

An aerial photograph of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from the setting sun, which is partially obscured by clouds. The city below is densely packed with buildings of various heights and colors, ranging from dark silhouettes to lighter, more detailed structures. The overall atmosphere is serene and urban.

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NEWSLETTER  
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## Our Journey Forward

Dear Friends & Family,

On behalf of our teams and those we serve, thank you for your continued support of our ongoing goal to eradicate poverty in the Philippines. 2017 has been an incredible year for PhilDev. You have generously provided our scholars and professors access to education, mentorship, entrepreneurship training, and most importantly, hope—the hope of making a significant change.

We encourage your ongoing support by continuing to donate to the cause. We also made it easy for anyone to contribute by partnering with Amazon to automatically apply up to .5% of your total purchase to the PhilDev Charity. It's easy to set up, learn more by visiting us at [www.phildev.org/amazon](http://www.phildev.org/amazon).

May your New Year be filled with light, peace, and hope. Looking forward to making greater steps forward in 2018. We hope you stay tuned!

For more updates on our programs, please visit our website, [www.phildev.org](http://www.phildev.org). You can also subscribe to our newsletter, and follow us on social media.

Sincerely,  
Angelina “Jonesy” Castro  
Executive Director – PhilDev, USA





## A LOOK BACK AT 2017

We participated in the Inclusive Innovation Conference 2017 which brought together stakeholders from the public and private sectors to better understand how to maximize the opportunities in the Fourth Industrial Revolution and consider ways to address the challenges for innovation in the country.

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PhilDev, along with DTI, USAID and RTI International, attended the Artificial Intelligence Symposium 2017 hosted by DOST.

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In partnership with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), PhilDev launched TechHub, a network of Technopreneurship Hubs (TechHub) hosted in strategically located universities nationwide. The TechHub universities will serve as Centers for Technopreneurship Education Excellence where surrounding universities can benchmark with, gain access to continued learning and resources and collaborate. At the end of three years, at least 15 highly-functional and self-sustaining TechHubs are expected to spur regional innovation and entrepreneurship.

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With the combined fundraising efforts from Dining Alfresco Among the Vines—a farm-to-table dining experience led by Christian Navarro; and the 3rd Annual PhilDev Golf Open held at the Chardonnay Golf Club in Napa, CA, PhilDev has raised over \$ 450,000.

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In August, AIM launched the AIM-Dado Banatao Incubator. The Incubator targets innovation-driven, tech entrepreneurs whose businesses have the potential to impact all sectors of society. The ideal target startup will provide solutions to emerging world problems, generate jobs, and distribute created wealth in a dispersed manner. What sets the AIM-Dado Banatao Incubator apart from other already existing incubators and accelerators, besides it being a free on-site program based within the AIM campus, is the guidance from world-class mentors.

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117 scholars attended our annual scholarship retreat held at the Shell Training Center in Rizal on July 25-27, 2017. The 3-day leadership camp, fully funded by PhilDev and Shell was filled with various personal activities catered to the scholars as they step closer into building their careers beyond the program.



Dado And Friends Dining Among The Vines



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# PROGRAM UPDATES

At present, the PhilDev Science and Engineering Scholarship Program (PSES) has provided 156 active scholarships. 30 of whom have matriculated, 15 with honors, with 2 Magna Cumlaude and 13 Cumlaude graduates.

The partnership with UC Berkeley's Sutardja Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (SCET), remains strong on its third year as 3 notable professor-scholars—Kevin Yaptenco from University of the Philippines Los Banos; Randell Espina from Ateneo de Davao; and Maria Sheila Ramos from Mindanao State University, Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU of Iligan Institute of Technology Campus); spent the Fall 2017 semester at UC Berkeley. The professors participated in the SCET Faculty Bootcamp, took seven SCET Entrepreneurship classes and discovered best practices and methods to share and infuse in their respective programs back in the Philippines

*"PhilDev taught me how to be open-minded with problems and issues that need to be addressed in the country. You can't just be a student, you need to contribute something to the community."*

**Randl Reveche**  
UST PhilDev-Shell Scholar, BS Chemical Engineering

**Congratulations to our 17 PhilDev-Shell Chemical Engineers who passed the November 2017 Board Exams.**

