



## **Press Announcement**

It is with deep regret and sadness that Okada Manila announces the passing of our dear Chairperson Manuel “Lolong” Lazaro. He was 87.

He was one of the country’s most celebrated legal minds, having risen from the ranks to become the first career lawyer appointed as Government Corporate Counsel (GCC) from 1976 to 1986 and the first GCC to be conferred by law with the emoluments, benefits and rank of a Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals and the first Presidential Adviser for Legal Affairs (PALA) to then President Ferdinand E. Marcos. An inspiration to many, Justice Lazaro helped in building Okada Manila and drove it to become one of Asia’s premier casino resorts.

Chairperson Lazaro also steered the company to navigate through the pandemic, ensuring employees of their jobs, and helping in the initiatives for the company’s recovery.

Chairperson Lazaro is survived by his wife Rose Marie and children Menju, chuck, Manjoy, Apple, and Michelle. We will miss his charismatic and inspirational leadership very much. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family.

His remains will be at the Santuario de San Antonio Chapels, McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati City.

We enjoin everyone to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.