



Philippine Red Cross (PRC) officials and dignitaries at the groundbreaking ceremony of the PRC Cavite Chapter's new headquarters at the Vermosa Complex in Imus City, Cavite. Photo courtesy of Philippine Red Cross/Facebook.

Okada Foundation, Inc. joins groundbreaking of new PH Red Cross Cavite Chapter HQ

August 2, 2024, IMUS CITY – Okada Foundation, Inc.'s (OFI) president, James Lorenzana, was among the dignitaries at the recent groundbreaking ceremony of the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Cavite Chapter's soon-to-rise headquarters in Imus City, Cavite.

In June, OFI donated P60 million to the PRC for the construction of the building. "The foundation was happy to know that our donation would be immediately realized," said Lorenzana. "We're hoping to see the building rise soon and begin serving our fellow Filipinos."

The three-story headquarters will house the PRC's state-of-the-art Blood Center, which would host large blood drives and serve as the facility for blood processing, testing, and collection, along with round-the-clock emergency response services and many other functions. Once complete, the facility would also be a training center for medical professionals in transfusion medicine.

"One of our foundation's main goals is to execute or contribute to projects for health and education, and we consider the Philippine Red Cross as one of our primary partners in this objective," Lorenzana remarked.

Leading the ceremony were PRC Chairman and CEO Richard Gordon, Secretary General Dr. Gwen Pang, and Cavite Chapter Chairman Gilbert Remulla, alongside other dignitaries, including the mayors and representatives of Cavite's municipalities and cities.

According to Gordon, the new building will be "another step forward for the Red Cross as we extend our blood, health, and welfare services to more people in Cavite, and build a stronger Red Cross network in the country."

"Providing greater access to blood for Filipinos from all walks of life is one of our lifelong missions, and we will make sure that no request for blood is turned away and all blood needs are met," he added.

"This will also improve the Red Cross' capacity to deliver services to the people of Cavite and other nearby regions. Together, we are building a future where support and aid are readily available to people," said Dr. Pang.

"On behalf of the Okada Foundation, I congratulate the Philippine Red Cross for this milestone," said Lorenzana.

"We hope that with the construction of this facility, it makes your mission more manageable and effective. We look forward to strengthening our partnership with you and collaborating on more projects in the future," he concluded.

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About OFI:

The Okada Foundation Inc. is committed to providing assistance to three key sectors, namely, Education Infrastructure, Environment and Health, and Cultural Heritage. It, likewise, maintains working partnerships with like-minded organizations to provide services for the underprivileged and marginalized sectors of society.

To this end, Okada Foundation Inc. has established itself as one of the most generous organizations in the country, undertaking numerous projects to uplift lives and communities.

For more information on the initiatives of Okada Foundation Inc., visit the Okada Manila site at: <https://www.okadamanila.com/>.



Philippine Red Cross Chairman and CEO Richard Gordon (center) with Okada Foundation, Inc. President James Lorenzana (right) at the groundbreaking ceremony of Philippine Red Cross Cavite Chapter's new headquarters.



Okada Foundation, Inc. President James Lorenzana addressing the audience in a speech at the groundbreaking ceremony of Philippine Red Cross Cavite Chapter's new headquarters.



Philippine Red Cross officials and members, dignitaries, guests, and representatives of several cities and municipalities of Cavite at the groundbreaking ceremony of Philippine Red Cross Cavite Chapter's new headquarters.



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