



PSD Lauds 34th Foundation Day Ceremony

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Philippine School Doha commemorates its 34th Founding Year Anniversary through a celebration rooted in the theme: *'One Community, Caring Hearts, Building Minds'* to recognize its legacy at the PSD Grounds, PSD Open Court, and Edgar V. Bondoc Gymnasium on October 2.

The event kicked off with a groundbreaking ceremony led by the Board of Trustees (BOT) outside the school grounds to initiate the construction of a footbridge linking the school grounds to the parking area. **Engr. Francis Jess T. Montejo**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, delivered a special message, highlighting the benefits it could bring to PSD and expressing gratitude to the community. He shared,

"This was made possible through the unity, hard work, support and prayers of the entire PSD community."

Meanwhile, **J.D. Alexander S. Acosta**, the school principal, expressed gratitude to the stakeholders for supporting the school. He also emphasized the institution's expansion of its campus learning environment, stating,

“We should be thankful to God that he has not just created a learning community, but a home away from home, for those who are here with us.”

Moreover, **Mr. Roberto Abit**, the founder of PSD, expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the institution, wishing them blessings through an online video message.

Further, a variety of clubs such as the **Drum & Lyre Corps, Intermediate Chorale, Intermediate Dance Club, PSD HIYAW Rondalla Ensemble, Guitar, Drum and Band (GDB) Club, PSD HIYAW Dance Troupe, Primary Glee Club, and Junior Senior Dance Club**, performed during the event to showcase the legacy the institution has made. Notably, the **Intermediate Department**, as this school year's host department, also presented the concept of a tri-colored symbol, each one representing one community, caring hearts, and building minds.

Additionally, they also facilitated a thematic presentation themed, *‘Our Story. Our Legacy. Our Future.’* containing video messages from the institution's alumni, alongside song, dance, and spoken poetry performances from various departments. Significantly, it also featured *‘Wearing Our Dream: The Alumni Success Walk’*, where PSD alumni from various batches showcased themselves in their present careers.

Below are the PSD alumni who partook in this success walk:

Alumni	Batch Year
Joshua Crisostomo Arceo	2011
Keziah Mei Sadiwa	2014
Reniel Jay Acabado	2015
Joshua Narc Allag Gonsalvo	2015
Isabelle Anne Balatbat	2018
Erikyle Jeuelle Aguillar	2019
John Carlos Burog	2020
Kryzchan Dale Manuel Zapanta	2022

Gianbenzon Anjanel Balajadia	2019
Keziah Mae Allag Gonsalvo	2021

Further, **Mrs. Riela Y. Lapuz** and **Ms. Grace Alicamen**, Foundation Day focal persons, recognized the alumni, guests, students, administration, faculty, and staff who made the event possible, stating:

“Thirty-four years were not made by one person, one department, or one generation. They were built by a community.”

Celebrated annually, PSD marks its Foundation Day as a tribute to the institution's history and legacy. This milestone serves as an occasion to reflect on past achievements, honor the institution's heritage, and foster a deep sense of pride and community spirit across the entire PSD family.