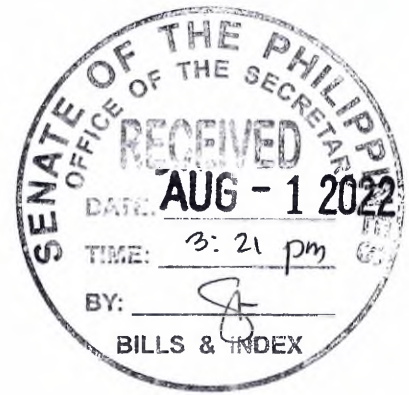


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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN
(TOYM) 2021 AWARDEES

1 WHEREAS, The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Awards seeks to recognize
2 the outstanding achievement of young Filipinos between the ages of 18 to 40 years
3 old, who achieved professional excellence and have resulted to positive changes in
4 the nation;

5 WHEREAS, the TOYM Awards is an annual search of the Junior Chamber
6 International (JCI) Philippines and supported by the PLDT Home, Smart
7 Communications, Metro Pacific Investments Corporation, KPMG, Gerry Roxas
8 Foundation, Inc., and TOYM Foundation, Inc.;

9 WHEREAS, since 1959, the TOYM developed a reputation for its selectiveness
10 of outstanding young active citizens – totalling 520 by now – upon whom the award
11 is conferred;

12 WHEREAS, with the theme "*Everyday Leaders Enabling Extraordinary*
13 *Impact*", the TOYM 2021 Awards recognizes the best ten (10) Honorees, who,
14 despite the challenges they faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, have brought
15 exemplary service to others, exuded excellence, shown outstanding leadership and
16 made significant contributions to the country;

17 WHEREAS, Ariestelo A. Asilo, the TOYM Honoree for Social Entrepreneurship
18 is a co-founder of Varacco and pioneer of the COFFEE (Coffee-based Farming and
19 Entrepreneurship Engagement) program as inner core for Nutrition Entrepreneurship
20 business model. He also helped organize a leading NGO in the country Stop Hunger
21 Now Philippines (now Rise Against Hunger), founded the Peace Corps Scholars and
22 Alumni Association, and helped secure the funding for the farm to market road of
23 Lobo, Batangas under the Philippine Rural Development Program through his
24 pioneering NGO— MindMap (now ThinkFarm);

25 WHEREAS, Iloisa Romaraog-Diga, the TOYM Honoree for Agricultural
26 Entrepreneurship, is the founder of Session Groceries app which provides the

1 community access to fresh and home-grown produce from the convenience of their
2 homes;

3 WHEREAS, Eleazar Abraham 'Abe' L. Orobia, the TOYM Honoree for Education
4 and Culture, is a multi-awarded artist, educator, independent curator and cultural
5 advocate. In 2018 he worked as the head facilitator of Art Workshops for Indigenous
6 People (IP) Elementary teachers from different parts of the Philippines. He also
7 created a Bas relief mural of Basi Revolt in the municipality of San Ildefonso, Ilocos
8 Sur. In 2017, Orobia was one of the 5 artists who worked on mural re-interpretation
9 of the famous Bahay Nakpil-Bautista. It was sold and all proceeds are donated for
10 the reconstruction and preservation of the said historical site. In 2021 held a solo
11 show at the National Commission for Culture and the Arts titled 'IMAGES OF OUR
12 NATION' inspired by the situations in the height of pandemic. Orobia championed
13 the following through ink drawing and poetry: plight of medical workers, food supply
14 through agriculture and aquaculture, OFWs, maritime disputes, faith and resiliency in
15 crises and the effects of community pantry. Orobia is also a contributor at Artplus
16 magazine;

17 WHEREAS, Anna R. Oposa, the TOYM Honoree Environment, Marine
18 Conservation, is the Executive Director and Chief Mermaid of Save Philippine Seas.
19 Oposa has been at the forefront of projects and campaigns in shark conservation,
20 waste management, and environmental education. Her work has contributed to
21 raising the profile of marine conservation in mainstream and social media, national
22 and local legislation, and empowering youth and communities to take action on
23 environmental issues;

24 WHEREAS, Jayeel S. Cornelio, the TOYM Honoree for Phd Education and
25 Sociology, is a leading sociologist religion in the Philippines widely known for his
26 brave and extensive research on youth, politics, and religious life. Dr. Cornelio,
27 Associate Professor of Development Studies and Associate Dean of Research and
28 Creative Work at the Ateneo de Manila University, conducts innovative research on
29 how religion is changing in Philippine society and how it affects different aspects of
30 social life including people's political attitudes and young people's moral worldviews.
31 He is best known for his wide-ranging scholarship which covers topics such as:
32 Christianity and the war on drugs, fundamentalism and the struggle for gender
33 equality, and young people in post-conflict Marawi;

34 WHEREAS, Maria Yzabell Angel V. Palma, the TOYM Honoree for Science and
35 Technology, is an inventor and founder of AirDisc Cooling Technologies which has
36 garnered awards from topnotch international inventors' competitions and was
37 endorsed by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations as the 'timely
38 response to global warming. Palma's main goal is to be an inventor for humanity,
39 creating solutions that will do away with present and future challenges of our world;

40 WHEREAS, Jaime Alfonso M. Aherrera, the TOYM Honoree for Medicine/
41 Cardiology, is a multi-awarded, board-topnotcher, cardiologist-epidemiologist-
42 academician, and health advocate who has been using his knowledge to educate the

1 community, specifically about the early recognition of cardiac diseases. His
2 researches focusing on heart diseases paved the way for improvement in the earlier
3 "heart attack pathways" of the UP-Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH); and when
4 the COVID-19 pandemic struck, collaborative groups were formed to provide useful
5 data in dealing with this pandemic. His brainchild, the IM Platinum Textbook series
6 for Internal Medicine, has now reached and helped thousands of medical students
7 and young specialists nationwide;

8 WHEREAS, Lou Sabrina S. Ongkiko, the TOYM Honoree for Education /
9 Academe, is a multi-awarded public school teacher who has been working with
10 different partner organizations to create programs and activities that help students,
11 teachers, parents, and the community especially during the pandemic. These include
12 the COVID-19 Comics for Children, two radio programs to reach students and
13 teachers, and piloting Facebook Messenger classes with AHA! Learning Center.
14 Teacher Sab is also an advocate for quality STEM Education and was instrumental in
15 setting up the Center for Integration STEM (CISTEM) with Unilab Foundation and the
16 University of the Philippines College of Education;

17 WHEREAS, Jaemark S. Tordecilla, the TOYM Honoree for Digital Journalism, is
18 the current head of Digital Media at GMA News and Public Affairs who helped the
19 department thrive in the digital 21st century. He spearheaded the development and
20 launch of the Cover Stories platform for GMA News Online, which has published long
21 form multimedia stories that have been recognized for numerous awards. He
22 conceptualized and oversees the network's Digital Video Lab, which has launched a
23 portfolio of online programs including the The Howie Severino Podcast, The
24 Mangahas Interviews, Stand for Truth, and Need To Know, designed to keep viewers
25 informed and engaged, wherever they may be around the world;

26 WHEREAS, Melvin J. Sanicas, the TOYM Honoree for Science/ Medicine, is a
27 world-renowned Filipino physician-scientist who organized and launched in 2014 the
28 Collaboration for Tuberculosis Vaccine Discovery (CTVD), an international network of
29 over 80 institutions dedicated to fostering collaboration in TB vaccine discovery. With
30 his expertise in vaccinology, mobile health, health information technology, and
31 digital communications, Dr. Sanicas is the only Filipino digital health expert for the
32 World Health Organization (2019), health data expert for Facebook (2020), and
33 digital strategy advisor of the Infectious Disease Society of America (2021);

34 WHEREAS, the Senate, as an expression of its support to the youth and
35 nation-building, joins the JCI Philippines in recognizing and honouring the TOYM
36 Awardees for 2021;

37 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the
38 Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend The Outstanding Young Men
39 2021 Awardees namely:

- 40 1. **Ariestelo A. Asilo** – TOYM Honoree for Social Entrepreneurship,
- 41 2. **Iloisa Romaraog-Diga** – TOYM Honoree for Agricultural
42 Entrepreneurship,

- 1 3. **Eleazar Abraham 'Abe' L. Orobia** – TOYM Honoree for Education and
- 2 Culture,
- 3 4. **Anna R. Oposa** – TOYM Honoree Environment, Marine Conservation,
- 4 5. **Jayeel S. Cornelio** – TOYM Honoree for Phd Education, Sociology,
- 5 6. **Maria Yzabell Angel V. Palma** – TOYM Honoree for Science and
- 6 Technology,
- 7 7. **Jaime Alfonso M. Aherrera** – TOYM Honoree for Medicine/ Cardiology,
- 8 8. **Lou Sabrina S. Ongkiko** – TOYM Honoree for Education / Academe,
- 9 9. **Jaemark S. Tordecilla** – TOYM Honoree for Digital Journalism,
- 10 10. **Melvin J. Sanicas** – TOYM Honoree for Science/ Medicine.

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