

"WE EXCEL. WE LEAD. WE SERVE."

P/Lt. Col. Jonathan Pablito

2021 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipino Police Officer

Conferment Ceremonies

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Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor to receive this award on behalf of my co-awardees P/Lt. Col. Gerard Ace Pelare and P/SMSgt. Mary Joy Ylanan.

Together with our fellow teachers and soldiers, we have the distinction of being the Ten Outstanding Filipinos in a time of great historical significance. I look forward to the day in our post-pandemic future, when, for the first time in person, I will meet you - my fellow awardees, the esteemed panel of judges and the awesome people of Metrobank Foundation, to share with each of you a firm handshake of gratitude.

Personally, I will never forget 2021. Last January, my father, Atty. Jimmy Pablito, passed on to the next life. Months later, here I am receiving the country's most prestigious career achievement award. I can almost see my dad smiling from heaven because 20 years ago, he was more excited than I was when I decided to join the PNP.

I have dedicated my career as an advocate and implementer of the PNP's Transformation Program - the PATROL Plan 2030. While we improve on systems and logistics, we recognize that the development of police officers with integrity and excellence is of prime importance. That is why I am actively involved in movements namely My Brother's Keeper and Bless Our Cops. We espouse a God-centered, service-oriented and family based PNP in partnership with spiritual leaders across the country.

For such a time as this, your three police awardees have strived to be transformational leaders in the organization and community. I embraced the words of my mentor General Cesar Binag that to be an agent of transformation, one must develop the ability to identify dysfunctions and critical issues in the community, the

humility to accept responsibility for these dysfunctions, and courage to rise and lead people to journey with him in genuine transformation. This is how we were able to implement the Medical and Legal Assistance Program for police operatives that raised an initial 6 million pesos with the multisectoral Advisory Council in Police Regional Office 6, Oplan Limpyo in Police Regional Office 7 leading to the arrest of 2,000 drug personalities without any human rights violation, and the distinction of Bogu City of being the first city in Region 7 to have all barangays drug cleared.

We dedicate this award to God Almighty from whom all blessings flow, our beloved families, relatives, friends, the communities we served in Iloilo City, Malay municipality encompassing Boracay, Talisay City, and Bogu City, and of course the men and women of the PNP, headed by fellow Metrobank awardee P/GEN Guillermo Lorenzo Eleazar.

We are humbled with this recognition by the Metrobank Foundation and we continue, inspired more than ever, to serve and protect the Filipino people.