

## AFP DICOM Class of 1971 leads Blessing and Turn-over of Sponsored Rooms at Ward-21

In a simple ceremony held at Ward 21, the officers and ladies of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Direct Commission Class of 1971 headed by its Chairman, Police Major General/ Attorney Lucas M. Managuelod and President Police Brigadier General Jose C. Bandong Jr. spearheaded the blessing, ribbon-cutting and official turn-over of the newly-renovated suites; room nos. 306, 307 and 308 last November 29, 2019.

Top VMMC officials and staff led by Director Dr. Dominador M. Chiong Jr. and Assistant Director Dr. Franklin V. Gali also graced the event.

During the ceremony, General Managuelod was joined by Dr. Chiong Jr. in the symbolical ribbon cutting while Reverend Father Emigdio A. Paredes officiated the blessing of the three private rooms.

Afterwards, General Bandong Jr. in his short message, gave a brief backgrounder of the Dicom Class 1971, stating the group's mission, membership and future plans including forthcoming projects that would benefit the veterans.

On the other hand, General Managuelod said that the renovation of the rooms is a manifestation of the Class commitment to help our elderly veterans. He also conveyed his heartfelt thanks to the management of VMMC for allowing them to sponsor the renovation of the private rooms. "Ang suites na ito ay hindi lang para sa amin kundi para sa ating mga beterano rin. In our little way ng Class 1971 ay kung makakatulong pa kami in the near future, basta lang kung makakaya pa namin, magsabi lang kayo. You ask and it shall be given." He said.

"Thank you for accommodating our request to donate for the renovation of the three rooms." He added.

Meanwhile, Dr. Chiong expressed his sincere gratitude to Class 1971. "In behalf of the VMMC family, we would like to thank Class 71 for your donation. The rehabilitation of these private rooms is really a welcome addition to our efforts to upgrade and modernize the hospital. We are continuously upgrading, we want to upgrade including the quality of services we are giving to everyone. Iyun po ang gusto naming ipa-abot sa inyo na susuklian po namin ito ng maganda at matapat na serbisyo" he remarked.

Also present in the event was Mr. Stephen Arabo, the contractor of the project and his wife.

To date, various organizations have already poured in cash/donations for the rehabilitation and renovation of numerous private rooms in the different hospital wards. PMA Magiting Class of 1971 is also planning to construct a 12 suite ward at Ward 21.









