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Olympus Partners with Rizal Medical Center - Center for Digestive and Liver Care for Digestive Health Training in the Philippines
Landmark partnership aims to improve endoscopy access and patient outcomes



Members of the Rizal Medical Center and Olympus at the Memorandum of Understanding signing

TOKYO and MANILA, October 9, 2024 - [Olympus Corporation](#) (Olympus), a global MedTech company committed to making people's lives healthier, safer and more fulfilling, announces that its sales subsidiary in the ASEAN region, Olympus Singapore Pte. Ltd., has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rizal Medical Center - Center for Digestive and Liver Care and the Rizal Medical Center Management Committee in the Philippines to advance digestive healthcare in the country.

Based on this landmark agreement, "The RizalMed - Olympus Training Center", the first of its kind in the country, has been established to train the next generation of endoscopists and contribute to the development of digestive medicine in the Philippines.

This groundbreaking partnership between Rizal Medical Center - Center for Digestive and Liver Care and Olympus Singapore marks a pivotal moment in advancing digestive healthcare in the Philippines. The collaboration elevates the center's capabilities by establishing "The RizalMed - Olympus Training Center", a platform for a new generation of highly skilled endoscopists. This strategic alliance is poised to significantly enhance patient care, research, and education, solidifying

Rizal Medical Center's position as a leading multispecialty Digestive Health Center in the country and the region.

"I was inspired to start and strengthen the service after frequent encounters with patients, especially with elderly patients needing emergency procedures. We had a vision of developing a sustainable and world-renowned center, and to get there, a continued commitment to training is essential," said Dr. Ray Sarmiento, Specialty Center Head of the Rizal Medical Center - Center for Digestive and Liver Care. "I believe our partnership with Olympus will bring significant impact by increasing the access to and quality of our endoscopy service for the next generation of subspecialists in the field."

Dr. Rica Lumague, Medical Center Chief II, Rizal Medical Center expressed her genuine excitement about the partnership and its potential to significantly improve endoscopy services at Rizal Medical Center for patients. Additionally, she conveyed her determination to develop highly skilled practitioners through this partnership by strengthening the current team, which is composed of Surgical Endoscopy and Gastroenterology renowned subspecialists.

"I'm looking forward to the partnership's potential to sustain and expand endoscopy capabilities in the Philippines," said E Thel Loh, Division Manager of the Medical Systems Business Division at Olympus Singapore. 'The RizalMed - Olympus Training Center' is our first training center in the Philippines. It represents the type of patient-focused partnership which aligns with our commitment to making people's lives healthier, safer and more fulfilling."

Olympus will continue to support access to advanced medical care by providing training and technical enhancement opportunities for healthcare professionals.

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