



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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“RE-INVENTING THE ZONTA DIFFERENCE THROUGH UN-MDGs”

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Our dear Area Directors, Vice Area Directors, Club Presidents and United Nations Club Committee Chairpersons,

GREETINGS once again from your District 17 Committee on United Nations!

UN Day, October 24 is fast approaching and so aligned with Our Governor's theme of *“Re-inventing the Zonta Difference Through UN-MDGs”* may we request the CLUB PRESIDENTS of our 6 areas in District 17 from Hongkong, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand through their respective Area Directors to please celebrate our UNITED NATIONS DAY. Let us once again mark the day by requesting our clubs to come up with an activity that will bring awareness of UN in our community.

Let us draw public attention to the UN Millenium Development Goals and emphasize on achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality, empowering women and improving maternal health.

After the significant and meaningful celebration of International Human Rights Day by the UN Committee District with a cultural tableau entitled **“Echoes”** which paid homage to outstanding women leaders/ advocates and defenders of human rights, we are again holding another district activity on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

May we invite you and you Club Members to a **UN FORUM** on *“Peace Towards the Fulfillment of the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs)”*. We have invited Speakers, **IRENE SANTIAGO**, Chair and CEO of the Mindanao Commission on Women and Convenor of Mothers for Peace, known internationally as a strong advocate for the improvement of the status of women, **TERESITA DELES**, Presidential Adviser on the Peace Progress, **SANTANINA RAZUL**, first Muslim woman elected to the Philippine Senate noted for her work on gender equality and improved literacy and **CORAZON URQUICO**, Portfolio Manager of United Nations Development Program.

We are requesting the delegates to come in their international costume as Part 2 of our program will be the traditional **INTERNATIONAL PARADE**. There will be no

contest but merely a brief graceful curtsy while your Club President call your name and the country you represent.

We shall hold our UN FORUM and INTERNATIONAL PARADE at the Makati Sports Club at 5:30 p.m Wednesday on October 23, 2013. Admission is P700.00 and includes dinner.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon believes that women can dramatically advance efforts in our MDGs by working with and working for women and young people. We are the unique and powerful engines for dynamic change. We can and will make a life changing difference for every woman and every child.

We pray that our Zontians be the beacon that would illumine our paths towards a stronger United Nations for a safer and better world for all!

Yours sincerely

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