

Filinvest Group celebrates 70 years with partners, purpose, and shared generosity



Top leaders of the Filinvest Group raise a toast during the partners’ event. In photo: FDC Chairman Jonathan T. Gotianun (6th from right), Vice Chairperson Josephine Gotianun Yap, Ambassador Joseph Yap, President and CEO Rhoda A. Huang (center), and FDC COO Ysmael Baysa (3rd from left), together with presidents and senior leaders of Filinvest companies.

The Filinvest Group recently gathered for a special celebration with its valued partners last September 17 to honor 70 years of enabling dreams together. The event called *The Dream Continues* was attended by business partners and senior executives of the various companies within the group.

As a diverse conglomerate spanning real estate, banking, power, hospitality, sugar, and infrastructure, the Filinvest Group continues to uphold its commitment to nation-building and inclusive growth. More than a night of appreciation, the event became a meaningful celebration as the group extended support to a foundation that helps feed those in need.

10,000 meals were donated through Loaves x Fish, a charity kitchen that provides free hot meals for the poor, abandoned, marginalized and forgotten. Since opening its doors in 2024, the kitchen has served over 325,000 meals with the support of its donors, its more than 1,700 volunteers and in partnership with 30 parishes and NGOs.

“I hope this gathering allows us to pause for a while and enjoy the



In the photos (clockwise from top left) are FDC Vice Chairperson Josephine Gotianun Yap with JK Tourism Development General Manager Jinhee Kim Romeral; SEC Chairman Francis Lim and Philippine National Bank (PNB) President Edwin Bautista; JCB Philippines Business Development Manager Yasutaka Nomura and JCB Philippines Country Head Wataru Tamura with FDC Chief Operating Officer Ysmael V. Baysa; and JG Summit Holdings President Lance Gokongwei with Filinvest Land, Inc. President and CEO Tristan Las Marias.



FDC Chairman Jonathan T. Gotianun expresses gratitude and reflects on Filinvest’s milestone during his speech.

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— FDC Chairman Jonathan T. Gotianun



In the photos (clockwise from top left) are FILREIT Fund Managers, Inc.(FFMI) Board of Director William Valtos Jr. with PNB President Edwin Bautista and Chinabank Corporation President Ryan Tapia; Semirara Mining and Power Corporation President and COO Cristina Consunji-Gotianun, Robinsons Holdings Inc. President Robina Gokongwei, with FDC Chairman Jonathan Gotianun and FHC FSVP Francis Gotianun; COL Financial Group Founder Edward Lee, FDC President and CEO Rhoda A. Huang, COL Financial Group Vice President April Lee Tan, and FDC VP Corporate Communications Head Suzette Naval; and Filinvest Cyberparks Inc. (FCI) Senior Assistant Vice President, Office Leasing Head Jan Estrella, Filinvest REIT Corp. (FILRT) President and CEO Maricel Brion-Lirio, Genpact VP for Infrastructure and Logistics Arnold Pagcaliwagan, FCI Senior Leasing Manager Rona Gamera and Genpact Finance Manager Mon Pedracio.



In the upper photo (from L-R) are Filinvest Alabang Inc. (FAI) SVP for Residential and Estates Daphne Sanchez and FAI President and CEO Catherine Ilagan with Royal Pineda+Architecture•Design Arch. Royal Pineda, Arch. Onet Coronel and Roslu von Kauffman. In the bottom photo (from L-R) are Metro Clark Realty Corp. President Macario Rufino, Jollibee Foods Corp. Chief Real Estate and Design Officer William Tan Untiong, and Issa Litton who hosted the event, leading the program and engaging guests throughout the evening.

company of friends, while reminding us of what matters most — relationships that are strengthened by trust and that help more Filipinos achieve their dreams,” said Jonathan Gotianun, Chairman of FDC and EastWest Bank.

“As we look ahead, we share a common love for our country and a commitment to making a difference. Filinvest is dedicated to doing its part, and we hope everyone will continue to do their share in helping our nation grow and thrive,” he added.

The evening celebrated the spirit of collaboration through a creative partnership with industrial designer Selena Placino, known for her thoughtful art pieces. Guests received Sandigan, a set of wooden bookends symbolizing the strength of partnerships. The piece also pays tribute to Filinvest founders Andrew and Mercedes Gotianun, with the words “visionary” and “tireless

implementer” inscribed on each bookend.

The toast was led by Josephine Gotianun Yap and Francis C. Gotianun: “As we look back at the past 70 years, may we be guided by our history of vision, resilience, and partnerships. May the dreams and legacy of our parents and founders, Andrew and Mercedes, continue to push us to enable more dreams together... And here’s to the future, the next 70 years of innovation, transformation, and hope.”

The partners’ event reflected a legacy built not only on business achievements but also on lives touched. From pioneering developments that shaped skylines to financing dreams through EastWest Bank, and initiatives that uplift communities, the Group reaffirmed its commitment to making growth meaningful for all.