education, and we consider the Philippine Red Cross as one of our primary partners in this objective," Lorenzana remarked.

Leading the ceremony were PRC Chairman and CEO Richard Gordon, Secretary General Dr. Gwen Pang, and Cavite Chapter Chairman Gilbert Remulla, alongside other dignitaries, including the mayors and representatives of Cavite's municipalities and cities.

According to Gordon, the new building will be "another step forward for the Red Cross as we extend our blood, health, and welfare services to more people in Cavite, and build a stronger Red Cross network in the country."

"Providing greater access to blood for Filipinos from all walks of life is one of our lifelong missions, and we will make sure that no request for blood is turned away and all blood needs are met," he added.

"This will also improve the Red Cross' capacity to deliver services to the people of Cavite and other nearby regions. Together, we are building a future where support and aid are readily available to people," said Dr. Pang.

"On behalf of the Okada Foundation, I congratulate the Philippine Red Cross for this milestone," said Lorenzana.

"We hope that with the construction of this facility, it makes your mission more manageable and effective. We look forward to strengthening our partnership with you and collaborating on more projects in the future," he concluded.

Okada Foundation, Inc. Food Share Program reaches more families in Quezon

8 August 2024 - The Okada Foundation, Inc. (OFI)'s Food Share Program, in partnership with Kabisig ng Kalahi (KnK), returned to Quezon province to include 150 more families as its beneficiaries.

Sixty families from the barangays of Sablang and Marcelino in the municipality of General Nakar and 90 families from Dolores, Quezon, were among the latest to join the hundreds of families under OFI's Food Share Program.

According to OFI President James Lorenzana, the Food Share Program (FSP) was initiated to provide food security and livelihood possibilities to its family-beneficiaries, "while empowering them to be self-reliant and properly trained to make use of the agricultural opportunities available or provided to them." At the launching ceremony in the two municipalities,

"The Okada Foundation and Kabisig ng Kalahi identified that agriculture crop development for raw materials needed in manufacturing food for export could be one of the most productive opportunities for our beneficiaries in Dolores," Lorenzana continued. "This will mean not only leveling up the economic condition of the municipality but also good earnings for the Okada Food Share Program family beneficiaries."

"The surrounding area at the foot of Mt Banahaw, with its rich soil is perfect for this," KnK Founder Victoria Wieneke added. "Currently, there is no big industry in this area, and residents rely mostly on micro-enterprises, agriculture, and tourism anchored on its beautiful mountain range."

In General Nakar, OFI and KnK identified 90 families from the local Dinagat communities as its beneficiaries.

"General Nakar is home to thousands of Dumagats, among one of the Southern Tagalog's more prominent groups of indigenous peoples" the OFI President pointed out. "The Okada Foundation sought to reach out to them, and let them know that they are not forgotten as we try to uplift different Filipino communities."

"We're happy to report that they returned our efforts to reach out with the enthusiasm to get started in cultivating their lands," he added.

According to Lorenzana, the success of the Food Share Program is a testament to the potential of shared projects between the public and private sector. "We thank the local government units of Dolores and General Nakar for their cooperation to make this a successful project," said Lorenzana. "The Food Share Program will continue to find more beneficiaries and communities to uplift, and we're ready to work with more partners in our public sector."



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Okada Foundation, Inc. joins commemoration of Gen. Miguel Malvar's 159th birth anniversary, announces P3-M donation to museum

27 September 2024 - At the commemoration of revolutionary war hero General Miguel Malvar's 159th birth anniversary, the Okada Foundation, Inc. (OFI) announced its plans to donate P3 million pesos to the Museo ni Miguel Malvar in Sto. Tomas City, Batangas.

OFI President James Lorenzana shared the news in his address at the ceremony. "This donation serves to support the improvement and maintenance of the museum, and further develop the ways we can immerse ourselves in and learn more about the amazing life, story, and values of General Miguel Malvar," said Lorenzana.

Lorenzana expressed hope that Malvar's example "lives on with the youth, in their efforts to build a brighter future."

The Museo ni Miguel Malvar is one of the 28 museums under the oversight of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP). NHCP Executive Director Carminda Arevalo expressed the commission's gratitude for OFI's donation, pointing out that "while we get [NHCP's] funding from the national government, this form of support is significantly helpful to us in fulfilling our mandate."

"The Okada Foundation's donation will provide remarkable support in keeping the memory of General Miguel Malvar alive, and contribute towards his recognition throughout our history," she added. "Rest assured that the public will benefit from and enjoy the new additions to the museum that the grant will produce."

The symbolic turnover of a replica of Gen. Miguel Malvar's revolver also followed, handed over by Lorenzana to the NHCP executive director.

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"On behalf of the Okada Foundation's Board of Trustees, it is an honor to participate in the commemoration of General Miguel Malvar, and to pay homage to his life, his extraordinary bravery, and the legacy of patriotism and sacrifice that he has left behind," said Lorenzana.

The OFI president, additionally, also called for the continued cooperation of the public and the private sector. "This contribution is in line with one of the tenets of the Okada Foundation — to act as stewards of our culture and history, and help the government effectively curate and preserve our rich history," said Lorenzana. "May we continue to build upon this fruitful partnership, and pave the way for more impactful projects."



Okada Foundation brings Food Share Program to families in Calauan, Laguna

11 October 2024 - Sixty families in Barangay Dayap of Calauan, Laguna became the newest beneficiaries of the Food Share Program, an ongoing initiative by Okada Foundation, Inc. (OFI) and partner organization Kabisig ng Kalahi (KnK).

The food share program facilitates the creation of a community garden. It also empowers beneficiaries with the means to cultivate crops for food or as a supplementary source of income. In 2023, OFI pledged P25 million as funding for the initiative and partnered up with KnK to execute the program in different communities in the country. At the Food Share Program's launching ceremony in Brgy. Dayap, beneficiaries were also given a bag of rice each. In a message, OFI President James Lorenzana shared the foundation's gladness in the continued success of the initiative.

"We're happy to find that more Filipinos from different communities are beginning to enjoy the benefits of the Food Share Program: a supply of nutritious food and the chance to secure better income for their families," said Lorenzana.

KnK Founder Victoria Wieneke sought to encourage the beneficiaries to put the Food Share Program's community garden to use. "The first thing we'll do is get to work. We will plant seeds that we'll cultivate into food, and hopefully, will also eventually become a source of income."

"We hope that this spirit of cooperation between the public and private sectors continues to strengthen as we extend our program to more communities that need our help," he concluded.

Wieneke also shared plans to establish a community library, which she hoped would be a source of education and leisure for Brgy. Dayap's locals.

The Food Share Program, according to Lorenzana, is in line with OFI's missions "to address food security for Filipino families.

"On behalf of the foundation, we thank our collaborators from the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the local government units for their tireless support to bring Okada Foundation's Food Share Program to the more beneficiaries," said Lorenzana.

"We hope that this spirit of cooperation between the public and private sectors continues to strengthen as we extend our program to more communities that need our help," he concluded.



Okada Foundation, Inc. expands nutrition program to more young learners

17 December 2024 - The Complementary Nutrition Program of the Okada Foundation, Inc. (OFI) and Kabisig ng Kalahi (KnK) recently added a new batches of young learners from Pasay City and Hulo, Rizal as beneficiaries.

This initiative, in partnership with Kabisig ng Kalahi (KnK), aims to address malnutrition among children through a 120-day feeding program focused on enhancing students' nutrition and overall development.

"Proper nutrition is the foundation of a child's growth, development, and learning," said OFI President James Lorenzana. "Our Complementary Nutrition Program aims to give these young students the nutritional support they need to thrive in school and beyond. OFI believes in fostering healthier communities to help create a better future for all," he added.

The program returned to Pasay City, where it was launched in February 2024, to add 60 more parent-student beneficiaries who have received food items and nutritional guidance.

Before the return to Pasay, the program also reached beneficiaries in Hulo, Rizal wherein it was supported by school officials, teachers, local barangay leaders, and parents, who pledged their dedication to the program's success.

"We see the Complementary Nutrition Program as a resourceful measure that lets us address two of the Okada Foundation's priority sectors: education and public health," Lorenzana pointed out.

KnK Founder Victoria Wieneke emphasized the importance of monitoring the nutrition of beneficiaries in ensuring the success of the program. "An important part of this initiative is the cooperation of teachers and parents, who will ensure that we are all consistently providing the right nutrition to our child-beneficiaries," she said.

At least 180 young learners have been the beneficiaries of OFI's Complementary Nutrition Program since it was launched early this year. The supplementary nutrition program is among OFI's initiatives that address health and nutrition, which also include its Food Share Program.

Okada Foundation Inc. donates state-of-the-art medical machinery to Philippine Orthopedic Center

14 February 2025 – The Philippine Orthopedic Center (POC) recently received new high-tech medical equipment from the Okada Foundation Inc. (OFI). The donation is part of OFI's PhP500 million commitment to the Department of Health (DOH).

The foundation donated two state-of-the-art medical devices to the hospital, namely the Robotic Gait Trainer with Orthosis (Lokomat) and the Arm and Hand Exoskeleton Robotic Trainer (Armeo Spring).

Dr. Raul Cembrano, Chief of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, anticipated that both rehabilitation machines will help treat at least 16 patients per day on their recovery journey. He also pointed out that rehabilitation is more than just a physical endeavor, so help from different sectors is always welcome and appreciated. "At the Philippine Orthopedic Center, we don't just focus on physical rehabilitation – we also work closely with local communities to help patients reintegrate into society," Cembrano underscored.

The POC is a leading facility specializing in the treatment of orthopedic, musculoskeletal, and neuromuscular conditions. It is also the country's major referral center for spinal injuries.

"Assisting the health sector is one of the mission pillars of the Okada Foundation," explained OFI President James Lorenzana. "We take great care in consulting with hospitals to understand their needs, and we strive to provide top-of-the-line equipment that will have a lasting impact."

Both rehabilitation machines are cutting-edge medical devices, with the Armeo Spring being the first of its kind in the Philippines. This technology has been widely used and standardized for advanced medical care in other countries.

The Armeo Spring utilizes robotic assistance to support patients with upper limb impairments, such as those caused by stroke, spinal cord injuries, or brain injuries. The machine helps regain strength and coordination while making the rehabilitation process enjoyable and engaging for patients.

Similarly, the Lokomat supports patients with lower limb weakness or paralysis by providing a repetitive gait motion. This therapy experience is designed to be both effective and enjoyable, encouraging faster recovery.

"Much like these machines do with those recovering from mobility issues, the Okada Foundation hopes that its efforts will strengthen and help stabilize the health sector," Lorenzana emphasized. "We will continue to work closely with government agencies, healthcare providers, and local communities to improve access to care, especially in areas that need it most," he concluded.





Okada Foundation, Inc. expands nutrition program to new beneficiaries in Pasay and Malabon

11 February 2025 – The Okada Foundation, Inc. (OFI), in collaboration with Kabisig ng Kalahi (KnK), continued the expansion of its Complementary Nutrition Program (CNP) to include two additional schools, namely Jose Rizal Elementary School in Pasay City and Tonsuya Integrated School in Malabon City.

This adds 133 new beneficiaries to OFI's nutrition program, reinforcing the foundation's commitment to addressing malnutrition, and providing child development.

At Jose Rizal Elementary School, 73 new students were added to the program, which was launched with the participation of school faculty and the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA). In addition to the nutrition program, KnK also donated storybooks, academic books, notebooks, and healthy recipe books.

Tonsuya Integrated School, in partnership with St. James Academy, introduced the program to 60 students, aged 5 to 7. The formal launch took place at St. James Academy, where a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed by school administrators, parents, and representatives from OFI and KnK.

OFI President James Lorenzana underscored the critical role of proper nutrition in the cognitive and physical development of children. "Access to adequate nourishment is fundamental to a child's ability to perform academically and develop essential skills," he emphasized.

"Through the Complementary Nutrition Program, OFI aims to contribute to the broader goal of improving health outcomes and educational performance among Filipino students, particularly those in vulnerable communities," Lorenza added.

KnK Founder Vicky Wieneke likewise highlighted the importance of collaboration in implementing sustainable nutrition programs. She stated that ensuring the well-being of children requires a "coordinated effort among educational institutions, private sector partners, and local communities."

The Complementary Nutrition Program seeks to provide nutritious meals and milk to children identified as nutritionally at-risk. It also advocates for healthy dietary habits and long-term nutrition. The program includes a structured monitoring system to assess the progress of beneficiaries and ensure effective implementation.

"By expanding the initiative to Jose Rizal Elementary School and Tonsuya Integrated School, OFI and its partners continue to strengthen efforts in combating childhood malnutrition and supporting educational development," Lorenzana concluded.



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Okada Manila Earns Forbes Verified Responsible Hospitality Badge, Redefining Sustainable Excellence

Okada Manila has become the first integrated resort in the Philippines to receive the Forbes Travel Guide VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality badge—an esteemed recognition affirming the resort's unwavering commitment to sustainability. By meeting over 100 stringent standards in waste management, energy efficiency, and resource conservation, Okada Manila continues to set new benchmarks for responsible hospitality.

At the core of this achievement is the Okada Green Heart program, the resort's comprehensive sustainability initiative. Dedicated to reducing its environmental footprint, the program integrates eco-friendly innovations, resource conservation, and waste reduction across all operations. In the front office, a fully digital guest registration process and the introduction of wooden keycards have transformed traditional practices. Hotel rooms now feature eco-conscious amenities, including glass water bottles, in-room tablets, and smart building systems equipped with advanced motion sensors to optimize energy efficiency.

Okada Manila's culinary operations reflect the same deep commitment to sustainability. Locally sourced ingredients, sustainable food packaging, and responsible waste management ensure that every dish contributes to a greener future. Surplus food is donated, scrap materials are upcycled, and food waste is converted into fertilizer. The Fitness Center and The Retreat Spa further embrace sustainable practices by cultivating organic herbs on-site and exclusively using natural, plant-based wellness products.

Community engagement remains a pillar of Okada Manila's mission. The resort actively supports initiatives such as Soap for Hope and Linen for Life while participating in global environmental observances like World Environment Day, Earth Day, and World Ocean Day.

Byron Yip, President and Chief Operating Officer of Okada Manila, stated, "The Forbes Verified Responsible Hospitality badge is more than just an honor—it reflects our deep-rooted belief that premium hospitality must go hand in hand with environmental responsibility. Every sustainable initiative we implement is a purposeful step toward creating a legacy where exceptional experiences contribute to a healthier planet and a thriving community."



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Okada Manila Named Best Integrated Resort and Best Sustainability Program at Asia Gaming Awards 2025

MANILA, 25 March 2025 – Okada Manila's list of awards continues to grow with two prestigious honors at the Asia Gaming Awards 2025: Best Integrated Resort and Best Sustainability Program for Okada Green Heart. Presented by Asia Gaming Brief (AGB), the Asia Gaming Awards celebrate excellence in the Asian gaming industry, recognizing top performers across various categories who set the standard for hospitality and entertainment in the region.

The Best Integrated Resort award celebrates Okada Manila's world-class accommodations, dining, retail, entertainment, and gaming offerings. With its iconic interiors, unique design, and state-of-the-art facilities, Okada Manila has become a favorite destination for both local and international guests. The award also highlights the resort's strong brand recognition and customer loyalty, which have been key factors in its continued success.

The Best Sustainability Program award recognizes Okada Manila's Green Heart signature sustainability program, which focuses on six key pillars: waste management, energy efficiency, water conservation, talent and community, safety, security and welfare, and responsible gaming.

Okada Manila Vice President for Corporate Marketing and Communications Reddy Leong receives the accolades at the Asia Gaming Awards 2025.

"We are honored to receive the Asia Gaming Award for Best Integrated Resort and Best Sustainable Program for Okada Green Heart," said Byron Yip, Okada Manila President and COO. "Okada Manila remains committed to continue to deliver exceptional experiences for our guests, while we also play a crucial role in driving forward sustainable tourism in the country."

Recently, Okada Manila earned its sixth consecutive Forbes five-star integrated resort status and became the first integrated resort in the Philippines to receive the Forbes Travel Guide VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality badge, an esteemed recognition affirming the resort's unwavering commitment to sustainability, environmental protection, and the well-being of its employees, guests, and communities.

With these recent accolades, Okada Manila reaffirms its commitment to serve its guests with its unique blend of Filipino warmth and Japanese excellence, providing world-class experiences while leading the charge in sustainability and social responsibility.

2025

- Booking.com, Traveller Review Awards, 9 out of 10 (April)
- Asia Gaming Brief's (AGB), Asia Gaming Awards 2025: Best Integrated Resort Asia (March)
- Asia Gaming Brief's (AGB), Asia Gaming Awards 2025: Best Sustainability Program for Okada Green Heart (March)
- Forbes VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality Badge (March)
- Forbes Five-Star Award for Okada Manila, Forbes Travel Guide (February)
- Forbes Five-Star Award for The Retreat Spa at Okada Manila, Forbes Travel Guide (February)
- Gawad Palanyag 2025: Natatanging Negosyante Awardee for Corporate Social Responsibility (February)



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2024

- Ranked among the Philippines' Best Employers 2025 by the Philippine Daily Inquirer and Statista (November)
- Customer Review Award, Agoda (October)
- Best Meetings and Convention Hotel in the Philippines, TTG Travel Awards (September)
- Excellence for Innovative Integrated Hotel and Resort, ASEAN Excellence Achievers Awards (September)
- Best Poker Room, Inside Asian Gaming (IAG) Academy Integrated Resort Awards (August)
- Travelers' Choice Award, TripAdvisor (August)
- Philippine Best Incentive Hotel, World MICE Award (July)
- Hotel Spa of the Year for The Retreat Spa at Okada Manila, Asia Pacific Spa Wellness Coalition (APSWC) (March)
- Wellness Menu of the Year for The Retreat Spa at Okada Manila, Asia Pacific Spa Wellness Coalition (APSWC) (March)
- Sustainability Champion of the Year for The Retreat Spa at Okada Manila, Asia Pacific Spa Wellness Coalition (APSWC) (March)
- Employer of the Year for The Retreat Spa at Okada Manila, Asia Pacific Spa Wellness Coalition (APSWC) (March)
- Forbes Five-Star Award for Okada Manila, Forbes Travel Guide (February)

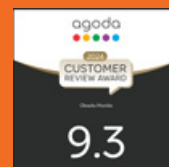
- Forbes Five-Star Award for The Retreat Spa at Okada Manila, Forbes Travel Guide (February)
- Most Outstanding Humanitarian Award, The Philippine Red Cross (January)

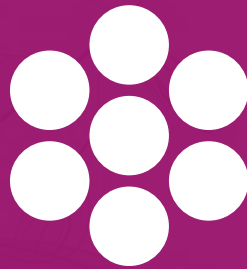
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