

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

2018 Q1



Our Journey Forward

Dear Friends & Family,

Happy New Year!

At PhilDev, we entered 2018 in celebration and optimism to the many good things in our horizon. Excitement is in the air because the challenges and milestones we have set for the year makes the goal of eradicating poverty in the Philippines another step closer.

2017 was an incredible year for us and now our hardworking team, scholars, professors, and entrepreneurs are ready to take bigger leaps. I hope you continue to be a part of our journey forward. Kindly read on for more news and upcoming events where your presence and support is always welcomed.

Thank you!

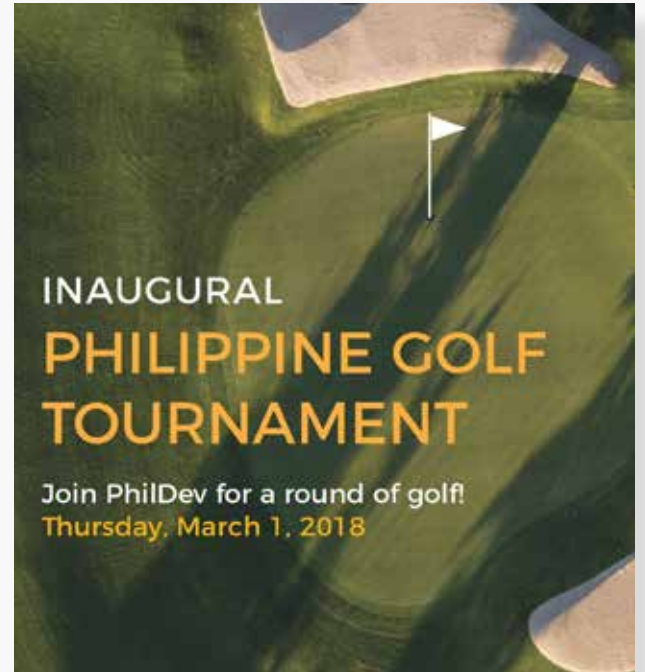
Sincerely,
Angelina "Jonesy" Castro

WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2018

MARCH

PhilDev's Inaugural Philippine Golf Tournament

PhilDev's Inaugural Philippine Golf Tournament. March 1, 2018 at Tagaytay Midlands Golf Club. All proceeds support PhilDev's programs in education, innovation and entrepreneurship.



JULY

The PhilDev-Shell Scholarship Camp

The PhilDev-Shell Scholarship camp will be held on July 23-27, 2018. Stay tuned for announcements and updates.

OCTOBER

PhilDev Gala

Stay tuned for our announcement on PhilDev Gala in the Bay Area in October 2018.



NEWS

PhilDev Foundation and UNDP launch the Innovation for Social Impact Project (ISIP) which aims to support and accelerate growth of tech startups in the Philippines. The project is expected to contribute to broader inclusive economic growth in the country. 24 Social Enterprises (SEs) will be provided technical support and improved capacity to access capital and attract impact investors. [Learn more about ISIP.](#)

TechHub Network expands to more universities and technopreneurship centers in its 2nd year. The first batch of TechHubs has started implementing projects on Innovation and entrepreneurship while the second batch will start with its implementation in the 2nd quarter of 2018. A 3-day Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop will be held this February to support the TechHubs' effective conduct of results-based monitoring. [Learn about TechHub's upcoming event this February.](#)

PhilDev is Hiring. We believe that passionate people guided by great leaders can change the world. [View our open positions.](#)



A PhilDev-Shell Scholar Choosing Her Own Path

Scholar Rosette Zapata (UST, BS Chemical Engineering '17, Batch 1) started working January 22 as a Management Trainee at CDO Foodsphere Inc. She says that what excites her about her new job “is the thought of continuously learning not only in my field of expertise but in other areas as well because we will be trained in departments like Plant Operations, Sales, Finance, etc. Also, I believe that this job will surely help me improve my interpersonal skills and equip me with additional skills and knowledge.”

Rosette is sharing with you guys what she learned during her job hunting journey:

“I realized that most of us especially fresh graduates tend to stick to what our job description is because we are too afraid to try something that will not lead us to the career that we have dreamt of. For me, as a Chemical Engineer, I initially tried to look for positions according to the job description of a Chemical Engineer — something that has to do with Production Engineer, Manufacturing Engineer and such. But I found out that there are so many opportunities out there that offer so much more. Not just a position that fits our job description but also an opportunity to grow and learn in different areas.

After trying to apply for quite a number of available positions in different companies, I found out what are the most important questions to ask myself as I look for the job that I really want:

“Will I be able to apply the skills and knowledge that I have acquired and still be able to try and learn new things?”

“Will I grow along with the position and the company?”

Rosette prepared herself for work by researching about her prospective employer and buying clothes for proper work attire and such. She also “seized the moment” as her vacation was about to end by spending quality time with family and friends and deepening her relationship with the Lord.

SPOTLIGHT



Emil Tapnio

Emil Tapnio is one of PhilDev's Program Directors and one of the organization's longest-serving members. As Program Director, he is tasked with managing PhilDev's ongoing programs—such as the newly awarded ISIP program by UNDP, entrepreneurship workshops, and the Visiting Professors Program, among others—from planning to organizing to execution, all while handling the different personalities that help him actualize PhilDev's goals. Read more about Emil.

Linda Lester

Philanthropist Linda Lester is one of PhilDev's largest supporter donating a total of \$80,000 since 2014. Her family is no stranger in advocating for underserved communities especially in agricultural preservation in Santa Clara Valley, California where they are from. Linda is a true supporter of PhilDev's mission to eradicate poverty and make a difference in the lives of Filipinos.



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