

## A Vision for the Future

*Dr. John C. Añonuevo, Chairman of Philippine General Hospital's Department of Medicine, Shares His Thoughts on What Can Be Accomplished with Support from the Dr. Joseph R. Masci Legacy Project*



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The Dr. Joseph R. Masci Legacy Project will aid the Department of Medicine at the Philippine General Hospital in fulfilling its vision of excellence in service, training, and research. This support will manifest in several key areas, each contributing to the overall enhancement of training and healthcare delivery.

A cornerstone of this support is the renovation of the audio-visual room. This upgrade of the Department's main educational facility will transform the space, which was recently damaged by two fires, into a state-of-the-art hub for various training activities. The renovated facility will enable more engaging lectures, hands-on training sessions, and workshops. These improvements will benefit not only medical trainees but also consultants, nursing staff, and administrative personnel, creating a more robust learning environment for the members of the Department.

Beyond physical infrastructure, the Legacy Fund will support the professional development of medical residents, fellows, and early-career faculty through electives and observerships. This initiative will broaden their clinical experience and expertise by exposing them to diverse practice settings, both locally and internationally. It will provide additional avenues for acquiring new skills and techniques, widen professional networks through interactions with experts in various fields, and offer a global perspective on healthcare practices. This exposure will be invaluable in shaping well-rounded, adaptable physicians and in bringing innovative practices back to the Philippines.

In line with Dr. Masci's legacy and lifework in infectious diseases, the project will also support a partnership and mentorship program focusing on HIV and tuberculosis, which remain prevalent in the Philippines. This program will enhance expertise through mentorship with infectious disease experts. This will be a two-way exchange of knowledge and best practices to help ease the individual and public health burden of these diseases. Additionally, it will address pandemic preparedness, a critical aspect given recent global events. The program will support needs assessment and assist the development of robust response plans, training in rapid response, and provide avenues for collaborative research on emerging infectious diseases.

By addressing these key areas, the Dr. Joseph R. Masci Legacy Project will contribute significantly to service, training, and research at the Philippine General Hospital's Department of Medicine. The impact of this support will extend far beyond the immediate hospital community. As trainees and faculty serve in various capacities throughout the country, the knowledge, skills, and perspectives gained through these initiatives will have a ripple effect, enhancing healthcare delivery across the Philippines.