

“BLAZE WITH THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE”

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ESTEEMED GUESTS AND COLLEAGUES, GOOD MORNING,
ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND STAFF OF METROBANK FOUNDATION
AND GT FOUNDATION LED BY CHAIRMAN ARTHUR TY, WE WELCOME
YOU TO THIS YEAR’S GRANTS TURNOVER, A TRADITION OF EVERY
METROBANK ANNIVERSARY.

ON THIS 59TH YEAR, OUR ANNUAL CEREMONY IS RENAMED THE
“GEORGE S.K. TY GRANTS TURNOVER” TO HONOR AND PERPETUATE
THE LEGACY OF OUR FOUNDING CHAIRMAN. THIS TURNOVER IS ONE
VENUE WHERE WE CONTINUE TO CARRY ON HIS VALUES THROUGH
PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF OUR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS.
WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO EACH OF YOU WHO ARE
HERE WITH US TODAY IN THIS VIRTUAL CEREMONY.

THE LAST 17 MONTHS HAVE BEEN A DISRUPTIVE PERIOD FOR ALL OF
US ON MANY FRONTS. THE PANDEMIC CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE,
THREATENING TO ENVELOPE THE WORLD IN A DARKNESS OF FEAR,
DESPERATION, AND DISPIRITEDNESS. RATHER THAN YIELD TO THIS
GLOOM AND DEMORALIZATION, THE MBFI AND THE GTFI HAVE
UNWAVERINGLY CHOSEN TO BEAR A TORCH OF LIGHT. WHILE WE LOOK
FORWARD TO BETTER TIMES, WE NURTURE HOPE, CONFIDENT THAT
THE NOBLE FIRE OF THE GOOD WORKS YOU DO WILL SEE OUR

COUNTRYMEN THROUGH. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THESE DAYS WILL BE DEFINED BY MEN AND WOMEN WHO CHOOSE TO FIGHT FEAR WITH KINDNESS, DESPAIR WITH UNSELFISHNESS, AND TREPIDATION WITH COURAGE. GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT WILL WIN THE DAY, BANNERED BY HOPE AND BELIEF IN THE GOODNESS OF MEN.

WE MARK THIS OCCASION AS ONE BURNING LIGHT OF HOPE. EACH OF US ARE TORCH BEARERS. TOGETHER WE MULTIPLY THE LUMINOSITY OF HOPE TO BRIGHTEN THE WORLD, BRING HEALING, ASSURANCE AND CONFIDENCE THAT WE STAND TOGETHER AND WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER.

THIS IS NOT JUST GTFI AND MBFI RHETORIC. GOOD WORKS SUCH AS YOURS NEED TO BE SUSTAINED BY RESOURCES. YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED BY FINANCIAL GIFTS PURPOSIVELY SET ASIDE FOR YOUR HUMANITARIAN WORK.

WHAT YOU ARE DOING ALIGNS WITH THE ADVOCACY OF DR. GEORGE S. K. TY, WHICH IS TO PROMOTE SYNERGIES BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT ELEVATE THEIR PRACTICES, UPHOLD GAME-CHANGING MOVEMENTS TO ADDRESS GAPS, AND LINK HANDS TO EMPOWER THOSE IN THE MARGINS.

THIS MORNING, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE TURNING OVER **FIFTEEN MILLION PESOS** IN GRANTS FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS IN HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND LIVELIHOOD, AMONG OTHERS.

WE ALL KNOW THAT NO ONE PERSON OR ORGANIZATION CAN ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR FELLOWMEN AROUND US. A NETWORK, HOWEVER, OF LIKE-MINDED ORGANIZATIONS CAN VASTLY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NATION'S RECOVERY AND DEVELOP NEW SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOLLOWING THE PANDEMIC. DOING WHAT WE CAN WHERE WE ARE AND DOING IT TOGETHER WILL DEFINITELY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

LET ME CLOSE BY PARAPHRASING THE EVANGELIST JOHN; THERE IS A LIGHT THAT CANNOT BE CONSUMED BY THIS DARKNESS. WE ARE BUT REFLECTIONS OF THAT ONE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE. LET US SHINE ON AND FILL OUR HOMES, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR COUNTRY WITH THIS ONE UNQUENCHABLE LIGHT OF HOPE. MAY THE GOOD THAT YOU DO CONTINUE TO MULTIPLY AND BRIGHTEN THE DAYS AHEAD AND IN OUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD. THANK YOU.