

## **Okada Manila Honored with DOH Award for Blood Donation Efforts**

**MANILA, 29 November 2024** – [Okada Manila](#), a Forbes 5-star destination in the Philippines, has been recognized by the Department of Health (DOH) with the Gawad Antonio Luna Award at the Dugong Bayani Awards 2024. This recognition celebrates Okada Manila's dedication to saving lives and fostering a culture of voluntary blood donation. Okada Manila continues to assist the government in its drive to provide adequate, safe, affordable, and equitable distribution of blood supply to those in need.



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As the only integrated resort in the country to be honored for its contributions to the Non-Remunerated Voluntary Blood Program (NRVBP), Okada Manila has donated between 300 and 599 blood units from January 2020 to December 2023. These efforts are part of the Talent and Community pillar under the Okada Green Heart program, which emphasizes wellness, empowerment, and support for both employees and the community.

Okada Manila further strengthened its commitment to this cause in 2024 by hosting two significant blood donation drives. The first, held in July, garnered 220 successful donors, while the second in October collected 162 blood units. Both events, conducted in partnership with the Philippine Blood Center (PBC), reflected meticulous planning to ensure donor safety and comfort, from medical screenings to post-donation care.



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The donated blood supports the general public as well as the company's employees and families, ensuring a reliable supply in emergencies. Since 2022, Okada Manila's combined efforts have resulted in the collection of 800 blood units, highlighting the impact of teamwork and a shared mission of saving lives.

Byron Yip, President and Chief Operating Officer of Okada Manila, expressed his gratitude for the recognition, "Our commitment to saving lives through voluntary blood donation is a cause we champion under the Talent and Community pillar of the Okada Green Heart program. This does not only serve the



communities supported by the Philippine Blood Center, but also provides essential assistance to our own team members when needed. We are deeply honored by this recognition from DOH, and will continue to actively encourage blood donation as part of our mission to make a meaningful impact.”



*Okada Manila's commitment to saving lives through voluntary blood donation is a cause championed under the Talent and Community pillar of the Okada Green Heart program.*

The Philippine Blood Center (PBC), under the DOH's National Voluntary Blood Services Program, plays a critical role in ensuring safe and adequate blood supplies nationwide. Okada Manila's partnership with the PBC underscores the importance of collaboration in achieving a healthier and more compassionate society.

With this award, Okada Manila reaffirms its position as a leader in corporate social responsibility, blending operational excellence with a strong commitment to humanitarian service.



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To learn more about Okada Manila's comprehensive sustainability initiatives and the Okada Green Heart program, please visit our website at <https://www.okadamanila.com/okada-green-heart>

### ABOUT OKADA MANILA

Okada Manila, a Forbes 5-star destination in the Philippines, seamlessly blends unmatched hospitality, gaming, and entertainment across 30 breathtaking hectares. Known for its unique service philosophy, Okada Manila combines the warmth of Filipino hospitality with the precision of Japanese excellence, ensuring every guest feels truly special.

Guests can marvel at The Fountain, a world-renowned water choreography masterpiece, or dance the night away at Cove Manila, the world's largest indoor beach club and nightclub, setting the standard for leisure and nightlife. The expansive gaming floor, the largest in the Philippines, features a wide array of table games and electronic gaming machines. Exclusive clubs like Perlas, Maharlika, and the VIP Club offer elite gaming experiences for discerning guests.

For families, PLAY and Thrillscape provide exciting and engaging entertainment options designed to cater to both developmental and recreational needs. The Sole Retreat and the Forbes 5-star-rated The Retreat Spa offer sanctuaries promoting wellness and relaxation. Culinary delights await at over 40 dining venues, and a variety of shopping options ensure convenience and luxury at your fingertips.

Business travelers will find state-of-the-art facilities for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE), offering well-appointed spaces equipped with the latest technology. The Okada Manila Entertainment Group (OMEG) brings world-class performances to life, enriching the vibrant entertainment landscape.

Guests can stay in one of 1,001 luxurious accommodations, each designed for comfort and sophistication. Digital innovations, including the Okada Online Casino and the Okada Manila App, make it easier than ever to enjoy the offerings.



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