



PRESS RELEASE

Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. and Okada Foundation, Inc. Join Forces to Expand AuroraPH Across Last-Mile Schools



Okada Manila Vice President for Government Relations and Non-Gaming Compliance Atty. Nelson Victorino, Aboitiz Foundation President Ginggay Hontiveros Malvar, Okada Foundation, Inc. President James Lorenzana, and Aboitiz Foundation Trustee Jose Emmanuel Hilado formalized a landmark partnership to scale up AuroraPH in last-mile schools.

Manila, Philippines (August 28, 2025) - Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. the corporate social responsibility arm of Aboitiz Group, the Philippines' first techglomerate, has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Okada Foundation, Inc. (OFI) to advance inclusive education in the Philippines' most underserved communities by scaling up AuroraPH, a flagship program that delivers renewable energy, internet connectivity, and digital learning tools to last-mile schools in the Philippines.



Backed by an initial 10 million grant from the Okada Foundation, Inc., Aboitiz Foundation will expand AuroraPH to reach far-flung schools in Palawan, Zambales, Cebu, Siargao, Iligan, Davao, Cotabato, and Surigao—areas where students and teachers continue to persevere despite a lack of reliable electricity and connectivity.

Aboitiz Foundation President Ginggay Hontiveros-Malvar said the collaboration with Okada Foundation, Inc. demonstrates the impact that like-minded organizations can achieve when united by a shared vision.

“This partnership reflects more than just financial support. It embodies a shared responsibility, a shared advocacy, and a shared dream: that no child in the Philippines should be left behind because of geography, lack of access, or lack of resources,” she said.



The Memorandum of Agreement signed by Aboitiz Foundation President Ginggay Hontiveros-Malvar and Okada Foundation, Inc. President James Lorenzana will expand AuroraPH across seven provinces nationwide.



Okada Foundation, Inc. President James Lorenzana underscored the importance of the partnership with Aboitiz Foundation in breaking down barriers faced by children in marginalized communities.

“We know that this project will create a lasting impact. We are lighting up classrooms, supporting teachers and giving children the chance to learn with confidence and growth. In doing so, we leave behind a legacy that will benefit generations to come,” he said.

Launched in 2024 with 11 pilot schools, AuroraPH bridges the educational gap by providing last-mile public schools with renewable energy, satellite internet, and digital devices. The initiative has already reached over 2,500 students and teachers.

Building on this initial success, AuroraPH aims to expand significantly, targeting 100 schools by 2025. The long-term goal is to reach a total of 300 schools nationwide, which would cover nearly 20% of the country's unenergized schools.

With the support of Okada Foundation, Inc. AuroraPH takes a bold step forward in shaping a brighter and more equitable future—one province, one community, and one school at a time.

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About Aboitiz Foundation

Aboitiz Foundation, the CSR arm of the Aboitiz Group, is committed to shaping a brighter future for the nation. With 35+ years of empowering communities and driving sustainable development, the Foundation of the Philippines' first techglomerate is expanding its impact to contribute to nation-building.

Committed to advancing social development, Aboitiz Foundation focuses on three key pillars:

- **Future Leaders:** Ensuring Filipino learners of all ages have access to resources, facilities, and scholarships to prepare them for a rapidly changing world.
- **Jobs:** Empowering Filipinos with digital tools and skills training to thrive in the global digital economy, fostering an entrepreneurship mindset.



- Climate Action: Developing and implementing environmental programs to construct climate-resilient communities and foster a more sustainable future through nature-based solutions.

Since 1988, the Foundation has shifted from one-time donations to Aboitiz Foundation's flagship programs, which empower beneficiaries to reach their full potential. By partnering with strategic partners, the foundation creates projects that are scalable, impactful, and aligned with the company's expertise, benefiting communities throughout the Philippines.

About the Okada Foundation, Inc.

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/>.

About Okada Manila

Okada Manila, a Forbes 5-star destination for six consecutive years in the Philippines and a Forbes VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality integrated resort, 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 enjoy the expansive gaming floor—the largest in the Philippines—featuring 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 Kids' Club 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 at The Promenade ensure convenience and a premium experience 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. Cove Manila, a world-class indoor beach club, serves as an exclusive venue for private events, providing a stunning backdrop for special occasions under a UV-protected dome. 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 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 integrated resort's offerings.

Unforgettable moments await at Okada Manila. Visit www.okadamanila.com to explore.

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