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NEWSLETTER



A STORY OF HOPE

Full Phils Launches Children's Book "A Heart in Two Places" to Support OFW Scholars

Full Phils, a youth-led non-profit that helps Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Hong Kong complete their college education, successfully launched its debut children's book, *A Heart in Two Places*, at Museo Pambata. Story on Page 2.

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Museo Pambata**



We are committed to partnering with NGOs that promote Filipino culture, history, and values to create a more empathetic and just society. Story on Page 2.

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Written by Full Phils founder Emilio Baja, ***A Heart in Two Places*** follows the story of Arlyn, a domestic worker in Hong Kong who dreams of reuniting with her three children in the Philippines. Every day she rises before dawn to care for another family abroad, but her heart stays tied to her own. The story, designed for children ages five and up, gently introduces young readers to the realities of life as an OFW while carrying a universal message of love, resilience, and hope.

The book is more than literature; it is a lifeline. All proceeds from sales will fund Full Phils’ scholarship program. In just two years, the organization has enabled almost 30 OFWs to return to school and is preparing to celebrate its first batch of graduates in 2025.

“The book bridges two different worlds: the one where OFWs live abroad, and the one they long for back home,” said Emilio. “Through this story, we hope both children and parents understand that sacrifice can lead to opportunity, and that education remains one of the most powerful tools to extend one’s reach in accomplishing their dreams.”



With Emilio Baja, Full Phils Founder are (from L-R) Kath Eustaquio-Derla, Publisher at PaperKat Books; Wilma Santos Huang, President of Museo Pambata; Leandro Leviste, Representative of Batangas 1st District; and Sonny Angara, Secretary of the Department of Education



Event Partner

Museo Pambata Foundation, Inc.

Museo Pambata, the first interactive children’s museum in the Philippines, opened its doors in 1994. Since its inauguration, Museo Pambata has been dedicated to promoting Filipino culture, history, and values in a fun and engaging way.

Both Full Phils and Museo Pambata share a fundamental belief in the power of storytelling to create a more empathetic and just society. By hosting the launch, the museum provides a safe and engaging space for children to explore the important social issue on the realities of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and their families, a topic that is deeply personal and relevant to millions of Filipinos.

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The Powerful Impact of Storytelling for OFWs

Following the Manila launch, ***A Heart in Two Places*** will be showcased at the Manila International Book Fair (Sept 10–14, SMX Convention Center) and the Frankfurt Book Fair (Oct 15–19, Germany), the world's largest international book fair. You can order the book through Full Phils' Facebook or Instagram, or send us an email at ask@fullphils.org. You can also scan the QR code found on Page 4 of this newsletter.

By combining storytelling with advocacy, Full Phils continues to expand its mission of making higher education more accessible, affordable, and empowering for OFWs, turning every book purchased into a step closer to getting that much-deserved college diploma.



How Your Support is Empowering the Next Generation



Full Phils Founder Emilio Baja with elementary school students



Full Phils student volunteers from International School Manila

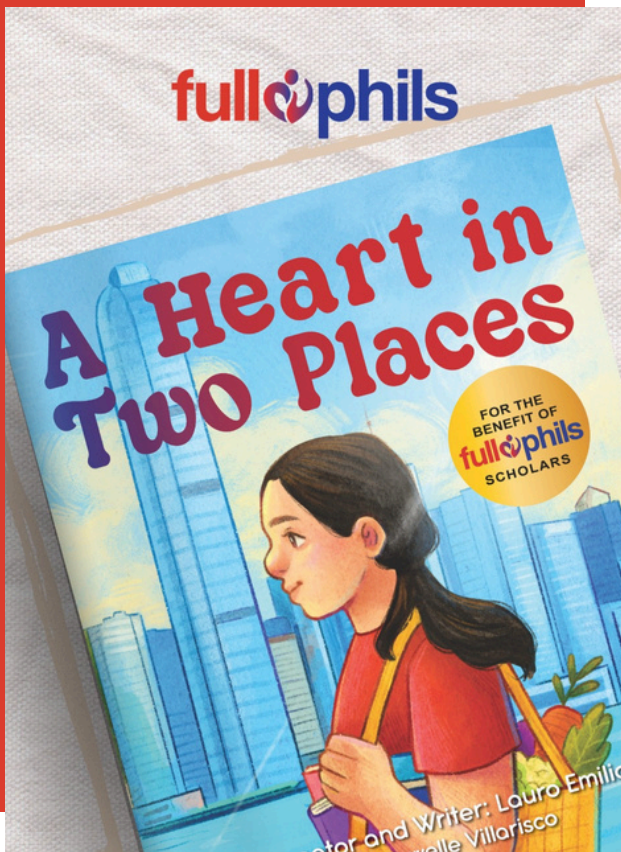
A Message from the Author and Founder of Full Phils, Emilio Baja

Education for us has never been just about degrees. It has always been about dignity and giving someone the ability to dream again, to open doors that had once been shut, to change the trajectory of one's life and future.

More than just a children's book, ***A Heart in Two Places*** is a tribute to the sacrifices, resilience, and love of Filipino migrant workers who leave their families behind in order to provide for them. I hope that this story can be a powerful tool for teaching young readers about empathy and the complex nature of domestic work abroad.

A Heart in Two Places is the story of our beloved caregivers, nanays and yayas. This is the story shared by millions of our OFWs who have sacrificed their education so that their families left behind can have a better life.

This is the reality of many of our migrant workers. It is painful but also profoundly courageous. As I have learned, to have your heart in two places is not a weakness. It is, in fact, the strongest act of love and sacrifice I know. And this book is a tribute to that strength.



I hope that through this book, we will shed light on the plight of our OFWs. I want to ensure that the sacrifices of our Filipino migrant workers do not remain hidden. And that the world can finally see them not just as workers, but as mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, dreamers and achievers.

-Emilio Baja

Support Full Phils scholars by purchasing the book below.

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