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A MOVEMENT OF NATION BUILDING FROM THE GROUND UP

GK777

700,000 homes in 7,000 communities in 7 years

- * Launched on October 4, 2003
- * Targeted for delivery on October 4, 2010

GK or "to give" makes each volunteer-supporter a hero or *bayani* who, by working with other unassuming citizens in the Filipino *bayanihan* spirit, builds homes and communities where marginalized countrymen can live with their families.

Volunteers of different ages, social status, religions, cultures are building communities together. Beneficiaries and donors alike.

A country without slums. The transformation is astounding.

The solution involves the whole community, hence, the mandate is to transform the slum environment, community, town after town. GK is now in Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Cambodia, India. Soon in Timor-Leste and South America.

Believe in what we all, together, can do:

- * Never stop hoping for our country.
- * Never stop caring for our people.
- * Demand greatness of oneself as a Filipino.
- * Inspire greatness in other Filipinos.

Bayanihan. Servant leadership. *Padugo* or giving of oneself. Heroism. Honoring and engaging the good in others. Stewardship and excellence.

Building a nation. Awakening heroism. Effecting change





GAWAD
HAYDEE
YORAC

The Award is established in honor of the late Haydee Yorac whose attributes, personal work ethic and commitments, and service to the nation are basis of this distinction.

It recognizes Filipino leaders whose personal qualities and lives are worth emulating.
Courage. Excellence. Selflessness. Professionalism. Fairness. Credibility. Integrity.

A role model in public service and leadership.

A proponent of national good and harmony in diversity.

An annual Award for outstanding public service.



GAWAD HAYDEE YORAC

GK777

A leader of integrity like Haydee Yorac and what she epitomizes, must be remembered.

Meralco stands firmly for outstanding public service and supports recognition of such exemplary leaders who are inspiring all of us with their love for country and their heroism.

In cooperation with the University of the Philippines, we will continue the legacy of principled service and able leadership that the late Haydee Yorac espoused.

My warmest congratulations to Mr. Antonio P. Meloto, the winner of the first Gawad Haydee Yorac. Meralco supports his advocacy and joins the volunteers who have given their time and resources to help build homes and communities for less privileged Filipinos.

And my deepest thanks to the distinguished members of the board of judges, the search and screening committee and the working committee that manages the award.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

Sincerely,

MR. MANUEL M. LOPEZ
Chairman and CEO



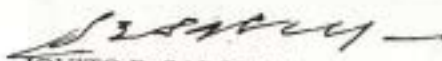
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Sapagkat "Gawad Haydee Yorac" ang pamagat ng premyo at ang karamihan ng dadalo ay mga taga rito, minarapat kong gamitin ang wikang Pilipino sa pagbibigay ng mensaheng ito.

Malaking karangalan na lahat ng mga tinatawag na "Board of Judges" ay kapwa Pilipino, gayon din ang "Executive Committee" at ang "Search and Screening Committee." Nagkaisa po kami na ang bigyan ng unang gantimpala sa taong ito ay si G. Antonio P. Meloto, na siyang tagapamahala sa Gawad Kalinga, isang kilusan na nagbibigay ng pag-asu at karangalan sa mga maraming mahihirap na Pilipino.

Bilang isang malapit na kaibigan ni Bb. Haydee Yorac na naglingkod sa bayan ng buong pagtatapat, dunong, kakayahan at katapangan, bayaan po ninyong sabihin ko na sa aking paniniwala, siya ay magagalak sa unang premyo na ating ibinigay sa kanyang pangalan ngayong taong 2006.

Marami pong salamat.


JOVITO R. SALONGA
Chairman, Board of Judges



It is indeed most fitting that the Gawad Haydee Yorac has been established by two institutions that have stood for public service and service excellence, the University of the Philippines and Meralco.

We at Meralco find deep satisfaction in being part of this people-centered initiative.

We would like to believe that it would also have pleased Haydee Yorac, for she was an alumna of UP and legal counsel of Meralco. In our professional association with her, as in her brilliant public career, we witnessed only the most outstanding dedication and integrity in her mission of serving the people.

Like Haydee Yorac, Mr. Tony Meloto is a shining inspiration to all of us who strive to go beyond personal interests to help move our country forward. It is a source of special pride to us that the Filipino *bayanihan* spirit he has harnessed has spread as a worldwide approach to self- and-community upliftment.

Congratulations to our very first awardee! Mr. Meloto, may our nation be abundantly blessed with more humble and quiet hero-servants like you.

JESUS P. FRANCISCO
President and COO



In this day and age of cynicism, Haydee Yorac still inspires countless people to aspire for a unique sort of heroism. She was, for many Filipinos, a symbol of courage and integrity.

Today, she is remembered in this award which recognizes outstanding public service. The Meralco Gawad Haydee Yorac is an award the Philippines needs. We need to restore faith in our government workers and this will show that yes, there are good and remarkable people who have dedicated their lives to serving the people and serving them well.

The recipient of the Meralco Gawad Haydee Yorac award certainly deserves not only congratulations, but perhaps more than this, our gratitude. To selflessly devote a life to the improvement of the greater good is nothing short of heroism.

Emerlinda Roman

EMERLINDA R. ROMAN
President, UP System

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Mr. Christopher Yap

Chapter Head, Couples for Christ Meralco

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UP Rayadillo Honor Guards

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Meralco Chorale and UP Vocal Ensemble

AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION

The Gawad Haydee Yorac

REMARKS

Mr. Manuel M. Lopez

Chairman and CEO, Meralco

Dr. Emerlinda R. Roman

President, UP System

Representative of the Yorac family

SALUTE TO THE AWARDEE

Kundiman by Faye Abigail Tan, Jared Jehowil Tan & Joel Matias of the Philippine Ballet Theatre

Musical Number by Ritzi Villarico Ronquillo & Cris Agas of the Meralco Chorale

and JayAnne Tensuan & Peter San Juan of the Philippine Ballet Theatre

Audio Visual Presentation: Gawad Haydee Yorac Awardee

Audio Visual Presentation: Gawad Kalinga

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RESPONSE

Mr. Antonio P. Meloto

2006 Gawad Haydee Yorac Awardee

MUSICAL NUMBER

Meralco Chorale and the UP Vocal Ensemble

Sa Mahal Kong Bayan by Maestro Lucio D. San Pedro, National Artist for Music

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MR. ELPI O. CUNA, JR.

Vice President and Director, Corporate Communication, Meralco

and Gawad Haydee Yorac Executive Officer

Cocktails follow at the Main Lobby



HAYDEE YORAC epitomizes principled and credible public service, courageous, fair and exemplary, tempered with an understanding of human nature and human rights within the bounds of law. She faced crises and difficulties head on, without losing her perspective nor sense of humor. For this, she gained the respect and admiration of even her worst adversaries.

Her sterling academic record is proof of her discipline, hard work, critical thinking and integrated problem solving. Her personal qualities, work ethic, dedication and commitment to national service are the inspiration for this award.

This award honors Haydee Yorac for her: courage, work ethic, dedication, integrity, fair and impartial decision-making, down-to-earth humor, *palabra de honor*, delicadeza and selflessness.

Born in Negros Occidental, she was an alumnus of the University of the Philippines, bachelor of laws and Yale University, master of laws. An elementary valedictorian and high school salutatorian, she went on to be a multi-awarded leader: Outstanding UP Alumna, Presidential Medal of Merit, Don Joaquin "Chino" Roces Award for Public Service, French Legion of Honor, Outstanding UP Alumnae for Government Service, Manuel L. Quezon Award for Exemplary Governance and the Ramon Magsaysay Award, among others.

Among the posts she held were as Chair of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting, Chair of the National Unification Commission, Commissioner of the Commission on Elections, Member of the Presidential Committee on Human Rights, Partner of the Azcuna Yorac Arroyo and Chua Law Offices, Co-Chair of the National Peace Forum and Associate Professor of Law at UP.

The Gawad Haydee Yorac for Outstanding Public Service is an award given annually in her honor by Meralco in cooperation with the University of the Philippines. It recognizes leaders and public servants whose personal qualities and personal lives are worth emulating.



ANTONIO P. MELOTO

2006 Gawad Haydee Yorac Awardee

Choosing the first winner of the Gawad Haydee Yorac for outstanding public service was most formidable. First, the feisty and brilliant Haydee Yorac was a tough act to follow, and like Caesar's wife, the test of uprightness had to be passed or better yet, surpassed. Second, there were criteria that had to be met, screening that had to be hurdled, and finally, judging for that one awardee. And the first is always a tough choice. Not just a winner that did well in the profession but a public servant that would be a role model.

The search was on. And a choice was made.

He is Antonio P. Meloto, executive director of the GK Community Development Foundation, Inc.

That he served simply, not at all in the limelight, precisely made him stand out. And that he took on, with the Gawad Kalinga, a formidable problem and is creating a life of hope and dignity, clinched it.

From the difficulties that low middle class folks have to deal with, he was an unknown, young man who grew up in a community exposed to the squalid living conditions of the shoreline squatters of Bacolod City. But the young man who had to walk to school has trekked to a coastline farther than he had ever imagined. The daily struggle notwithstanding, the elementary valedictorian, high school salutatorian and student council president, excelled and devoted his later family life in the ministry of Couples for Christ that later gave rise to the Gawad Kalinga.

He continues to speak of his compelling belief that is galvanizing Filipinos and non-Filipinos to help countrymen they do not know and have not met. He is moving men and women of different religions, countries, ages, social rank, gender to support the volunteer movement now swelling. He is mobilizing and converting to the cause people in the Middle East, US, Canada, Australia, Europe. The movement gives depressed families homes they build side by side with the rich and with the donors. And with the homes, come decent communities, dignity, honor. Lives built in the Filipino way of the bayanihan.

Bayani or heroes, joining hands to eradicate poverty, a global problem even the most powerful of nations cannot yet solve. But with the volunteers, goals have been set, lives have been changed and the snowballing of support has gained great momentum.

His avers: "I am no businessman nor am I in government. Yet I represent the vast majority of Filipinos who also have the power to change this country...Let us look at ourselves...we need to change...but for me, change begins with myself."

He notes: "The greatest tragedy that we are experiencing now is that our people have lost their capacity to dream. This is the root of our poverty."

He dreams: "I am not embarrassed to tell you that my greatest dream is to make Gawad Kalinga the 8th Wonder of the World, built by the bayanihan spirit of our people who are no longer slaves of the past...GK's target is to build 700,000 homes in 7,000 communities by 2010 under its GK 777 program."

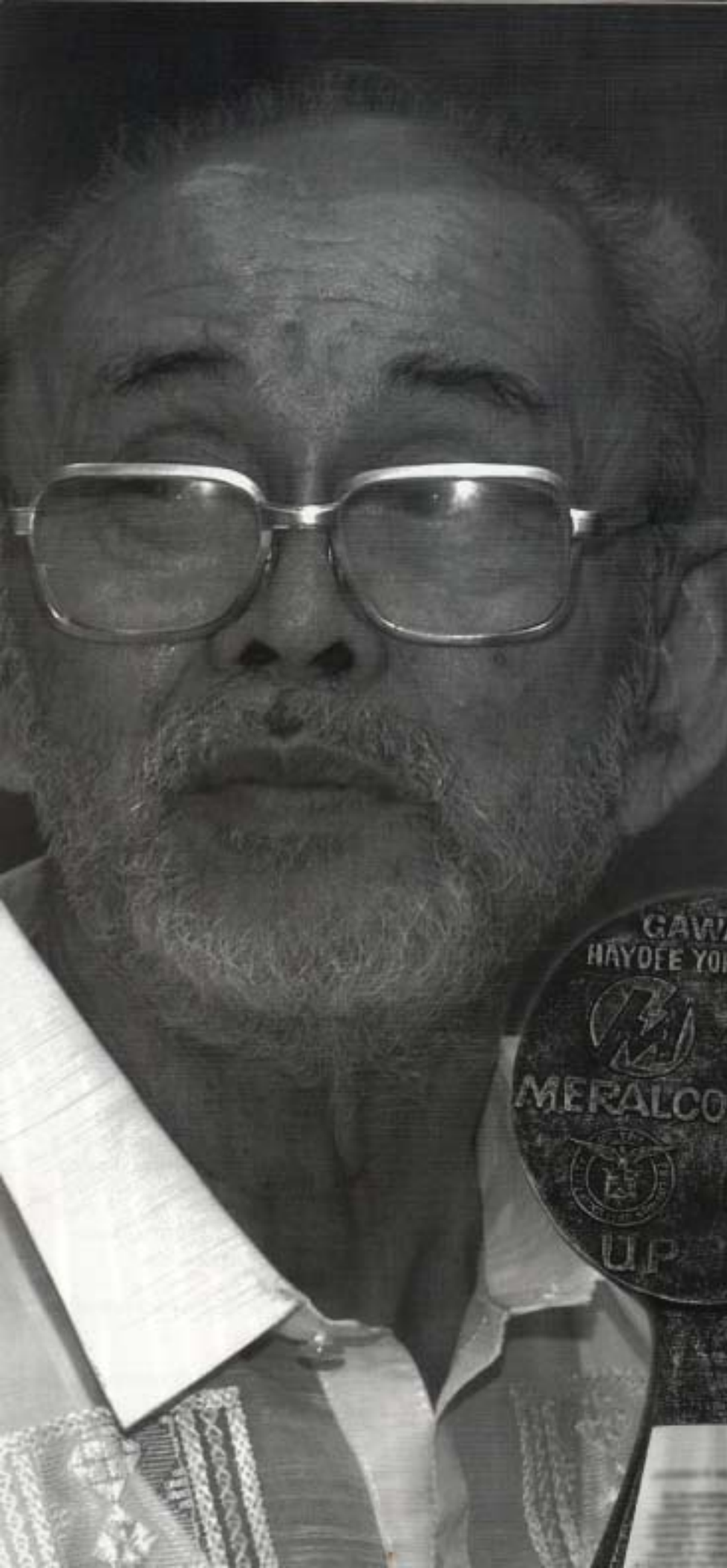
He moves: Simply, without hubris, "The problem of poverty in our country is so massive that our response to it cannot be small. We must ignite hope that is widespread and create a response that is heroic...We have to inspire change in many others...and we have to change together...A great crisis that has depressed a whole nation must be countered with a great movement that can inspire great heroism."

He appeals: "It is in the hands of Filipinos privileged by wealth or talent to take leadership positions but they can only do so if they have the heart of heroes...It is only the hero in you that I appeal to, that our people cry out for...Build hope. Be heroes. Attain honor."

For every successful person, he believes, there are many left behind. The more successful persons there are, the more are left behind, the more there is to give back.

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The Gawad Haydee Yorac. Antonio P. Meloto, first recipient. - RVR



NAPOLEON ABUEVA

National Artist

& Gawad Haydee Yorac Trophy Artist

Napoleon Abueva is known as the Father of Modern Philippine Sculpture. At 46 years old in 1976, he was the youngest to be named National Artist.

A UP professor emeritus, he is a master in both academic representational style and modern abstract using various materials: hard wood like molave, acacia, langka wood, ipil, kamagong, palm wood and bamboo, adobe, metal stainless steel, cement, marble, bronze, iron, alabaster, coral and brass. He also combines different materials like wood with metal and stone.

Under a Pura Villanueva-Kalaw Scholarship, Abueva graduated from the University of the Philippines School of Fine Arts in 1953 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture. He already showed his mastery of the craft in those days and was mentored by Guillermo Tolentino, the first National Artist for Sculpture and creator of the UP Oblation.

For three consecutive years, he won first prize and best entry awards in sculpture in the Art Association of the Philippines annual competition. He also received recognition in the Institute of Contemporary Arts' International Sculpture Competition in London, England.

In 1955, he finished his Master of Fine Arts at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan as a Fulbright/Smith-Mundt Scholar. He later took graduate units in Ceramics at the University of Kansas and Art History at Harvard University.

In 1978, he was appointed Dean of the College of Fine Arts, and he held the position until 1989.

He was one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in the Philippines (Sculpture) and received the Cultural Heritage Award, Gawad CCP para sa Sining, Asean Awards for the Visual Arts in Bangkok and the Fourth Asean Achievement Award for Visual Arts in Singapore.



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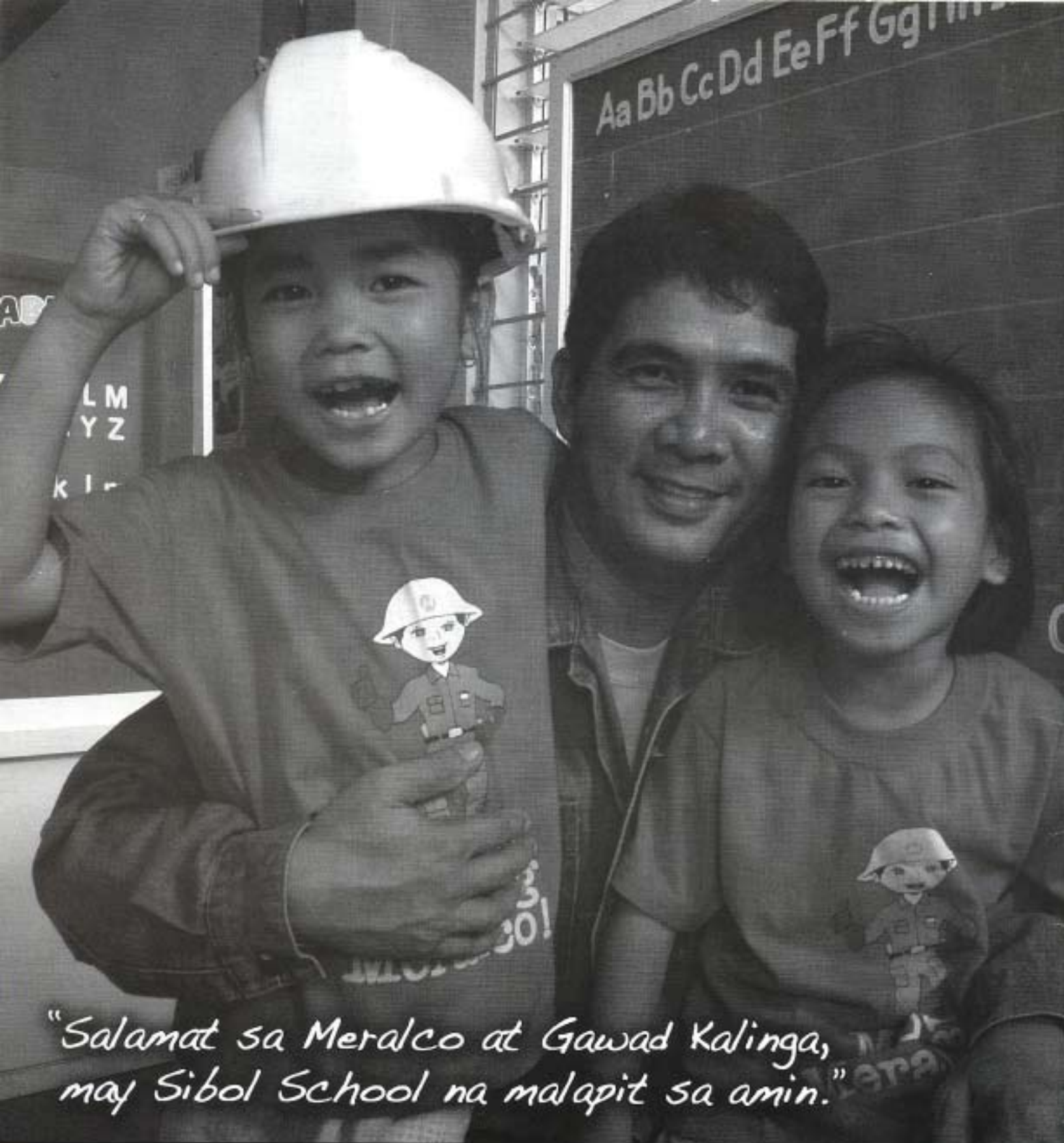
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may Sibol School na malapit sa amin."*



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Assisting communities through employee volunteerism, through timely response and sustainable programs.