

## Philippine School Doha Celebrates 31st Foundation Day

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Philippine School Doha held its 31st Founding Anniversary on its school grounds and gymnasium on October 6 with the theme, “Thriving the Culture of Service and Excellence: A Legacy to Bear and Share.”

Hosted by the Preschool Department through the leadership of its Vice Principal Dr. Nida H. Garcia, this year’s celebration eyes the rehabilitation of the school’s open court through its major projects namely:

- Preschool Families Together As One
- Greeting Tarp Project
- A Walk to Remember Portraits of Legacy: Painting Competition and Art Exhibition
- Search for Preschool Prince and Princess 2023
- My Sports Idol Team Edition

Among the said projects, a painting contest slated as A Walk to Remember was held prior to the Founding Anniversary celebration, where participants were tasked to depict significant people and milestones in PSD’s 31 years through a painting.

The following winners were awarded during the ceremony:

Category A - Junior High School and Senior High School: Paula Franzhely N. Tolentino (Champion), Cassandra Marie C. Peralta (1st Runner-up), and Albert Gerard R. Bautista (2nd Runner-up).

Category B - PSD Teachers, Staff, and Alumni: Albertha Naomi F. Formaran (Champion), Rogsh Emmanuel H. Garcia (1st Runner-up), and Anna Marie J. Garcia (2nd Runner-up).

Category C - PSD Parents and Guardians: Sheila M. Cabral (Champion), Jasper C. Cabral (1st Runner-up), and Dennis I. Marin (2nd Runner-up).

People's Choice Award: Makaila Kierstine G. Sampuang, Carl Andrew P. Fami, Megelle B. Mendoza (Category A); Precioso L. Tano, Kayumanggi L. Monsanto, Rogsh Emmanuel H. Garcia, and Albertha Naomi F. Formaran (Category B).

Moreover, below were the people who received plaques of appreciation, awarded by Preschool Vice Principal, Dr. Nida H. Garcia; School Principal, Dr. Alexander S. Acosta; and Board of Trustees Chairman, Arch. Melito M. Gomez:

Special Awards for PSD @ 31 Celebration: Nestor C. Doron, Jr. (Theme Proponent), Beverly Ann V. Presingcula (Logo Designer), Adrian G. Borromeo (Logo Replica Maker), Rogsh Emmanuel H. Garcia ("Three Decades and One" Lyricist), Tristian Mar D. Awit (Songster), Ailene A. Belarmino (Songstress), Dexter De Lara Tumang (Composer), Eugene Nick R. Parpana (Music Arranger), and Edwin S. Eco (Recording Engineer).

To formally begin the celebration, Dr. Acosta acknowledged the existence of the school, stating: "PSD not only provides quality education to our students, but it also builds a community. It is a home away from home."

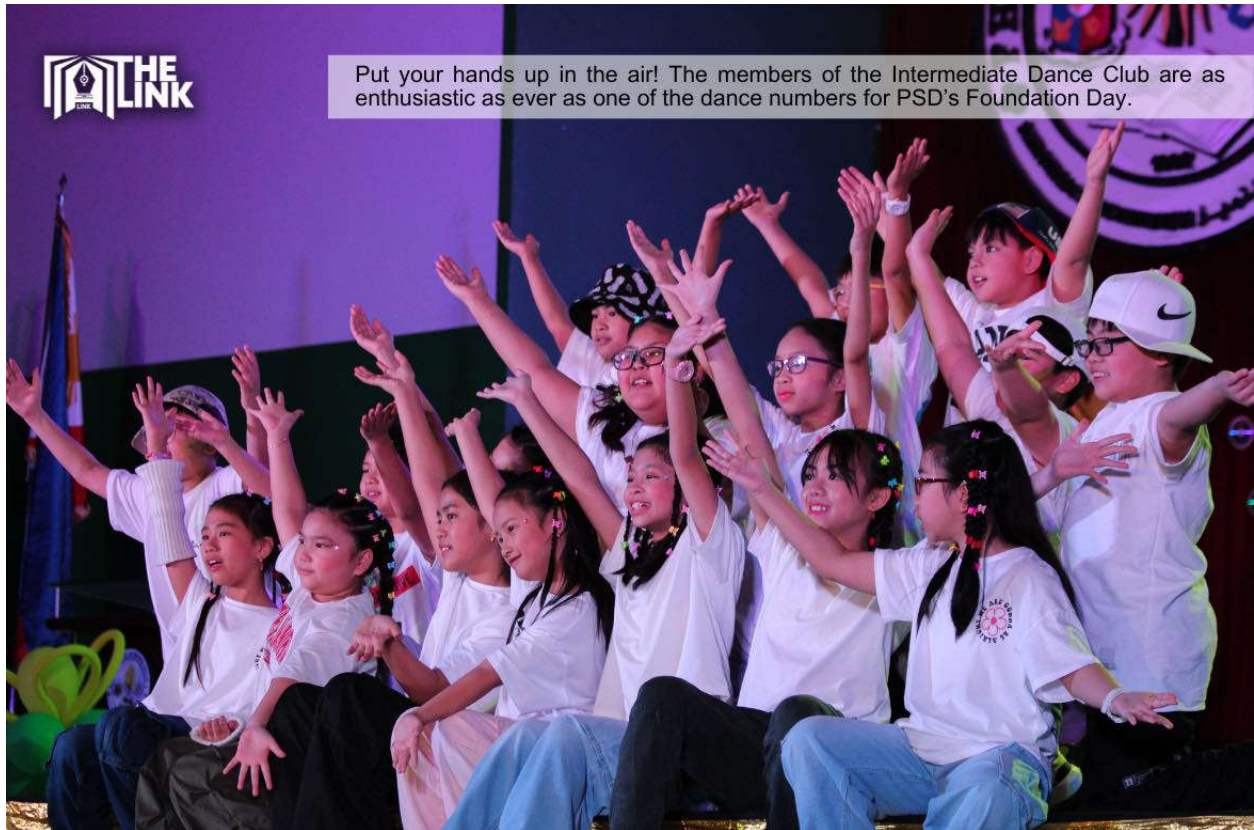
During the program held at the Edgar V. Bondoc Gymnasium, Arch. Melito Gomez, and Consul General Cassandra Sawadjaan, on behalf of Her Excellency Ambassador Lillibeth Pono, rendered their messages emphasizing the heritage of PSD.

Two of PSD's pioneer students, namely Mr. Albert Leo Morales and Ms. Jennifer Ann Bondoc were featured as special guests in the program, who then shared their experiences in PSD as well as the lessons that helped them overcome the trials they faced. As Bondoc stated,

"What started as a need by the founding parents and community, slowly turned into a dream that thrived into the PSD that we all know, love, and see today."

The attendees also witnessed a thematic presentation, comprised of performances from the Glee Club, HIYAW Chorale, Primary Dance Club, Intermediate Dance Club, Junior-Senior Dance Club, Philippine Independence Day performers, HIYAW Dance Troupe, and Drama Club—promoting the history, heritage, and achievements of PSD. Joining the performers were the 50 candidates for the Preschool Prince and Princess who were introduced to the crowd.

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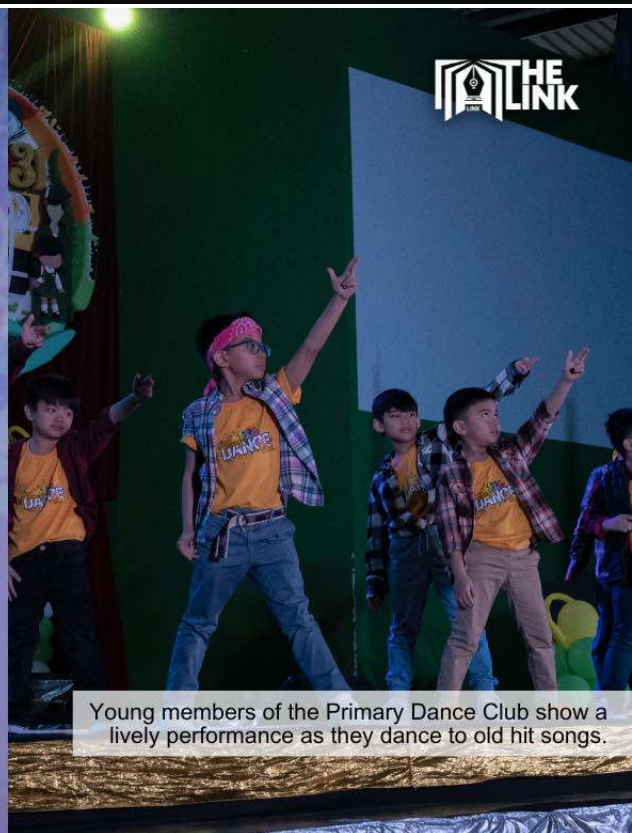
PSDians from all walks of life join HIYAW Chorale in their rendition of the song 'We Are One' by Angélique Kidjo.



PSD members of the Drama Club portray OFWs in Qatar looking for a Philippine school to educate their children.



Young members of the Primary Dance Club show a lively performance as they dance to old hit songs.



Cheers to more years of achieving service and excellence! During the wine toasting and the cake-cutting ceremony, the PSD family has a toast.



Decked in colors of white and orange, the Junior Senior Dance Club moves in elegant and graceful steps.



Members of HIYAW Dance put up an energetic show as the final performers for the celebration.



Mrs. Shiela M. Cabral, a PSD guardian, is awarded as the champion of the Category C painting contest with her submission entitled 'Legacy.'

CATEGORY C - Past, Tomorrow and Beyond: A Lasting Legacy to the World



Teacher representatives from the Junior High School department join in the festive celebration of PSD's Foundation Day.

Recognized for their contributions in conceptualizing the PSD@31 logo and song, various PSDians receive plaques and awards.



With her painting 'Bayanihan, Tatak PSDian,' Ms. Albertha Naomi is awarded as the champion and as one of the recipients of the People's Choice Award.



Category A's champion, Paula Franzhely Tolentino, receives her awards after winning with her painting 'Illuminated Visions.'



TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK: The PSDian family's combined efforts to turn the school's dreams into reality truly nurtures the culture of service and excellence.





THREE DECADES AND ONE: Thirty-one green and white balloons are released into the sky, carrying the school's hopes and dreams.



REVISITING ROOTS: Philippine School Doha gives its gratitude to the pioneers of PSD.





Sporting bright colors, the Preschool teachers joyously perform dances as a feast for one's eyes.

