

HIP Awards in the 2023 SILAK

The Office of the Ombudsman, in celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day¹ and the National Anti-Corruption Month², held the **2023 *Sikhay Laban sa Korapsyon (SiLaK)***³: ***Galvanizing the Anti-Corruption Sector Thru Strategic Innovations and Gender Mainstreaming*** on 07 December 2023, Thursday, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Novotel Manila Araneta City, Quezon City.

As one of the highlights of the celebration, the Office inaugurated the **HIP Awards**, a simple, multi-sectoral initiative that aims to recognize random but exemplary acts of **Honesty, Integrity and Public Accountability**. The **HIP Awards** is envisioned as an enabling tool in transforming ordinary citizens, through their seeds of exemplary acts, into champions of cornerstone Filipino values that is – honesty, integrity and accountability. Or “**KATAPATAN, KARANGALAN, AT KAHUSAYAN SA PANANAGUTAN.**” This initiative evolved from earlier activities of the Office such as the “Aguhon.”

LIST OF 2023 HIP AWARDEES FROM THE NCR AND GREATER MANILA

1. EUNICA JANE CABUENAS BRIONES

Jason C. Sibayan CSI Adviser Caybiga High School, Caloocan City	Dr. Angelina B. De Chavez Principal III Caybiga High School, Caloocan City
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She is a Grade 11 student at the Caybiga High School in Caloocan City. The daughter of Mr. Mercy and Mrs. Liberty Briones.

On March 27, 2023 Eunica found a silver Casio watch outside one of the classrooms at their school, and gave it to Caybiga Sulong Integridad (CSI), one of the many student organizations accredited by the Office of the Ombudsman in the implementation of the Campus Integrity Crusaders Program, CSI has ongoing LOST and FOUND activity, among many of their activities to promote youth integrity and social responsibility. The owner was able to retrieve his watch, thanks to a simple act of honesty of Eunica, who firmly believes, even at a tender age of 16, that taking “what is not yours in any circumstance is stealing and a sin against God.”

2. PATRICIA MAE RUBIO

Donna M. Torreon Program Adviser of TIPAS National High School, Taguig City	Dr. Angelita C. Buenafe Principal II TIPAS National High School, Taguig City
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Our next HIP awardee is a Grade 10 student at the Tipas National High School in Taguig City. She is the daughter of Mr. Rex Rubio and Ms. Lovely Hernandez.

On March 31, 2023, Patricia heard and found a mobile phone in one of the cubicles of the toilet she was using. She turned over the phone to Tremendous and Inspiring Pupils with Accountability to Society (TIPAS), a student organization that is also accredited under the Campus Integrity Crusaders (CIC) Program. The owner was also with the TIPAS to report his lost cellphone, when Patricia turn-over the cellphone. Patricia gave the credit to her parents for her natural act of honesty, who consistently remind her “not to take what is not yours, it is simply wrong.”

¹ United Nations International Anti-Corruption Day on 09 December 2023(<https://www.un.org/en/observances/anti-corruption-day>).

² Republic Act 10589: An Act Declaring December as Anti-Corruption Month.

³ *SiLaK* initiative is the Office of the Ombudsman’s collaborative advocacy platform to facilitate data-driven policy development and strategic innovations in the anti-corruption sector. It is an abbreviation for “*Sikhay Laban sa Korapsyon*”, a Filipino phrase which means ‘assiduity and diligence in the fight against corruption’. The Office of the Ombudsman launched the *SiLaK* initiative to coincide with the celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day on 09 December 2019.

3. **Patrolman HEVER CASPE**

4. **Patrolman MARK LEONARD ARCILLA**

Police Major Judge Rowe Donato Sub-Station Commander Sub-Station 1, Taguig CPS, BGC, Taguig City	Police Colonel Robert R. Baesa Chief of Police Taguig City Police Station
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Patrolman HEVER CASPE and Patrolman MARK LEONARD ARCILLA are assigned at the Sub Station 1 (BGC) of the Taguig City Police Station city. Their admirable act of integrity is recognized for arresting a person who attempted to bribe them with P182,000, to release another person under their custody who had been nabbed in an entrapment operation for alleged robbery extortion and violation of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act.⁴

The two patrolmen were also commended by the City Government of Taguig for their admirable acts of integrity.

5. **Patrolwoman CHARLENE FLORES**

6. **Patrolwoman CHARMAINE GALAPON**

7. **Patrolwoman MONALISA BOSI**

Police Major Judge Rowe Donato Sub-Station Commander Sub-Station 1, Taguig CPS, BGC, Taguig City	Police Colonel Robert R. Baesa Chief of Police Taguig City Police Station
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Pat. Monalisa Bosi and Pat. Charmaine Galapon are assigned at the Sub Station 1 (BGC) of the Taguig City Police Station city. Their exemplary act of honesty was apparent for arresting a person who attempted to bribe them with P100,000.00 to release another person under their custody.⁵

In another occasion of admirable act of integrity, Pat. Charlene Flores and (again) Pat. Charmaine Galapon deeds are recognized for arresting a person who tried to bribe them with P30,000.00

8. **Police Lieutenant Colonel BRIGIDO T. SALISI**

Police Brigadier General Mark D. Pespes Southern Police District (SPD), Taguig City	Police Major General Jose Melencio C. Nartatez Jr. National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) Camp Ricardo Papa, Taguig City
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One morning, Police Lieutenant Colonel Brigido T. Salisi was walking on the sidewalk of Lawton Avenue, Fort Bonifacio in Taguig City when he found the wallet containing several identification cards and ₱3,000.00 cash. His office helped facilitate the return of the wallet to its owner.⁶

9. **Police Captain SONNY DELOS SANTOS**

Police Lieutenant Colonel Marlo N. Solero Officer-in-Charge Trece Martires Police Station	Police Colonel Eleuterio M. Ricardo Jr. Provincial Director Cavite Provincial Police Office
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⁴<https://metromanila.politics.com.ph/2023/02/01/taguig-mayor-lani-cayetano-lauds-two-policemen-for-rejecting-bribe/>

⁵<https://mb.com.ph/2023/3/28/2-female-police-officers-commended-for-rejecting-p100-000-bribe>

⁶<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1713224/fwd-police-officer-returns-lost-wallet-to-retired-ph-marines-member>

Police Captain SONNY DELOS SANTOS found a wallet with P8,550.00 on the middle of the road while at work doing inspection. He exerted extra mile to find the owner by checking the CCTV located nearby and he personally returned the wallet to its owner.⁷

10. HELEN F. ARELLANO

Mark Allen Besa Department Head City Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO), Parañaque City Hall	Hon. Eric L. Olivarez Municipal Mayor Parañaque City Hall
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On November 17, 2023, Ms. Helen Arellano who is assigned to the CENRO janitorial services division and detailed at the police clearance section, she found an envelope containing important documents and P30,000 in cash, and promptly endorsed the lost belonging to her superior.

The City Government of Parañaque commended her honesty and rewarded her with promotion at work.⁸

11. ALBERT L. BAUTISTA

APSupt. Luis R. Cometa Jr. OIC, Airport Police Department, MIAA	Bryan Andersen Y. Co General Manager Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA)
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ALBERT L. BAUTISTA has been an Aviation Security Guard (AVSEC) for 12 years and had previously surrendered numerous items to the Lost and Found Section of the MIAA. The most recent was on January 4, 2023, cash amounting to P1.4M pesos and personal belongings were found by AVSEC Bautista at the NAIA Terminal 2.⁹

12. JENNIFER S. SALEN

Jose F. Lim IV Asst. Sec. for Road Transport Non-Infrastructure and Inter-Agency Council on Traffic Department of Transportation	Hon. Jaime Bautista Secretary Department of Transportation
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The JENNIFER S. SALEN, a traffic enforcer of the Inter-Agency Council for Traffic (I-ACT) refused a bribe from a motorist who was apprehended for passing through the Carousel Bus Lane along EDSA on Monday. The taxi driver was eventually issued a citation, amounting to P5,000 for a first infraction. She also admonished the driver for the bribery attempt and said that not all enforcers would accept an offer.¹⁰

13. MA. MARGARITA T. SANTOS

Michael Victor N. Alimurung Quezon City Administrator	MA. JOSEFINA BELMONTE City Mayor
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MA. MARGARITA T. SANTOS is the current Head of the Business Permit and Licensing Department of the Quezon City Government. The adoption and implementation of her innovative

⁷<https://saksingayon.com/balita/napulot-na-p8550-isinauli-ng-pulis/>

⁸<https://tribune.net.ph/2022/11/honesty-pays-off-for-janitress/>

⁹<https://pia.gov.ph/news/2023/01/10/aviation-security-at-naia-t2-gets-commendation-for-honesty-vigilance>

¹⁰<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1213702>

project "AUTOMATED DOCUMENT DELIVERY SYSTEM" at work provided a viable solution to bureaucratic red tape and about 10,000 of unclaimed business permits being delayed yearly by middlemen.