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PICPA Metro Manila members and friends helped victims of Typhoons Rolly and Ulysses



On November 1, Super Typhoon Rolly left extensive destruction in the Bicol Region, and inflicted significant damage in the provinces of Albay, Catanduanes and Camarines. MMR coordinated with MM GAO, the four chapters, and the Metro Manila CSR teams for a fund drive and collectively donated P250,000 for victims of Typhoon Rolly in the Bicol Region.

On November 11, Typhoon Ulysses, brought powerful winds and torrential rain that killed people, destroyed homes, and caused floods to low-lying areas of Metro Manila, and the provinces of Cagayan and Isabela. Mobilizing the Metro Manila CSR teams, we distributed relief goods composed of hot adobo meals, hygiene kits, rice, water, blankets, mosquito nets and medicine to:

- 500 families in Bgy Geronimo, Rodriguez Rizal on Saturday November 14
- 500 families in Purok 5, Malanday, Marikina on Saturday, November 14
- 300 families in Bgy Malanday, Marikina on Sunday, November 15
- 400 families in Bgy Tumana, Marikina on Sunday, November 29

Metro Manila also sent rice, canned goods, hygiene kits, medicine, mats and mosquito nets to Cagayan (400 families) and Isabela (400 families) through PICPA Chapter presidents, Gigid Batung and Monette Alburo.



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At Isabela and Cagayan Province



PICPA Foundation, Inc., The Red Chef, MM GAO, the four chapters, Tinig Ng Silangan, Inc., JuanSmile Philippines and Metro Manila friends and individual donors all collaborated together in helping our needy brothers and sisters.

At Barangay Malanday, Marikina City



At Barangay Tumana, Marikina City



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At Barangay Tumana, Marikina City



Assistance for the victims of Typhoon Ulysses in Brgy. Geronimo, Rodriguez, Rizal



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At Rodriguez Elementary School



Golden Harvest during 75th Annual National Convention

The 75th PICPA Annual National Convention was held virtually on November 25-28, 2020 hosted by the Cagayan de Oro-Misamis Oriental Chapter with the theme, the Filipino CPAs Rising in Solidarity Amidst Challenging Times.

Ms. Maria Victoria C. Espano was recognized with 2020 PRC Outstanding Professional of the Year Award in Accountancy.

Metro Manila Geographical Area Office was given the Outstanding GAO Award while Metro Manila Region received its Continuing Excellence Award. All four chapters, Northern Metro Manila Chapter, Eastern Metro Manila Chapter, Western Metro Manila Chapter and Southern Metro Manila Chapter received the Continuing Excellence Award, Category A.


FY 2020-2021 MMR Chapters were all recognized with a Special Citation for their remarkable initiative in complying fully with the timely submission of financial and administrative reports for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

For individual awardees, seven members were given due recognition: Paul Chester U. See, Outstanding CPA in Public Practice; Francis J. Ricamora, Outstanding PICPA Member, Hentje Leo L. Leano, Special Achievement Award in Professional Development; Yusoph A. Maute, Young Achiever Award, Public Practice; Alexander B, Cabrera, Honorary Life Member; Leticia C. Tagle, Honorary Life Member, and Hartnery S. Molina, Special Achievement Award in Community Service.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AWARDEES!!

OUTSTANDING CPA: GOVERNMENT



PAUL CHESTER U. SEE
EASTERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

NATIONAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



ALEXANDER B. CABRERA
SOUTHERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

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LETICIA C. TAGLE
SOUTHERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

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OUTSTANDING PICPA MEMBER



FRANCIS J. RICAMORA
METRO MANILA GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OFFICE

NATIONAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICE



NARD HARTNEY S. MOLINA
WESTERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

NATIONAL AWARDS COMMITTEE


SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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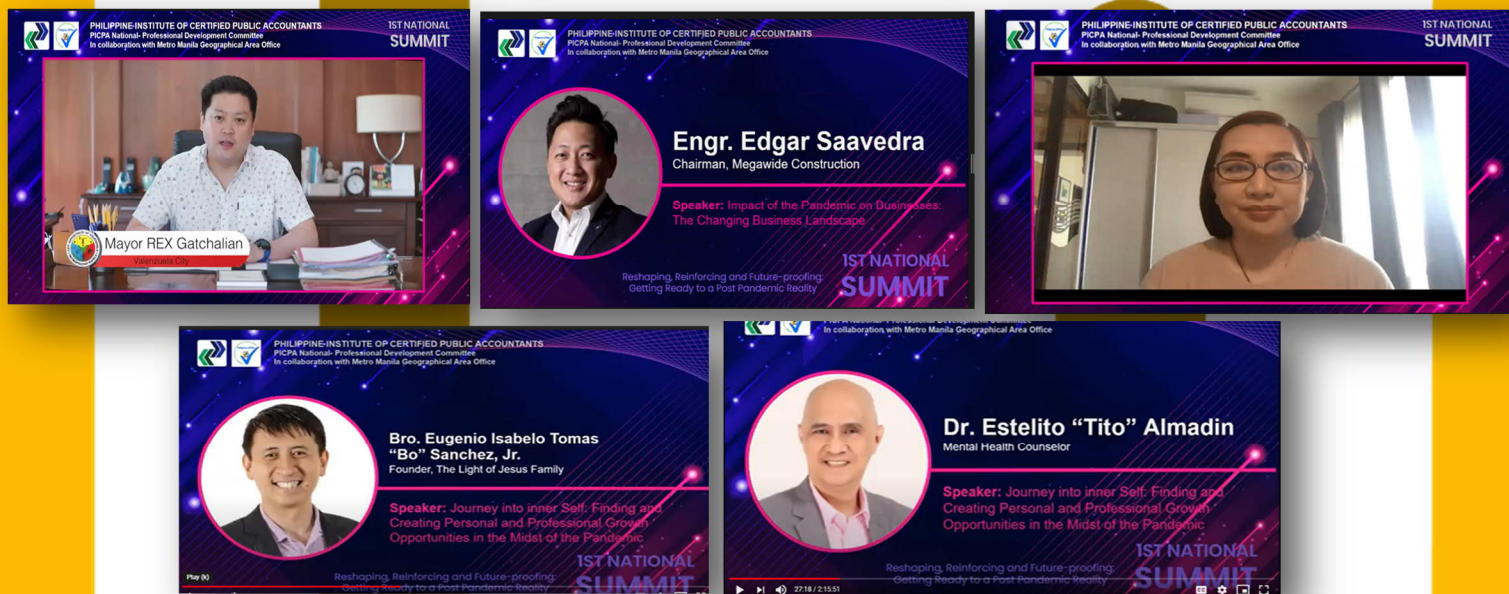
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NATIONAL AWARDS COMMITTEE



PICPA holds 1st National Summit

The 1st National Summit sponsored by PICPA National-Professional Development Committee in collaboration with Metro Manila Geographical Area Office was held on November 19-20, 2020. Its theme, “Reshaping, Reinforcing and Future-proofing: Getting Ready to a Post Pandemic Reality” covered 1) Reopening of the Economy: Balancing Financial Recovery and Public Health; 2) Impact of the Pandemic on Businesses: The Changing Business Landscape; 3) Overall Wellness: What It Takes to Keep Up with the Challenging Times; and 4) Journey Into Inner Self: Finding and Creating Personal and Professional Growth Opportunities in the Midst of the Pandemic.



NORTHERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

NMMC's CSR activities

In the aftermath of Typhoon Rolly, Siony, Tonyo and Ulysses- in the truest sense and spirit of Bayanihan, PICPA North has once again risen beyond its call of duty. Way before a call was even made, the Social Involvement Committee or the “lovely SIC” already responded as it immediately mobilized, raised more funds, bought goods, repacked, coordinated with people on the ground, and delivered with perfect efficiency. All hands were on deck as the NMMC joined in various relief operations from Marikina City to the provinces of Rizal, Isabela, Cagayan and Catanduanes.

Ms. Kathie Sobremonte and Ms. Linda Demition spearheaded the NMMC’s campaign and call for help with the rest of the officers and members following their leads. Shown below for transparency are the relief operations conducted by the NMMC:

Flood Relief Activities in Rizal and Marikina City		
Nature of donations	Intended beneficiaries	Partners
Relief Goods	Lamuan, Marikina City	PICPA MMR, EMMC, SMMC and WMMC
Relief goods and slippers	Province of Rizal	PICPA Rizal and STAR Region
Relief Goods and appliances	Sitio Magata and Sitio Manggahan Tanay, Rizal	Tomasino Para sa Kapwa Pilipino, UST Tala, Hyundai Appliances
Relief Goods	Brgy. Burgos and Tibag and Lower Curayao, Rodriguez, Rizal	Tomasino Para sa Kapwa Pilipino, UST Tala, QC Dynamics Lions Club and NBI Group, USTAAI
Relief Goods	Province of Rizal	PICPA National, Star Region and PICPA Rizal
Relief Goods (200 packs)	Marikina City	Don Stewart Ministries
Relief Goods	Rodriguez, Rizal	NMAX Valenzuela City

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Tulong sa Pagbangon ng Cagayan at Isabela



The NMMC's lovely SIC launched the Project: **“Tulong sa Pagbangon ng Cagayan at Isabela”** – a campaign to help the victims of massive flooding in the provinces of Cagayan and Isabela.

The following are the results of the collective efforts of the lovely SIC as the lead team of the NMMC in this operation:

Nature of donations	Intended beneficiaries	Partners
Food and water (75 boxes in total)	Cagayan Valley	Don Bosco Technical Institute and the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao
Relief Goods	Ilagan, Isabela	UST Thomasian Leaders Association
Relief Goods		PICPA Isabela and Cagayan, Northern Luzon Region, PICPA Baguio-Benguet
Relief Goods (26 boxes), 100 face masks and 200 t-shirts	Angadanan, Isabela (100 families)	Drop-Off Center
Relief goods (150 packs) and slippers (300 pairs)	Province of Isabela	PICPA Isabela Chapter
Relief Goods (100 packs) and hygiene kits (110 sets)	Penablanca, Cagayan	Dodan United Methodist Church (DUMC)
Relief Goods (150 packs) and Slippers (300 pairs)	Tuguegarao City, Cagayan	PICPA Cagayan Chapter
Relief Goods	Santiago City, Isabela	La Sallette Santiago City, Isabela
Groceries and water	Pilig Abajo, Cabagan, Isabela (230 families)	Mr. Gerry Carabacan
Hygiene Kits, Malong, Blankets and Relief Goods	Cattaran, Andarayan and Natappian, Solana, Cagayan	Dodan United Methodist Church Penablanca Cagayan
Relief Goods	Gamu, Isabela	Diocese Social Action Center (DSAC)
Relief Goods, Shirts and Noodles	Cabagan, Isabela	St. Paul The Apostle Church
Relief Goods (100 packs)	Province of Isabela	PICPA Isabela
Relief Goods (100 packs)	Province of Cagayan	PICPA Cagayan

Relief Operations in Virac, Catanduanes

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- Torre, Sobremonte and Associates Company (TSAC)
- Lai Family, Neria Family, Torre Family, Tuazon Family and Sobremonte Family
- Don Bosco Technical Institute
- Tomasino Para sa Kapwa Pilipino, UST Tala, USTAAI
- Quezon City Dynamics Lions Club
- Don Stewart Ministries
- Hyundai Appliances
- NBI Group
- NMAX Valenzuela
- Archdiocese of Tuguegarao (thru Father Fadz)
- Dodan United Methodist Church
- Atty. Myra De Leon, Atty. Gimie Cantupay and Ms. Novimae Songson
- Ms. Angie S. Tuazon and Ms. Ana Talosig.
- PICPA Northern Luzon Region, PICPA Baguio-Benguet Chapter. Mr. Gerry Carabacan, Mr. Allan Frank Silva, and Ms. Milagros Cardona.
- Dean Monette Alburo.
- Ms. Vick Sy and Sally Neria.
- PICPA Star Region, PICPA Rizal and Betty Esplana.
- Victory Liner and Ms. Christina Dizon, Ms. Eileen De Luis, Mr. Raul, Ms. Edina Flores and Mr. Eligio Camangun Jr. for facilitating the transportation.
- Dr. Gigid Tong-Battung and Ms. Shirley Narag.
- La Sallette Santiago, MS Congregation Father Jansen and Malilin Family.
- Ms. Monette Alburo
- Diocese Social Action Center and Rev. Fr. Carlito Sarte from Gamu, Isabela
- St. Paul the Apostle Church and Fr. Evan Blair Cauan and Ms. Hazel Borbon
- PICPA National Past President Zeny Alcantara and Ms. Belen Manahan Santos
- Don Stewart Ministries, Pastor David Dario and Maria Flordeliza Dela Cruz
- Meycauayan College Bonifacio Class '78 (Ms. Rose, Ms. Fe and Ms. Teresita)
- Tinkerbell Learning School Sdn Bhd, Ms. Edel Batholomew and Ms. Noemi Roxas
- Officers and employees of Revenue District Office No. 27 – Caloocan City, Revenue District Office No. 40 – Cubao, Revenue District Office No. 47 – East Makati City and Revenue District Office No. 49 – North Makati City
- PICPA National, EMMC, SMMC and WMMC and PICPA MMR and Secretariat.



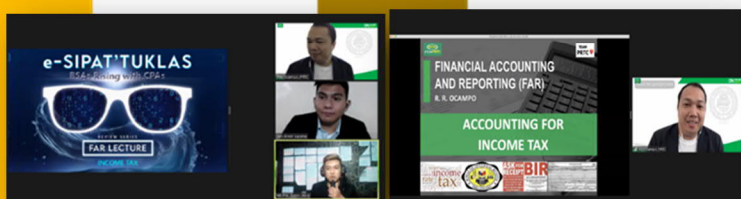
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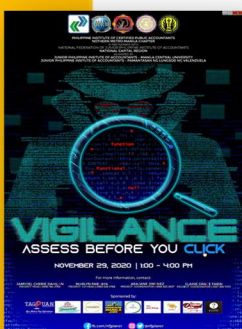
e-SIPAT'TUKLAS: BSAs RISING WITH CPAs

Part 2 of the e-SIPAT'TUKLAS: BSAs Rising with CPAs - a free CPA Review Lecture Series Project of the NMMC, the National Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (NFJPIA) and the Professional Review and Training Center (PRTC) was underway.

The 2nd lecture, which was held on November 29, 2020, under the FAR Lecture Series was facilitated by Mr. Reynaldo R. Ocampo, PRTC Review Director. He extensively discussed "Income Tax". Mr. Ramil R. Ocampo and Mr. Vic C. Gudani joined the webinar. It was attended by hundreds of BSA students all over the Philippines.



VIGILANCE: Assess Before You Click

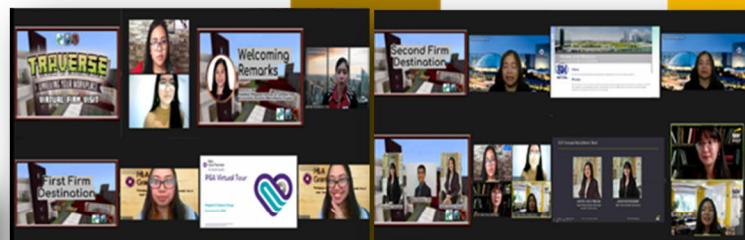


The NFJPIA – NCR, local JPIA chapters of Manila Central University and Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Valenzuela, collaborated with the NMMC in bringing "Vigilance: Assess Before You Click" webinar to promote awareness on Social Privacy (discussed by Mr. Edwin De Guzman, OIC and program Chair-MCU CSIT-CBT) and cyber security (discussed by Ms. Sharmaine Jassie G. Labrado, MIT, COO, CCPA and Digital Forensic Office, PNP Anto-Cybercrime Group).



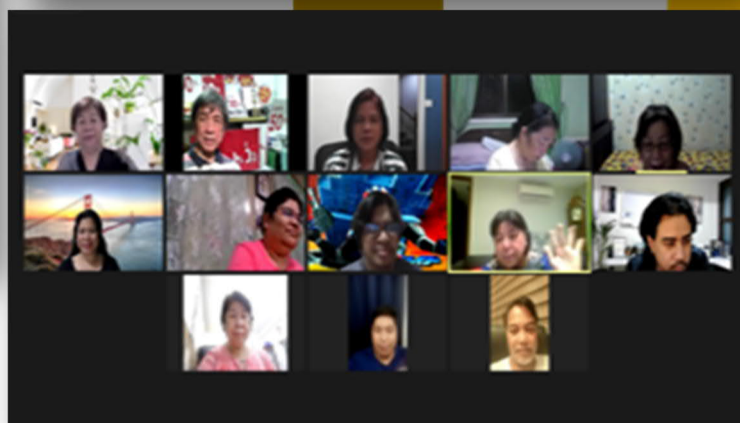
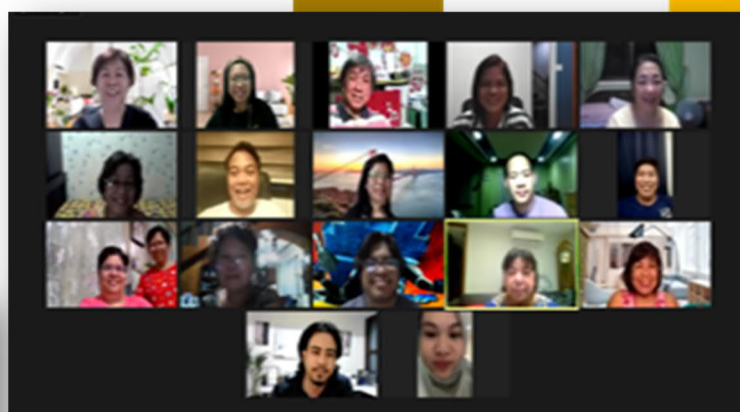
TRAVERSE – Unveiling Your Workplace

The NMMC in partnership with SMMC joined the team in their project, "Traverse: Unveiling Your Workplace" – a virtual tour of participating firms/companies. The JPI-ANs were treated to an "excursion" at Punongbayan and Araullo (P&A Grant Thornton) in Makati City and at the SM Retail in the MOA, Pasay City. SMMC President Crissee See welcomed the participants while NMMC President Remy R. Santos delivered the closing remarks.



Regular Chapter Meeting

The 5th Virtual Regular Meeting of the NMMC family was held on November 20, 2020 presided by President Remy R. Santos. President-Elect Boy Tecson and members of the Board graced the meeting together with officers and members of the Chapter. Reporting of activities, programs for the month of December and greetings to birthday celebrants for the month of November constituted the agenda.



EASTERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

PICPA EMMC Meets NFJPIA-East

On November 21, 2020 and December 2, 2020, representatives of EMMC have met the officers of the National Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants or NFJPIA, particularly the NFJPIA East to discuss the various activities that will be launched during the FY 2020-2021. It was productive since several activities were already lined-up pending review of the EMMC's President Noel Canlas and approval of the EMMC Board of the Directors.

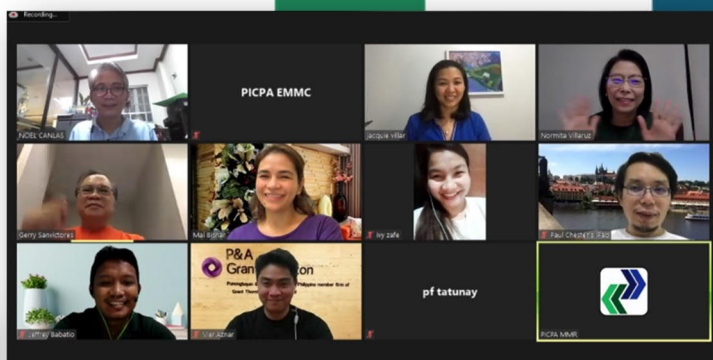
Present during the November 21 meeting were EMMC Pres-elect Ivy Zafe, Director for Education, Richard Ibarra, EMMC Committee on Student Participations Co-Chair and NFJPIA Regional Adviser Conrad Allan Magbag Alviz, NFJPIA Adviser Jury Vibar and NFJPIA Regional Vice President for Communications-NFJPIA East Marco Mansalay Lim. Present during the meeting on December 2, 2020 in addition to those mentioned above were EMMC Vice President for Membership Mike Madlagbayan and Co-Chair Elah Andal Perez.



Regular Chapter Meeting

The 4th Monthly Board Meeting was held on October 31, 2020, via Zoom at 6pm. Updates on each of the Committee were presented as well as the financial performance and updates on membership. Various resolutions were also approved by the Board of Directors during the said BOD Meeting.

Chapter President Noel Canlas presided the meeting with some of the Chapter Advisers also in attendance that provided some advice on the upcoming activities of EMMC.



WESTERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

WMMC's Joint Outreach Program with Tinig Ng Silangan Inc. and JuanSmile to help the victims of Typhoon Ulysses in Cagayan

Responding to the cry for help of the people who were badly affected by Typhoon Ulysses in the Provinces of Cagayan and Isabela, Tinig ng Silangan, Inc. and JuanSmile in partnership with PICPA Western Metro Manila Chapter had initiated a joint outreach program titled "Laban Cagayan, Sama Sama Isabela". Relief goods were transported to Cagayan Province through the help of the Training and Doctrine Command of the Philippine Army – Pangkat Tradoc and were distributed by volunteers from PICPA Cagayan Chapter, the WMMC's Adopted Chapter, headed by Gigid Tong-Battung and from a group formed in Cagayan for Tinig ng Silangan, Inc. and JuanSmile headed by Carla Marie Sumigad who was also a former Committee Chair of PICPA WMMC. Last November 22, 2020, the program had reached almost 500 family-beneficiaries at Alituntung, Amulung West and Afusing Daga, Alcala and almost 200 families of Sta. Margarita, Baggao. These areas were submerged in floodwater amid the onslaught of Typhoon Ulysses. Most of the people in these places are farmers whose crops were destroyed by the flood.



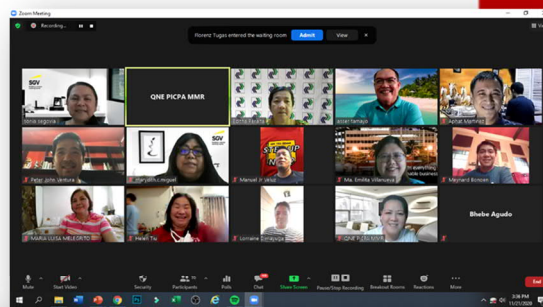
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Regular Chapter Meeting

WMMC's Monthly Board Meeting was held on November 21, 2020, via Zoom at 2pm.



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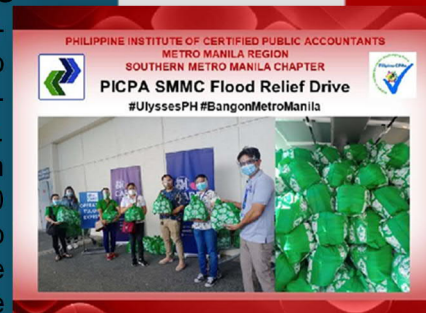
Virtual Firm Visit, A Success!

Last November 15, 2020, a virtual firm visit entitled "TRAVERSE: UNVEILING YOUR WORKPLACE." took place. This educational event was in partnership with PICPA SMMC, NFJPIA-NCR, and PICPA NMMC. This virtual gathering allowed NFJPIAns from Metro Manila's South and North Districts the opportunity to visit local accounting firms and companies.



PICPA SMMC Launched Donation Drives for Typhoon Victims

With the recent onslaught of typhoons that affected Metro Manila and Northern Luzon, PICPA SMMC with partner institutions, launched several donation drives to help. With PICPA MMR, hygiene packs and soup kitchen were provided to communities devastated by Typhoon Ulysses and caused by Marikina River overflow. They included families in Marikina, Pasig, Quezon City and Rodriguez, Rizal. In partnership with SM Foundation's "Operation Tulong Express" SMMC gave 250 Kalinga relief packs to families in Paranaque. These packs were turned over to the City Social Welfare Development Office and Bgy Don Bosco officials. In the northern provinces, SMMC mobilized a donation drive for Oplan Tulong to provide clean water, ready-to-eat food, clothes and blankets, vitamins and other health supplies to communities in Isabela and Cagayan Valley. In less than a week, P53,700 which were immediately turned over to PICPA Cagayan and Isabela Chapters which were given to 230 families in Bgy. San Rafael East, Sta. Maria, Isabela, and Bgy. Pilig Abajo, Cagayan.



SUMMARY OF DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE PICPA			
DATE	PROVINCE	CITY/MUNICIPALITY	NUMBER OF FAMILIES
Nov 15, 2020	Metro Manila	Sucal Bicutan	325
		Bicutan	325
TOTAL			250

Total Number of Families Catered*: 250
Estimated Total Number of Individuals Served*: 1, 250

SMMC Monthly Board Meeting

The SMMC Board of Directors led by our able Chapter President, Ms. Maricris U. See, held its monthly meeting last November 10, 2020 via Zoom. The focus was the donation drives for the typhoon victims and virtual firm visit. We thank CD Asia, QNE Software, and Roxas Cruz Tagle and Co. as our November webinars sponsors.



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