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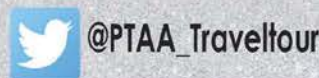
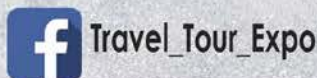
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Feature of the Issue

Happy Hearts Month, everyone!
COVER – Weekend markets are not only for eating and shopping, but they also serve as a place to socialize and support local entrepreneurs. There are many weekend markets in Manila, but the markets in Salcedo and Legazpi Villages in Makati are some of the oldest and most well-known, especially among the residents. Aside from organic vegetables and fruits, you can find delicious meals and various merchandise such as bags, artisanal products, and more. Go around different stalls while enjoying a snack or cool drink. This month, we made a list of stalls that are currently open in Legazpi and Salcedo Village that you need to visit ASAP.

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Plus! We have more Chinese New Year treats in store for you so check out Philippine Primer's special feature!



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Salcedo & Legazpi Weekend Markets



Weekend Markets in Makati

When it comes to weekend markets, the ones situated in Salcedo and Legaspi in Makati City top the list. Salcedo Saturday Market started to operate in 2004 and is usually found within the vicinity of Salcedo Park. Legazpi Sunday Market, on the other hand, opened in 1993 and is usually held in car parks found along Legaspi Street.

Today, both markets operate as community markets where you can find a variety of products ranging from food to artisan crafts. They welcome street not only local patrons but foreign guests as well.



Organic vegetables



Legazpi Sunday Market traces its roots as an organic market that offers a wide array of organic products both for the local and foreign patrons alike. With a number of organic booths present, there are some that stand out like Mara's Organic Market and Shumei Natural Agricultural Farm, owned and managed by a Japanese farming specialist, Mr. Shima.

Global cuisine



Aside from the organic products that these markets sell, there are also food kiosks available to try and explore. Some of the dishes highlighted in these markets include *Pad Thai* and *Mee Goreng* from Southeast Asia, *paella* from Spain; and *takoyaki* and *gozo* from Japan.



Mara's Organic Market is known to be an outlet of traditional, organic, natural and artisanal products. Shumei Natural Agricultural Farm, on the other hand, is an outlet that features and supports organic products from the provinces of Zambales and Rizal.

A miscellany of great finds



Compared to Salcedo Saturday Market, the one in Legazpi features booths that cater not only organic products but also a wide array of goods and souvenirs. You can find different products that are categorized either as free-trade, used, or antique, at prices anyone can afford.

Weekend Market Tips

TIP #1 Visit these markets earlier than as usual.

Both markets open at 7:00 AM. We recommend you to visit these places earlier than expected to enjoy hassle free shopping, and to grab products while they last.

TIP #2 Bring your own eco-bags.

Since Makati City implements Plastic Bag Ban. We recommend you to bring your own shopping bags that you can use when buying products.



Salcedo Saturday Market

Salcedo Saturday Market is another spot to consider and explore which is usually held at the Salcedo open park on Saturdays that has been operating since 2004. They have been making their name known as a weekend market that caters to a wide variety of products from food, antique furniture, local goods, and artisan crafts.

📍 Jaime C. Velasquez Address: Salcedo Park 🕒 Every Saturday; 5 am to 2 pm
📍 SalcedoCommunityMarket 🚗 Free parking

1 Ikomai & Tochi Desserts



You can now get these famous Japanese skewers at Salcedo Saturday Market at an affordable price. Try their kushikatsu or Japanese deep fried skewers. For a full meal, head for Ikomai Restaurant located along H.V. Dela Costa Street. 🌐 www.ikomai.today 📍 [ikomaiastreet](#)

2 Azuthai



Satisfy your Thai cravings and try their Pad Thai (P245) and their Pomelo Salad (P195). You can visit Azuthai's branch in Makati as well, located a few minutes away.

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3 Sabor de Espana



They have an all Spanish menu for only P220. Paella has always been the crowd favorite; we recommend you call them ahead of time so you don't run out of it.

4 Premium Local



They sell homemade artisanal products that use no preservatives or additives. We recommend the Moringa's Pesto Smoked Tuyo in Olive Oil. Tip: Show an empty bottle of Premium Local on your next visit and get a discount. 🌐 premiumlocalph.com 📍 [premiumlocalph](#)
Premium Local is also available at Legazpi Sunday Market!

5 Amadeo's Nature Farm



Make a stop at Nature's Farmacy, with products that are all-natural and made with real fruits. All flavors are at P150 except for Aloe Vera which is at P250. Buy 6 of any flavor and get 1 bottle free.

Forest Berries is also available at Legazpi SundayMarket!

6 Ribs Manila



Sample their melt-in-your-mouth slabs together with a sweet chili sauce. This stall is a hit with visitors every Saturday.

📍 [ribsmanila](#)
Ribs Manila is also available at Legazpi Sunday Market!

7 Monster Burger



Their 100% Australian beef burgers are juicy and delicious. They only offer quarter pounders and half pounders, so make sure you come with an empty stomach.

Monster Burger is also available at Legazpi Market!

8 Slow Burger



This burger stall uses 100% grassfed beef! Even the sauces and cheese used in the burgers are all handmade. Each burger also includes homegrown vegetables.

Slow Burger is also available at Legazpi Market!

9 Milea Orchard & Bee Farm

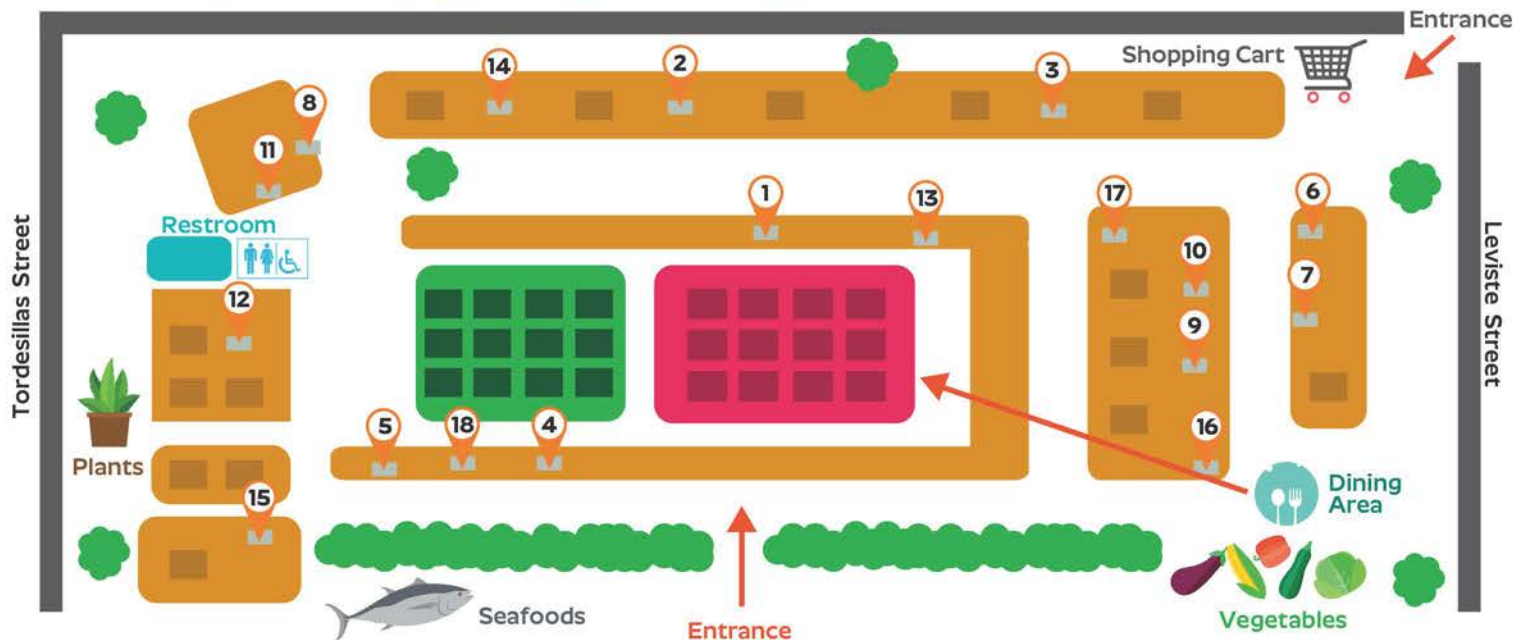


Check out their natural and organic honey products made from their farm in Batangas. All products can be purchased online.

🌐 www.milea.ph 📍 [mileaabeefarm](#)
Milea Orchard & Bee Farm is also available at Legazpi Market!

Salcedo Saturday Market Map

■ Food
 ■ Fresh Vegetables and plants
 ■ Dining



10 Nana Meng's Tsokolate



Besides traditional Filipino pure cocoa, they also sell peanut blend and cashew nut blend *tsokolate*. You can dissolve this in hot water and add sugar and/or milk to taste.

📍 Nana Meng Tsokolate

11 Down to Earth



Here you can find meat and organic vegetables from Bukidnon. Make sure you grab a pot of their microgreens which are perfect for salads.

📍 downtoearthphilippines

12 The Breadery



This popular bakery-cafe in Ortigas started as a bread stall in Salcedo Saturday Market. They sell artisanal breads and pastries. Tip: Get your bread right before closing to get a 20% discount.

📍 thebreadery

13 Cinq Dessert Boutique



This is the patisserie shop located on Jupiter Street. Their cakes are great as a gift. Get their pilita tart – a gluten-free coconut sugar pili tart.

📍 www.cinq.com.ph 📍 cinqdessertboutique

14 Al Halabi



If you ever want to try Hummus and Falafel, this is the place to go! They also have various vegetable dishes such as spinach pie.

15 Rafik Shawarma



They serve Middle-Eastern style Shawarma and vegetable samosas with potatoes, carrots, and peas.

📍 RafikWagyuShawarma

16 Berci's Gyros



Berci's Gyros (P110) is good for those who want light yet hearty meal. You can order Falafel, a deep-fried ball of ground chickpeas, if you're a vegan.

📍 www.takeroot.ph 📍 takerootph

17 Take Root



This stall sells Kale chips in five flavors including cheese and sour cream. It's the perfect snack for vegetarians.

18 The Real Moroccan Cuisine



Try one of the popular spicy dishes, the Morocco Ratatouille. In addition, they also sell Kums (bean's paste) and other dips and pastes for vegetarians.

The Real Moroccan Cuisine is also available at Legazpi Market!



Legazpi Sunday Market

Legazpi Market is a perfect weekend getaway usually held in open car park areas that has been continuously operating since 1993. It started as a pop-up market that only sells organic products but has been developing ever since. In terms of product attribution, it sticks to their roots by providing organic products, while offering a wide array of other products for its patrons to enjoy.

📍 Legazpi Car Park 🕒 Every Sunday; 7 am to 2 pm
📍 legazpisundaymarket 🚗 Parking Fee: P40/2 hours

1 Asian Hawker Food



We recommend the Malaysian noodle. The dish is cooked after ordering so it is always served fresh.

2 Khun Caesar's Thai Kitchen



This stall offers Thai dishes. The Pad Thai is available in seafood, beef or vegetables.

3 Cheryl's Cuisine



They sell Chinese street food such as steamed buns and dumplings. The oyster omelette (P190) is worth a try. They are also available at Salcedo Saturday Market.

4 Picole



They have a variety of healthy ice pops. The pops are additive-free and made from real fruit. It'll surely make you feel cool in hot days!

🌐 www.picolehealthyicepops.com 📍 PicoleHealthyIcePops

5 Maryland Chickan



This fried watermelon is one of the unusual snacks you can find at the Legazpi Sunday Market. It looks like doughnut with a bit of watermelon as filling. It is topped with a special homemade icing!

6 Kefseft



This stall sells dairy products such as milk, cheese, and yogurt from a farm run by a Japanese couple. Savor the real taste of Japanese milk!

Milk P80/bottle, Plain Yogurt: P50

7 Stanford Shaw



Stanford Shaw offers home brewed ginger ale. The one and only ginger ale tastes full bodied and fresh, and there is nothing like it on the market.

🌐 www.stanfordshaw.com 📍 stanfordshawbrewing

8 Kal's Woodcraft



You can find stylish wooden products good as home decors. Check out their custom-made furniture and wooden kitchenware!

9 Mayown

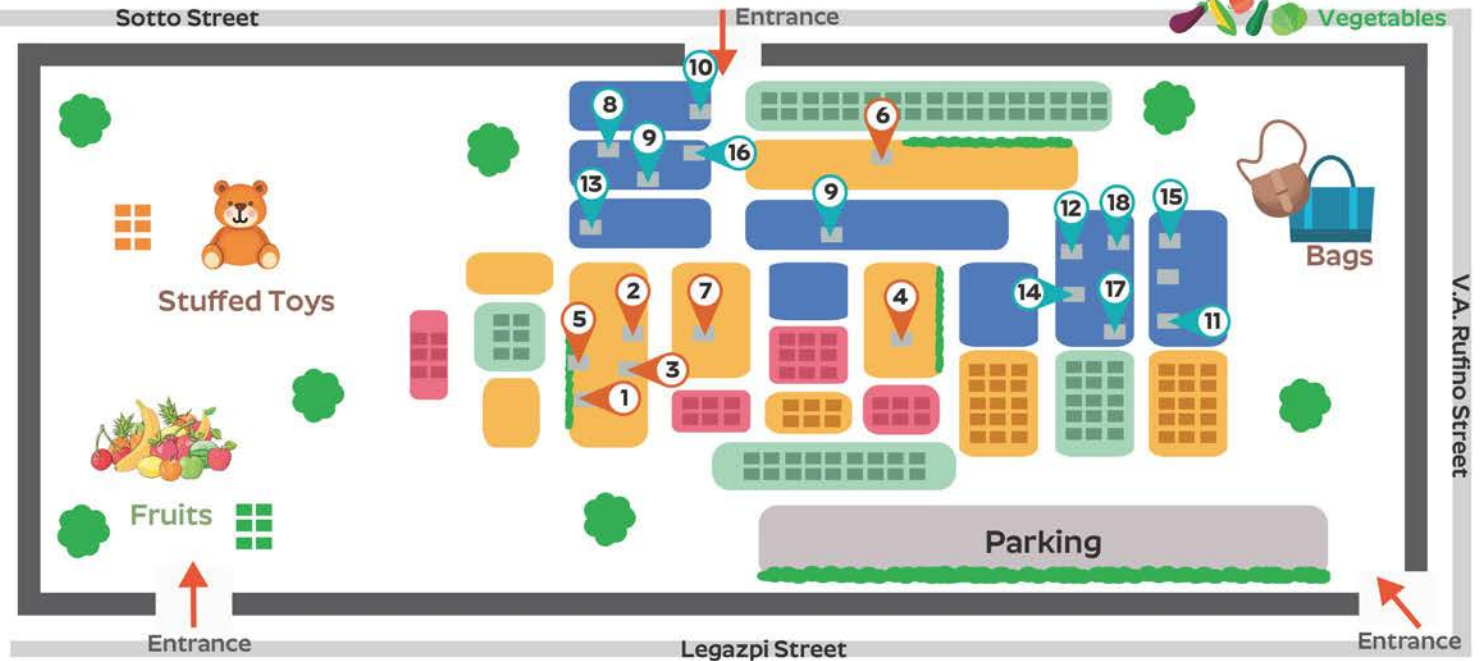


They sell handmade crocheted products. The stuffed animals are irresistibly cute!

🌐 mayown.myshopify.com/ 📍 mayown.handmade

Legazpi Sunday Market Map

Miscellaneous Food Fresh Vegetables and plants Dining



10 ALOHA



The owners, Chitose and Mike

This gift shop sells homemade Japanese delicacies such as *Daifuku-mochi*, sweets made from rice, and *Tsukemono* pickles. They also sell a Japanese slipper called *Waraji* which is made from Abaca.

13 Filhands Arts and Crafts



This store sells handmade goods using coconut shells such as soap dishes and ashtrays.

© Filhands

16 What if



They sell hand-knitted beach towels, travel blankets and the like. They are only open every other Saturday.

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11 Novelty Handicraft



Folding table decorated with capiz. (P4,100)

Here you can find fine quality silk scarves made from Negros Island where sericulture or silk farming is thriving. Also available are products made from capiz shells.

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14 Siklo Pilipinas



You can find unique bags and wallets made from recycled tires here. The products are water-resistant so it is good for people who are active and sports lovers.

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17 Urbn Wud



Products here are made from recycled wood. The stackable box can be used as magazine rack or shelf. They also have stylish furniture such as chairs and tables.

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12 Brown Tree Crafts



They sell wicker products made of Virofibers such as coaster, luncheon mats, and storage organizers. Virofiber is an environmental-friendly material that is water and UV resistant.

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15 Harl's



They sell a variety of leather goods such as wallets, coin cases, small bags, slippers, personal organizers, bags and backpacks. Price of a bag is about P4,000.

18 Monteville



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RACLETTE

Another famously cheesy dish is the Raclette. A wheel of semi-hard cheese is melted and the bubbling top layer than is scraped onto marble potatoes, gherkins, and cocktail onions. This can also be accompanied with your choice of grilled garlic tiger prawns, crispy fried chicken, smoked farmer's ham or grilled cubed sirloin steak in it's perfect doneness.

CORDON BLEU

Cordon Bleu has been a mainstay of Swiss tavern menus for centuries. In Chesa Bianca, our Schweins (pork) Cordon Bleu is made of ham and gruyere cheese stuffed breaded pork escalope. Trust us, it definitely oozes with cheese when cut in half.



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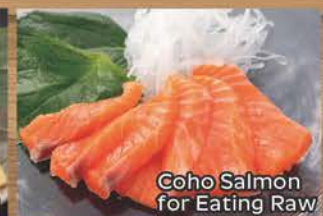
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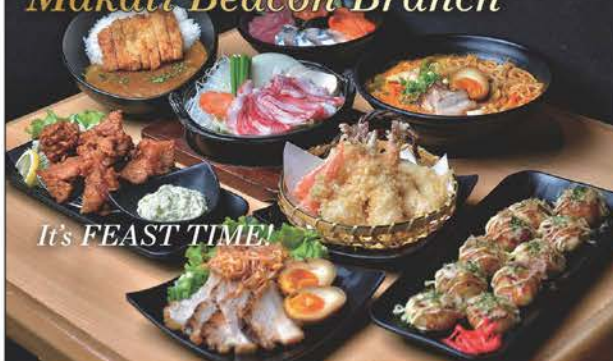
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WOODEN HORSE STEAKHOUSE	
<p>☎ 02-659-7522 📍 G/F, Molito Commercial Complex, Madrigal Ave., corner Alabang Zapote Road, Muntinlupa City</p>	
GROCERY / SPECIALTY STORE	
<p>Darumaya ☎ 02-831-8382/347-5125 📍 Cartimar Complex, Cartimar Road, Pasay City</p> <p>KobeYa ☎ 02-807-1107 📍 G/F, 1 Juno corner Makati Ave., Bel-Air Makati City</p> <p>Mc Asia Foodtrade ☎ 02-411-2911 📍 158 Apo St, Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City, NCR</p> <p>MK Kitchen ☎ 02-661-1931/02-661-1932 📍 Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Pasig City</p> <p>TPE ☎ 02-551-7522 📍 G/F, Jaka Center Chino Roces Ave., Makati City</p>	

Easy and Tasty Japanese Curry



How to make
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Things to do, see, and eat in Chinatown

Chinese New Year

Celebrating Chinese New Year in Binondo is always a good idea. Expect a loud and colorful festival as you visit Chinatown on February 16, 2018. Dragon and lion dances, firework displays, and other exciting activities await everyone during this grand celebration.

Known to be the oldest Chinatown in the world, this vibrant enclave of Chinese community in Manila plays a significant role in history. With streets brimming with decades-old establishments, iconic restaurants, and historic landmarks, Manila's very own Chinatown—Binondo—welcomes everyone to a cultural destination like no other.

How to get to Binondo:

By public transport: Take the MRT 3 and get off at Taft Avenue station. From there, transfer to LRT1 in EDSA station and get off at the UN Avenue. Ride a jeepney bound for Divisoria, and get off at Binondo Church.

What to do



1 Buy Hopia and other Chinese treats in Eng Bee Tin and Holand.



2 Take home some pickled fruits from James Grocery.



3 Ride the kalesa and wander around Chinatown.



4 Dine in at the original branch of David's Tea House.



5 Browse some lucky charms at Feng Shui Store.



6 Visit different Chinese groceries for some great finds.



7 Do some shopping at Lucky China Town Mall.



8 Join a food tour!

What to see



9 Drop by Binondo Church.



10 Visit the Santo Cristo de Longos Shrine.



11 See the Filipino-Chinese Friendship Arch.



12 Visit the temple of Kuang Kong, God of War.



13 Visit the Seng Guan Temple.



14 Watch the dragon dance at Ongpin street.



15 Check out the Carriedo Fountain.

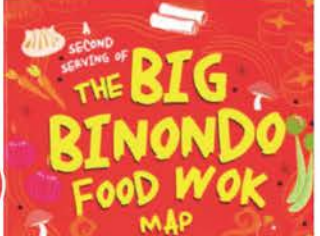


16 Visit the Sta. Cruz Church.

BINONDO MAP



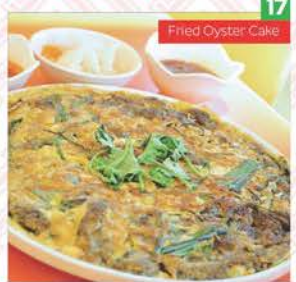
Join a food tour in Binondo



It's a three-and-a-half-hour walking tour that will not just give you a taste of Binondo's best restaurants but also give you a glimpse of Binondo's storied past. You can avail of this tour for only P1,300, which includes a tasting menu in each restaurant.

Book a tour:
 Email: fun@oldmanilawalks.com
 Tel no.: 02-711-3823
 Mobile: 0918-962-6452
 Contact person: Ivan or Cherry

Where to eat



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Fried Oyster Cake



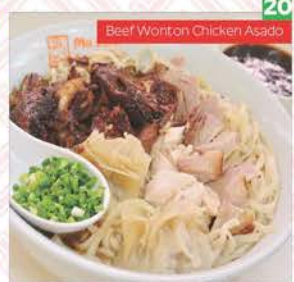
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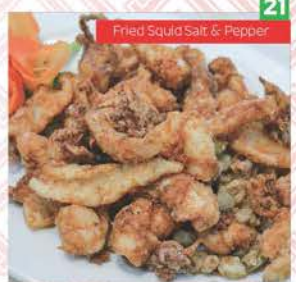
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Hakaw



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Beef Wonton Chicken Asado



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Fried Squid Salt & Pepper

Sincerity Restaurant
 A popular place for snacks, Sincerity is known for their Fried Chicken and oyster cake.

New Po Heng
 The best place to buy Chinese Lumpia in Chinatown.

Wai Ying Fastfood
 A favorite among tourists because of its affordable Chinese food offerings.

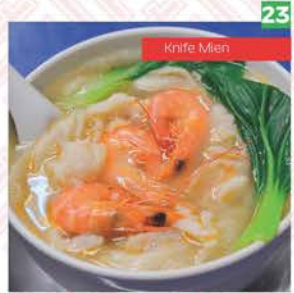
Masuki
 Since 1930's they've been serving the best chicken mami, siopao and siomai.

President Grand Palace
 Enjoy a traditional Chinese feast!



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Shanghai Fried Siopao
 Affordable and delicious fried siopao!



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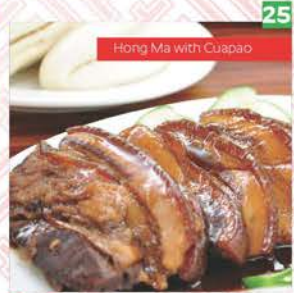
Knife Mien

Lan Zhou La Mien
 Try the Knife Mien, made up of noodles and shrimp.



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Café Mezzanine
 One hundred percent of its proceeds go to the Binondo and Paco Volunteer Fire Brigade.



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Hong Ma with Cuspao

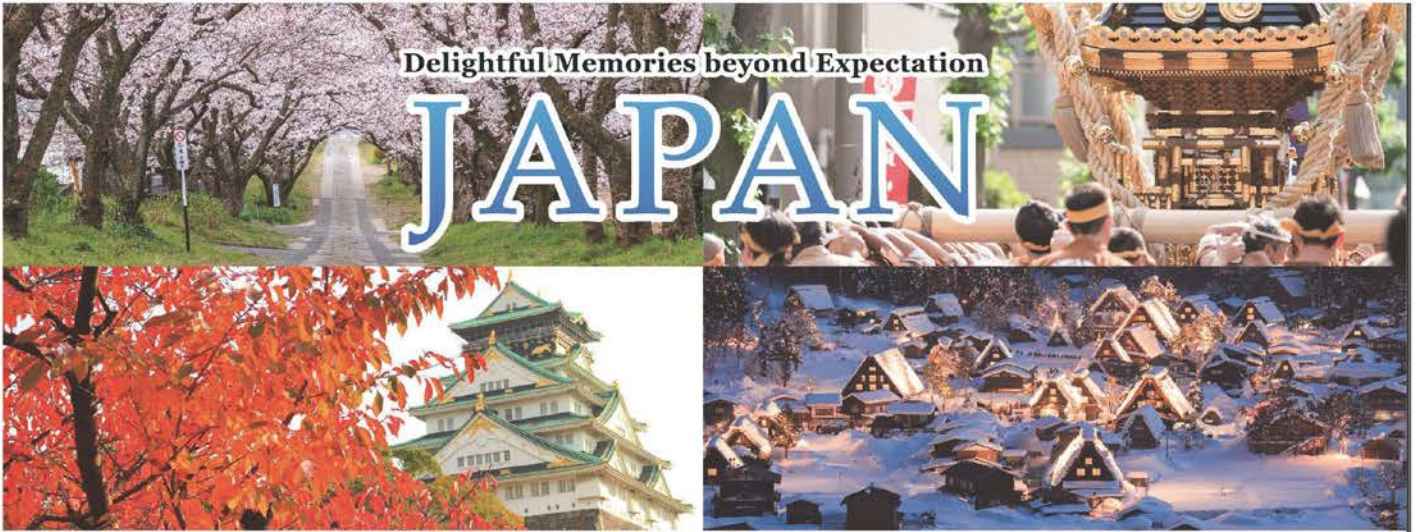
The Original Sa Lido Restaurant
 One of the classic and timeless restaurants in Chinatown.



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Pork Dumplings

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Travel Itinerary

DAY 1

- ▶ Departure at Fukuoka Airport
 - ▶ Fukuoka Airport to Kumamoto Subway via bullet train
 - ▶ Arrival at Kumamoto Station
- Stay: Hotel Nikko

DAY 2

- ▶ Kumamoto Station via A-Train
 - ▶ Arrival at Misumi Station
 - ▶ Sea Cruise
 - ▶ Arrival at Matsushima Port
 - ▶ Shopping at L'isola Terrace
 - ▶ Lunch at Fukushin
 - ▶ Dolphin Watching Tour or Sweet Cruise
 - ▶ Shiro Amakusa Memorial Hall
- Stay: Hotel Ryugu (Angel of Ladder)

DAY 3

- ▶ Transfer to Shimoshima Amakusa via bus or private car
 - ▶ Visit Nonoya Sarasa
 - ▶ Lunch at Kaisen-Kura
 - ▶ Adam Arakawa Monument
 - ▶ Visit Oe Church
- Stay: Gosoku No Kutsu

DAY 4

- ▶ Sakitsu Church & Village
- ▶ Unzen-Amakusa National Park (sea-cliff view)
- ▶ Amakusa Airport (AMX) Fukuoka – Narita – Manila



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DISCOVERY PRIMEA

Discovery Primea is a five-star luxury hotel and residence along Ayala Avenue in Makati's premier business hub. A part of the prestigious Preferred Hotels & Resorts LXV Collection, it offers grandeur with a quiet flair that is as impressive as its world-class brand of service. Every room is well-appointed, spacious, and stylish that speaks of modern luxury in every way.

Its family-oriented Primea Suites is about 94 sqm in size, has two ample bedrooms, and a living area. You can get a good view of exquisite scenery, with some rooms offering a view of Ayala Center. With soundproofing, you can barely notice the noise outside which gives a very private feel – a place moving to its own graceful cadence in the midst of the city's vibrant tempo.

📍 6749 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
☎ 02-955-8888
🌐 www.discoveryprimea.com



Images are from Discovery Primea's Facebook page.



Primea Suite Kids Room



Urdaneta Private Room



Discovery Flame

MAXIMS HOTEL AT RESORTS WORLD MANILA

The most luxurious of all four hotels in Resorts World Manila, Maxims Hotel sets the bar high when it comes to high-end accommodations in the country. The hotel provides a space where guests could experience a luxurious retreat with its 154 grandly-designed suites.

Guests get to choose from the eight suites that Maxims Hotel offers: the Maxims Villa, Signature Suite, Maxims Deluxe Suite, Corner Suite, Ambassador Suite, Executive Suite, Maxims Suite, and The Mansion. Each room has an assigned butler available 24 hours and will assure guests that everything they would need is brought to them – may it be their dining reservations or their itinerary.

📍 Newport Boulevard, Newport City, Pasay City
☎ 02-908-8888 / 02-908-8600
🌐 www.rwmanila.com/hotels/maxims-hotel



Images are from Maxims Hotel's website.



Ambassador Suite



Jacuzzi



Swimming Pool

SOFITEL PHILIPPINE **PPPPP** PLAZA MANILA

Sofitel Hotels and Resorts is a five-star luxury hotel located in Pasay City. The structure, designed by National Artists Leandro Locsin and Idefonso P. Santos, is one which aims to welcome guests to a cultural oasis, overflowing with the warmth of Filipino hospitality.

The hotel has 609 guest rooms, ranging from Opera Suites, Luxury Suites, Prestige Suites, Sofitel Suites, and the Imperial Residence which all provide high-end accommodations and services to make your stay one for the books. Each room is intricately designed to make sure that it has the words comfort and luxury written on it, something that Sofitel promises to every guest who checks in.

Aside from the pool which offers one of the best sunset views in Manila, Sofitel also has different facilities that target the wellness of their guests: Le Spa, Philippe Tordjman Le Salon, Vietura Aesthetic Lifestyle, So Fit, and Nail Artisan.

📍 CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City
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🌐 www.sofitelmanila.com

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Swimming Pool



Spiral Staircase



Superior Room



Executive Lounge



Spiral Staircase

I'M HOTEL **PPPPP**

The sophisticated urban living you've been longing for is now made possible by I'M Hotel – the first five-star hotel in Poblacion, Makati.

Opened last December 2016, this luxury hotel prides itself in delivering personalized service to all their guests, letting them feel and claim the property as their own, thus the name "I'M Hotel." Designed by a renowned Singapore-based architect, the property is a picture of sophistication and elegance. The hotel features 434 rooms, including 182 suites equipped with an Electrolux-fitted kitchenette, living room, and dining area – all facing the beautiful concrete jungle of Makati.

The infinity pool is one of the most sought-after features of I'M Hotel. It can be seen upon entering the lobby. There are also lounging beds positioned at an elevated platform above the pool that serve as a fantastic vantage point for sunbathing and people-watching. Have a relaxing experience at the I'm Onsen Spa, the first sento-style spa in the country.

📍 Makati Avenue corner Kalayaan Avenue, Makati City
☎ 02-755-7888
🌐 www.imhotel.com

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Infinity Pool



Executive Prestige King Room



I'M Onsen Spa Scrub Suite



Onsen Spa

FAIRMONT MAKATI

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If you've ever wanted to go for luxury in Makati yet still want access to the best that the business district has to offer, then the Fairmont Makati is the hotel for you.

This 280-room hotel is set in the heart of the central business district and is close to the best shopping and dining options the city has to offer. It's a short walk from Greenbelt and Glorietta, giving you free reign to take in all the different dining options these malls have to offer. It's also a few minutes away from Poblacion, home to some of Makati's best restaurants and bars.

📍 1 Raffles Drive, Makati Avenue, Makati City
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 🌐 www.fairmont.com/Makati

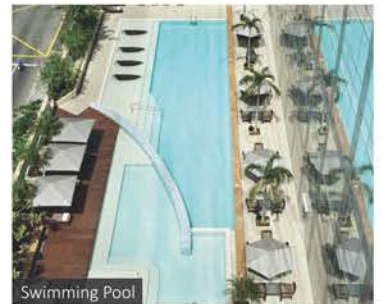
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Spectrum



Deluxe Room



Swimming Pool

MARCO POLO ORTIGAS MANILA

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Marco Polo Ortigas Manila is one of the two hotels that earned the 2017 Five-Star rating from Forbes Travel Guide. With this, it can be said that this hotel promises nothing but the best and the finest accommodation experience one could ever have in the metro.

Located in Ortigas Center, Marco Polo features 316 spacious rooms and suites designed to fit the needs of every guest. Choose from the Superior, Deluxe, and Premier Rooms, or splurge and book their Superior and Deluxe Suites which bring class and comfort at the same time.

📍 Meralco Avenue and Sapphire Street,
 Ortigas Center, Pasig City
 ☎ 02-720-7777
 🌐 www.marcopolohotels.com

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Continental Club Lounge



Superior King



Main Lobby

NEW WORLD MAKATI HOTEL

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A luxury retreat and destination, New World Hotel is located in the heart of the financial district of the country, Makati City, right across Greenbelt.

The 595 stylishly-appointed guestrooms and suites combine stunning city views with comfort. The hotel has a pillar-free ballroom, two banquet salons, and two premium function rooms with their own kitchen. Close to offices of major corporations and embassies, New World Hotel is the ideal location to host your next meeting, exhibition, or event.

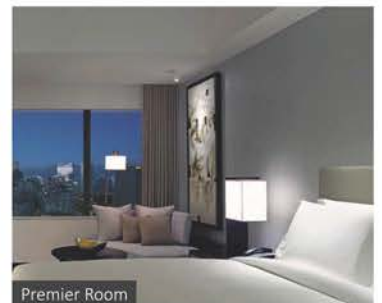
All guest rooms are modern, luxuriously appointed, fully-equipped with complimentary WiFi.

📍 Esperanza Street corner Makati Avenue,
 Ayala Center, Makati City
 ☎ 02-811-6888
 🌐 www.newworldhotels.com

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Jasmine Restaurant



Premier Room



Cafe 1228

Recommended Hotels with Restaurants

JOY-NOSTALG HOTEL AND SUITES PPPPP

Managed by AccorHotels, Joy-NostalG Hotel and Suites promises the experience of staying in a five-star hotel in Manila combined with the personality and exclusivity of a private residence.

It's also the first and only serviced apartment given the prestigious Deluxe classification by the Department of Tourism.

Apart from being close to one of the country's largest malls, Joy-NostalG also aims to please your palate with Nostalgia Dining Lounge. It's a classy dining lounge that doesn't stop at serving good food and providing stellar service; they also give you three distinct vibes if you book one of their three private function rooms.

📍 17 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center
(Topaz Road Entrance), Pasig City
☎ 02-637-7888 / 02-706-7777
🌐 www.joynostalgsuites.com

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Nostalgia Dining Lounge



One Bedroom Executive



Swimming Pool

MANILA HOTEL PPPPP

A premier hotel in the Philippines, Manila Hotel is a five-star hotel that embodies sophistication and luxury making it the primary choice for hosting historic events. It has also housed world leaders and famous personalities from all over the world throughout its illustrious decades of operation.

Manila Hotel has four dedicated restaurants all conducive to holding meetings. Dine in at Café Ilang-Ilang for a chic casual experience. For those seeking a royal ambiance, there's the Champagne Room, famed for its grand interiors and impeccable service. Those craving for Chinese cuisine can proceed to the Mabuhay Palace to experience what a lavish Chinese dining experience is truly like. For a meatier choice, the Cowrie Grill is where the most succulent meats are served.

📍 One Rizal Park, Manila
☎ 02-527-0011
🌐 www.manila-hotel.com.ph

Images are from Manila Hotel website.



Champagne Room



Grand Deluxe Room



CONRAD MANILA PPPPP

Located atop S'Maison in Pasay, Conrad Manila is a visually-striking escape from the city with easy access to a number of shopping, dining, and local attractions. Its structure, inspired by the "vessels that traverse the bay," provides a good view not only of the waters in front but also of the Makati skyline.

Guests get to choose from seven different kinds of rooms – Twin Premier Room, Twin Deluxe Room, King Premier Room, King Deluxe Room, Bay View Twin Deluxe Room, Bay View King Premier Room, and Bayview King Deluxe Room. These are all said to be "intelligent guest rooms," designed to move from energy-saving mode to activating the air-conditioning in anticipation of the guests' arrival.

📍 Seaside Boulevard, Coral Way, Mall of Asia, Pasay City
☎ 02-833-9999
🌐 www.conradmanila.com

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Brasserie



Double Room



Conrad Spa



Solaire Main Lobby



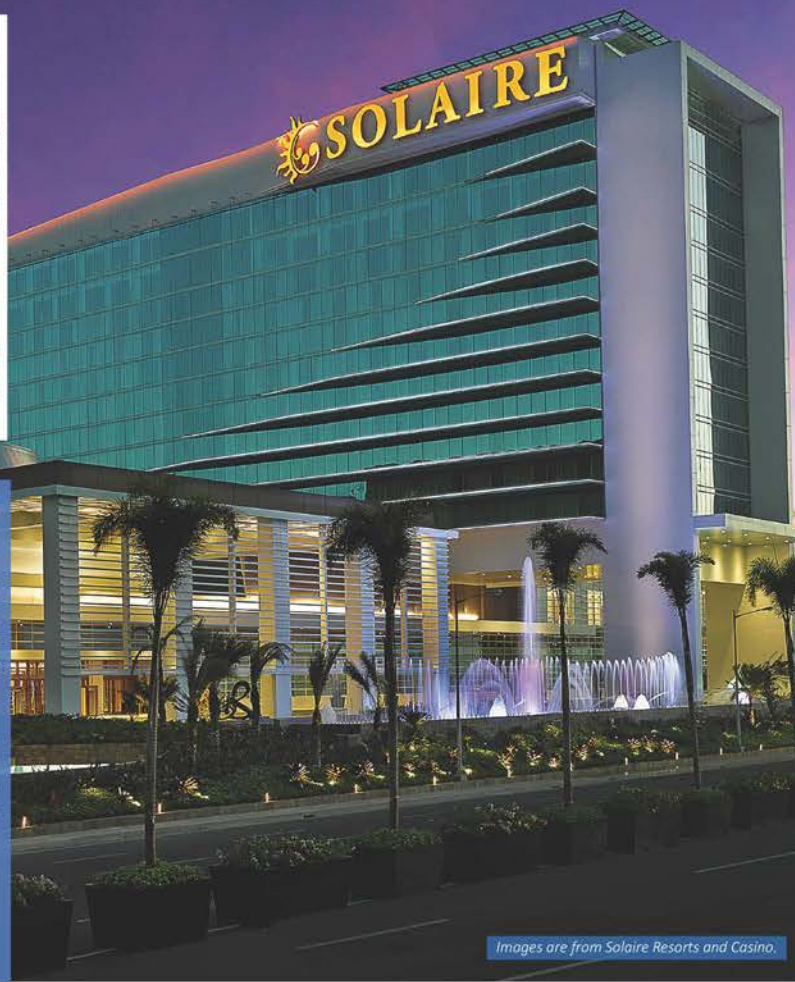
Swimming Pool



Cabana



Premier Suite



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SOLAIRE RESORTS AND CASINO

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Solaire Resorts and Casino in Parañaque City is an integrated resort located in Entertainment City. It is considered to be one of the most premium hotels in Manila, with facilities and accommodation boasting not only of the beauty and prestige of the place, but also that of the city.

Rooms and suites are available in both Solaire's Bay and Sky Towers. From the Chairman's Suite to the Sky Suite, all of the rooms in the hotel promise elegance and luxury – be it from the design of the room to the amenities and facilities they offer. Their top-of-the-line services make sure that their guests feel like royalty during their stay.

- 📍 1 Asean Avenue, Entertainment City, Parañaque City
- ☎ 02-888-8888
- 🌐 www.solaireresort.com

CITY OF DREAMS

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City of Dreams is a 6.2-hectare luxury integrated resort and casino which features hotels such as Nobu, Hyatt, and NÜWA, along with other brands and premium dining outlets. It is also the home to the DreamWorks-inspired DreamPlay which gives a different kind of entertainment for people of all ages. Located close to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, SM Mall of Asia, and other key destinations, City of Dreams is the place to be for anyone who wants to try a different kind of fun and entertainment.

NÜWA, one of the three hotels in the complex, offers comfort, exclusivity, and luxury with its rooms and suites. Nobu Hotel is another hotel with interiors reminiscent of the Japanese aesthetic. Just like NÜWA, Nobu Hotel also has its own restaurant, Nobu Restaurant, which takes pride in serving innovative new-style Japanese cuisine.

- 📍 Asean Avenue corner Roxas Blvd., Entertainment City, Parañaque City
- ☎ 02-800-8080
- 🌐 www.cityofdreams.com.ph

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NÜWA Lobby



Nobu Hotel Entrance



The Hyatt Cafe



Gingy's Kitchen



DreamPlay



Shrek's Swamp Stomp



Images are from Okada Manila.



OKADA MANILA

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Located in 44 hectares of picturesque oceanfront, Okada Manila has been around for more than a year as it opened in December 2016. Owned by Japanese businessman Kazuo Okada and Filipino businessman, Antonio 'Tony Boy' Cojuangco, this resort has many things to offer.

It has 993 lavishly-furnished accommodation options, ranging from 50-sqm deluxe rooms to 1,000-sqm villas. Other premium amenities include the Retail Boulevard, with its more than 50 luxury shops; the one-of-a-kind Cove Manila nightclub and indoor beach club, more than 21 dining options, a 3,000-sqm spa, and the world's largest multi-color dancing and musical fountain.

📍 New Seaside Drive, Entertainment City, Parañaque City
 ☎ 02-888-0777
 🌐 www.okadamanila.com

MARRIOTT HOTEL

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Not all casino-hotels can be found at Entertainment City. Some can be found right outside the airport, like the Manila Marriott Hotel.

Found within Resorts World Manila, the Manila Marriott Hotel gives you elegance and world-class service in a location that can't be beat.

It's called the centerpiece of Resorts World Manila for a reason. Its proximity to Resort World Manila's casinos make it ideal for international high-rollers. Coupled with world-class amenities and our trademark Filipino hospitality, you're bound to enjoy your stay at the Marriott, especially after a couple of rounds at the tables of Resorts World Manila.

📍 2 Resorts Drive, Pasay City
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Lobby Lounge



Deluxe King Guest Room



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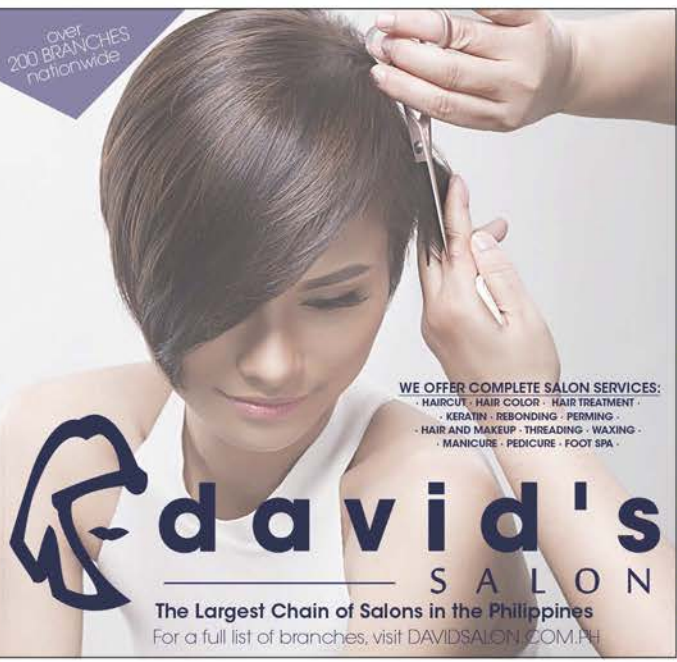
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To help you out, here are 4 trusted medical professionals in Manila, who are highly-experienced and trained to provide the best care for their patients. Get to know them as you read their profile and each of their specializations.

Rogelio F. Varela Jr., MD

Urology and Venereology

Dr. Rogelio Varela Jr. is a urologist and a venereologist by profession. As a urologist, he treats kidney ailments, prostate cancer cases, and erectile dysfunction. As a venereologist, he treats patients who are diagnosed with STIs like HIV or gonorrhea. When he was young, he used to have bronchial asthma and was required to see a doctor often. Because of their frequent meetings, Dr. Varela was enticed to venture in the field of medicine and has been practicing for about 11 years now. He graduated with a degree in Psychology at the University of Sto. Tomas, took his MD at Our Lady of Fatima in Valenzuela City, and had his residency training for general surgery and urology at East Avenue Medical Center. Dr. Rogelio Varela Jr. was the past vice president of the residents organization at East Avenue Medical City, and is currently the medical director of St. Patrick's Health Care System Inc. His advice for aspiring doctors: "Being a doctor is really a challenging profession. To succeed in the field, your goal is to treat patients, see them as how they need the services, and be really dedicated in the profession you chose to venture to."

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Abygail L. Recio, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Dr. Abygail Recio is an obstetrician and gynecologist by profession. She took up B.S. Medical Technology at the Philippine Women's University, her MD at University of Perpetual Help, and her residency training at Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center. She has been a medical doctor for about 16 years and considers taking care of her patients as a commitment and a calling. Currently, Dr. Abygail Recio is a Medical Specialist of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Sta. Ana Hospital. Dr. Recio offers the following services: obstetrical and gynecological services which include prenatal care and delivery, general women's health concerns, maternal care, examination and treatment of the reproductive system, examination and treatment of women's diseases, and malignant cysts and infertility among others.

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Joseph Arnold R. Darwin, MD, FPSOHNS

Otolaryngology

Dr. Darwin is an otolaryngologist or an ENT specialist by profession. As an otolaryngologist, he treats ailments in the ears, nose and throat, and conducts head and neck surgery if needed. He graduated with a degree in Medical Technology at the University of Sto. Tomas, took his MD at the De La Salle University College of Medicine, his residency training for internal medicine at Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center, and his fellowship training in ENT at Manila Doctor's Medical Center in U.N. Avenue, Manila City. He usually starts his day by holding his clinic for about two to three hours every day in Manila, Pasay, and Makati, and conducts immediate surgery for patients as needed. As an ENT specialist, Dr. Darwin offers the following services: examination and consultation on general diseases of the ears, nose, and throat; head and neck conditions; and screening, surgery and reconstructive surgery of cancer tumors and other conditions of the head and neck.

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Fides Rosary B. Francisco, MD, DPSS

General Pediatrics

Dr. Francisco is a pediatrician by profession and has been in the medical field for about 14 years. She took her undergraduate degree in Biology at West Visayas State University in Iloilo City and her medical degree at the Our Lady of Fatima University-College of Medicine. She believes that all doctors are trained to face emergency cases and to think under pressure, but hopes that her patients don't suffer severe cases and can be given remedies. Because of the hard work she continuously gives in her chosen field, she was awarded as the top performing doctor at St. Clare's Medical Center in 2017. As a pediatrician, Dr. Francisco offers the following services: consultations, physical examinations, vaccinations, medical or surgical clearance, and counseling.

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Business Talk

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He has been working for Solaire for almost three years and has been in the megaresort industry for about 17 years. A half-Swiss, half-Filipino, he grew up in the Philippines, got his degree in Switzerland, and spent some time in Las Vegas.



Gianpietro Iseppi
Vice President of Hotel Operations
Solaire Resort & Casino

One of the leading and most prestigious resorts and hotels here in the Philippines is Solaire Resort and Casino. It is known as a luxury five-star hotel complete with world-class amenities that can rival the best of what the world has to offer. Five years on and Solaire has not lost a beat. One of the people responsible for keeping the engine running is Gianpietro Iseppi, Vice President of Hotel Operations for Solaire Resort and Casino.

In this edition of Business Talk, we sat down with the half-Filipino, half-Swiss VP to know the ins and outs of the hotel industry as well as Solaire's push towards the future.

What does your role in Solaire Resort entail?

I oversee all the rooms and front-of-house operations. If you're anywhere in our public areas, I usually have some influence on what you'll see. Rooms are my specialty, and that includes housekeeping, public areas, and front house spaces.

How did you get in the hotel industry?

My father's family owned a very small hotel in Switzerland. Each hotel had about 10 rooms and every summer I would go up there — and that was the requirement: we had to work there. Ever since I was six years old, I've been serving tables. When it came time to make a decision on where to go to school and what to focus my career on, I always knew what I was going to do by the time I was 10 years old.

What is the idea behind Solaire?

Solaire is an integrated resort that brings world-class amenities to the doorstep of the Philippines. The long-term goal is for the brand to influence more people to visit the Philippines and eventually expanding worldwide.

What was the approach to developing Solaire?

I came to Solaire about a year after they opened. I believe that Entertainment City grew around Solaire. The idea was [to put up] a homegrown brand bringing international service with Filipino hospitality at its core.

This was the vision of Mr. Enrique Razon, our chairman and owner. He was the one who was willing to take the risk. He has seen the world and he wanted to bring a world-class brand right to the shores of Manila.

What separates Solaire from the other establishments or the other resorts here in the area?

For us, we stay very true to our brand. Our brand, our clientele, and our vision is luxury. Everything that we do revolves around luxury, whether it's the stone coming from Italian quarries or the marble sourced from Turkey. The designs that we use for every single restaurant, the people that work here, everything we do is about luxury; we don't compromise.

How has Solaire fared ever since it was put up?

People who are renowned in the gaming industry fly here to Solaire to answer the questions "what's going on," "what's happening," "why am I hearing Solaire in Manila" when four or five years ago you wouldn't hear a humming of the word "Solaire".

Now, it's a brand that's starting to gain traction and people are wondering what's happening here and why people are talking about us.

Are there any particular achievements that you would want to highlight?

When I joined the property, I told Mr. Razon that we are going to be given the Forbes Travel Guide five-star award. He told me to not come back if I can't hit that goal.

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Would you call that as one of the bigger challenges you faced as the VP for Hotel Operations or was there something tougher?

The mindset of a lot of the team members, to get on the same page and everyone speaking, that takes a while. You have to create a corporate culture. You have to create a culture of not just telling people what to do, but asking people to do things and believing in what you're saying.

We had to teach them how to use certain terms the right way. We had to get them speaking fluently, easily and not robotic. The Filipino workforce powers the world and it's nice to be able to use that homegrown hospitality here and now.

What plans does Solaire have for the future apart from the global expansion?

Refining this brand is the most important thing for us. This is the center of the world for us right now when it comes to Solaire. Growing from this point and making sure the brand is known worldwide as a luxury five-star integrated resort is the key for us.

When I say refining the brand, it's [about] constantly evolving. If you come back here next month, there will be new shops opening up. There will be new emotions, new dining concepts, and be new room concepts; we will never ever stop.

How would you describe the way you manage at Solaire?

I believe in relationships. I believe that to get people to do what you want over and over again, they need to believe in you as a person. I believe that relationships are the core of long-term success and that's me.

Leadership by example is very important for us and that's how the entire management team is. We're involved in everything. We're on the floors every day, walking 15,000 steps because we want to know what's going on with the property. We don't hold meetings in the offices. We're walking the property and we're seeing what's what. We're very quick to act and we're very free with our opinions.

Who are some of the people you look up to?

Coming from Las Vegas, when I look at hotels and mega resort people, I look at Steve Wynn. The things he did in Las Vegas — The Mirage, Treasure Island — his concepts, his never-ending visions, he was a visionary.

When you look at a guy like Steve Wynn, his time was 20 years ago. You look at a guy like Enrique Razon and his time is now. He is a young man who's hungry and has a lot to prove. He bursts out of the gates faster than most people.

Can you give us a quote/word/phrase that motivates you to do well in your job?

There are two things that I've always lived by. One was "Do what everyone else won't."

When I was a young man in this business, I would always do the tasks and jobs that everyone had too much pride to bother with. When I was young, it was taking out the garbage or doing the dishes because someone didn't show up for their shift. It was also about making difficult decisions.

Nowadays, I believe in the adage "Anything worth doing is worth overdoing." I don't believe that there's room for mediocrity.

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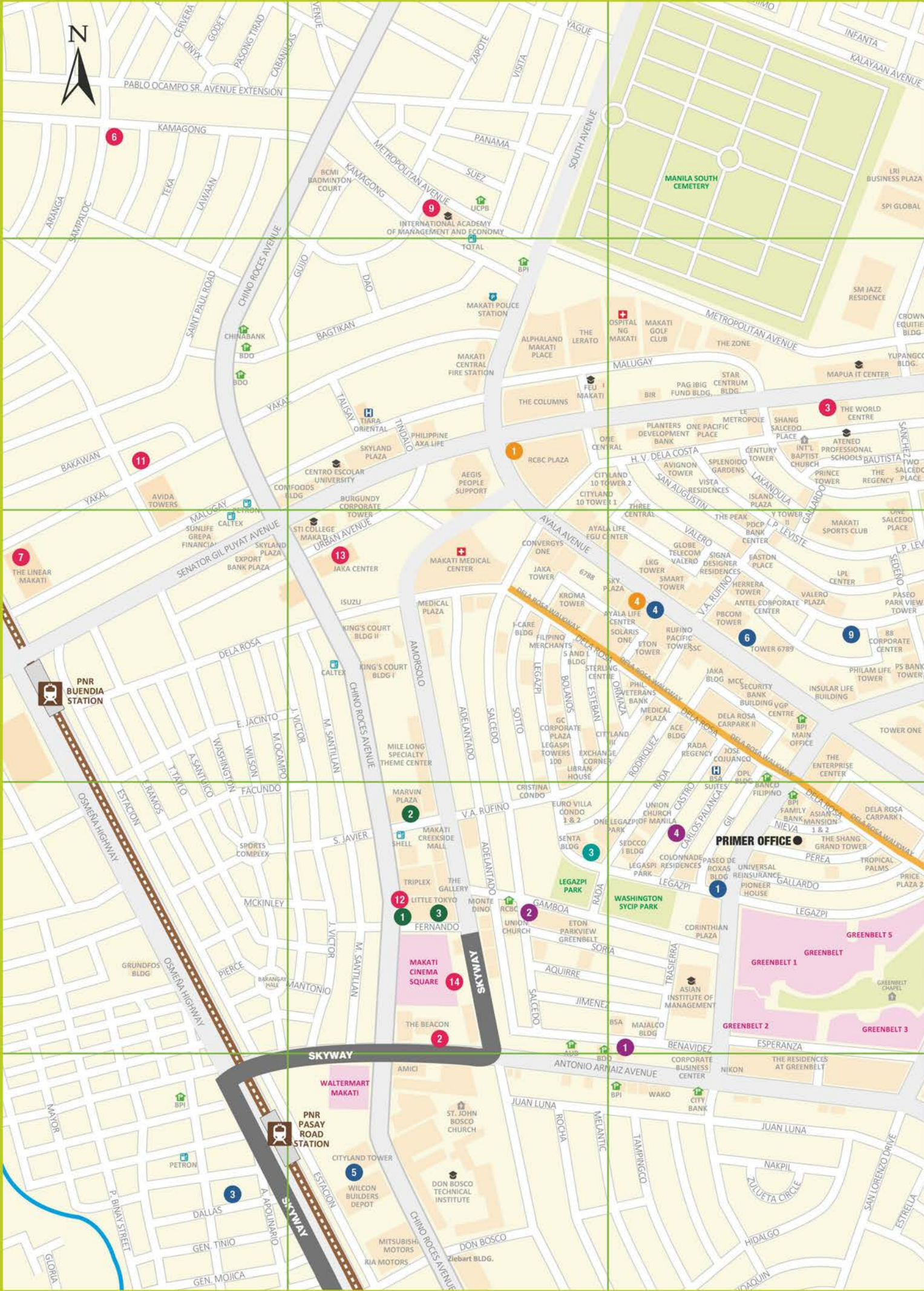
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✂ RESTAURANTS

1. Corner Tree Cafe (D-2)
2. Hanagushi (B-2)
3. IKOMAI (C-2)
4. iTrulli (D-2)
5. Kabila (D-4)
6. Kands (A-1)
7. Kenshin (A-3)
8. Kobeya Japanese Store (E-2)
9. New Hatchin (B-1)
10. Saboten (D-4)
11. Santis (A-2)
12. Sekitori (B-4)
13. TPE (B-3)
14. Unakichi (B-4)
15. Yokohama Meat Kitchen (F-4)

🏢 BUSINESSES

1. Able (C-4)
2. BDO (D-2)
3. Japanese Language School of Next Bridge Inc. (A-5)
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5. JNP (B-4)
6. Leechiu Property Consultants Inc. (D-4)
7. LeoPalace21 (C-3)
8. Metrobank Japan Desk (E-3)
9. PRA
10. Sagass (C-3)

🚆 TRAVEL

1. ANA (B-2)
2. Dusit (D-5)
3. Friendship Tours (D-5)
4. JAL (C-3)

📖 STUDY

1. 5880 Enriquez Apartment (E-2)
2. CMA Mental Arithmetic (D-2)
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🛒 DISTRIBUTION

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2. Teppen (B-4)
3. Yamazaki (B-4)

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3. Uniqlo (D-5)
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What's New in the Metro?

PASAY



Music Festival Feb 14

Serenata Festival 2018

Celebrated annually and slated every 14th of February, Serenata Festival is a musical extravaganza held at Pasay. This event unites all musicians as they showcase their musicality and how well-versed they are in using their instruments.

📍 Pasay City



Expo Feb 16-18

Food and Hotel Expo Manila

Come and be part of the most-awaited Food and Hotel Expo Manila 2018. The event aims to deliver and showcase network opportunities and strengthen sectors of food, beverage, and hotel service not only within the country but globally as well.

📍 Halls 3-4, SMX Convention Center, Pasay City

BGC



FunRun Feb 10

Voltes V Run Manila

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, the first ever Voltes V Run is set to stage in Manila this year! Registered runners will get an exclusive Voltes V-themed race shirt, race bib, drawstring bag and a finisher's medal at the end of the 5-km specially themed route, designed to make fans immersed in the world of their favorite anime series.

📍 McKinley West, BGC, Taguig City

LAS PIÑAS



Music Festival Feb 22-28

43rd Bamboo Organ Festival

Witness the longest-running annual international music festival held in the country, the Bamboo Organ Festival. This year, the festival is introducing to its audience the cornetto, one of the ancient instruments in Intramuros, used between 1600 and 1850.

📍 Youth Center, St. Joseph's Parish Church, Las Piñas City

QUEZON CITY



Concert Feb 17

INCUBUS Live in Manila

The much-loved American rock band Incubus will once again own center stage through their comeback concert happening in February 2018!

📍 Smart Araneta Coliseum, Cubao, Quezon City

MAKATI



Market Weekends, Jan 12 - Feb 25

Arkipelago Weekend Market

This 2018, there's a new and upcoming weekend market to look forward to, which is the Arkipelago Weekend Market in Bagtikan Street, Makati City.

📍 Bagtikan Street, San Antonio, Makati City



Workshop Jan 30, Feb 6, 13 and 20

Basic Creative Writing: Recovering Wonder through Words

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📍 Ayala Museum, Makati City

PAMPANGA



Festival Feb 8-11

22nd Philippine International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta

The Philippine International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta is now on its 22nd year! This event features a variety of sports aviation activities to give spectators all-out fun & entertainment at Clark, Pampanga.

📍 Air Force City, Clarkfield, Pampanga City

SPOTLIGHT



Travel Tour Expo 2018

Feb 9, 10, 11 Expo

Travel Tour Expo 2018, the country's biggest travel expo, is set to once again pack the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City with travel junkies this coming February 9 to 11, 2018.

This expo will showcase both local and international travel destinations and their discounted deals, presentations from various exhibitors, live performances from a number of celebrities, raffle draws, and a lot more.

📍 SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia Ground, Pasay City

BAGUIO CITY



Festival Feb 1 to Mar 1

Panagbenga Festival 2018

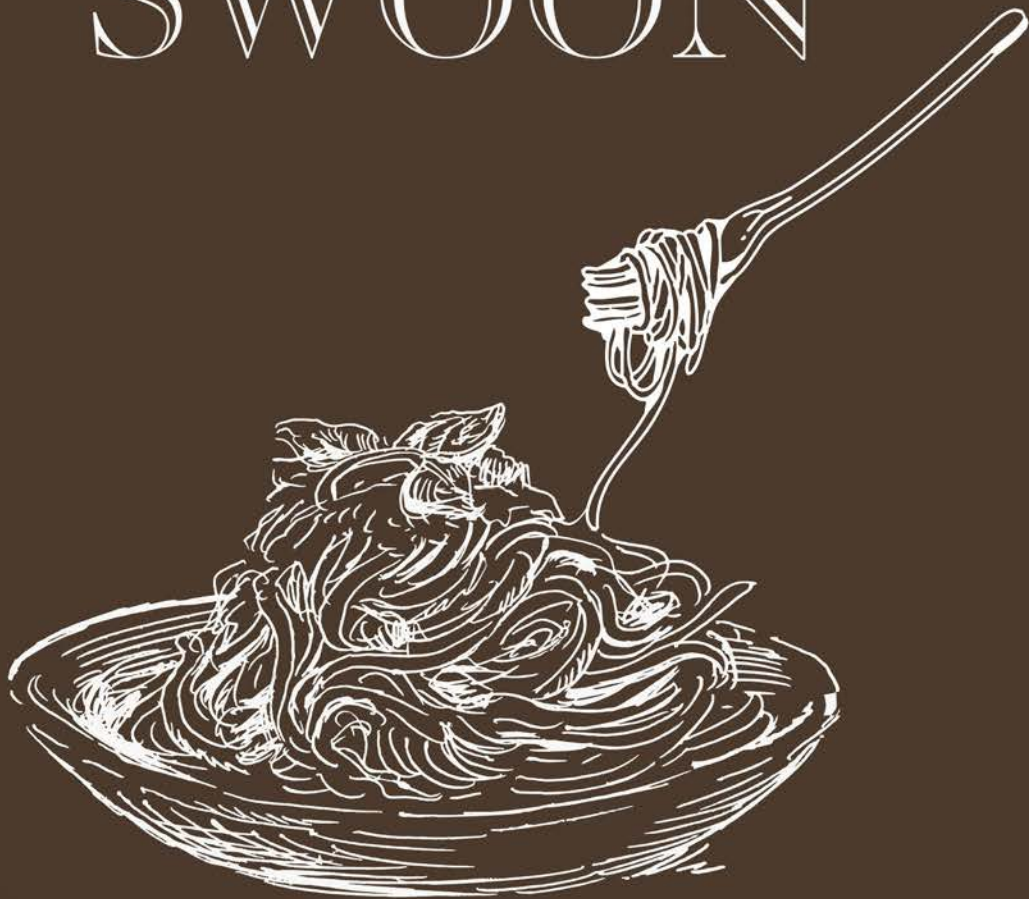
February is a very important month for couples, but it takes on a special meaning for the citizens of Baguio City. It is the month when the city goes into full bloom, figuratively and literally, as the citizens of Baguio celebrate the Panagbenga Festival. Highlights of the festival include the Parade of Floats, Street Dancing and Band Competition, Session Road in Bloom, and the Pony Boys Day.

📍 Baguio City

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