



Forum Topics

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IATSS Forum Alumni-Philippines holds General Assembly & Christmas Gathering 2009

Last December 11, 2009, the IATSS Forum Alumni-Philippines held their General Assembly in tandem with the Christmas Holiday celebrations at the Cultural Center of the Philippines's *Silangan* (East) Ballroom.

Aptly dubbed "*Pamaskong Piging at Pagtitipon*" (a Filipino phrase that means "Christmas Feast & Gathering", the general membership reviewed some business (updates, strategic plans mapped out by the Officers for 2009 – 2012, finances, among others); as well as, unanimously ratifying proposed revisions of their organization's Constitution and By-laws.

Guest of Honor was Mr. Arnel Doria, General Manager of the Honda Safety Driving Center (HSDC), who spoke briefly on the features and offerings of their facility; screening a video presentation to cap his talk. This sparked a significant discussion in the alumni ranks and Officers to further the advocacies of the IATSS Forum.

We imagine our partnership can raise the level of safety awareness amongst motorists. The Alumni may help promote the HSDC (and its programs) by way of information-dissemination, networking (with private, government and non-government institutions) and community outreach (Drivers' & Operators' Associations in Villages and Barangays).

A tour of the HSDC Facility is tentatively set for sometime in January, 2010; as partnership details are firmed up between Mr. Doria and Mr. Ariel Yonzon, IATSS Forum Alumni-Phils. President.



In photo (from LEFT to RIGHT)

STANDING: Raul Vargas/IATSS 42nd & Public Rel'ns. Ofcr., Arnel Doria/HSDC Gen. Mgr., Mithi Laya Gonzales/IATSS 42nd & Treasurer, Frederick Blancas & Rodel Offemaria (with wife, Tina Offemaria)/IATSS 28th, Cleofe Velasquez-Ocampo/IATSS 20th, Ariel Yonzon/IATSS 29th & President, Lyle Raquipiso/IATSS 21st, Ones Cuyco/IATSS 40th & Auditor.

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