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A Season of Milestones and Momentum!

Stories of Achievements by Full Phils & our Scholars

From December to January, our journey has been nothing short of remarkable. This special issue marks a significant milestone as our founder, Emilio Baja, received well-deserved recognition as the country's Youth Advocate, highlighting not only his leadership but also the meaningful mission of Full Phils.

The momentum continues into the new year. This January, we began with a skills-building workshop for our scholars, reaffirming our commitment to continuously empower, uplift, and serve the OFW community.

Emilio is CFO's 2025 Youth Advocate!

“To whom much is given, much is expected.” These were the words shared by Emilio during his acceptance speech for the Youth Advocate Award at the Migration Advocacy and Media Awards in December 2025—a recognition that he embraces not only as an honor, but as a responsibility.

In his remarks, Emilio reflected on how this award and platform raise expectations for Full Phils as an organization. As we move into the new year, he emphasized that there is no room for complacency. The work of uplifting the lives of Overseas Filipino Workers must continue—with greater urgency, deeper commitment, and sustained action.

At Full Phils, advocacy is more than a message; it is a call to act. We remain committed to expanding access to education for Filipino domestic workers around the world. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) for this recognition, which we carry with humility—as a reminder that meaningful service is built on consistency, responsibility, and action.



National Forum on Migration

Last month, Emilio was invited to speak at the National Forum on Migration hosted by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO). His participation highlighted the vital role of education in empowering our OFWs and creating pathways toward long-term opportunity.

During the forum, Emilio shared how Full Phils' scholarship programs help OFWs pursue their dreams and build better futures. He also emphasized the importance of civic engagement, underscoring how policies and legislation have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of overseas Filipinos.



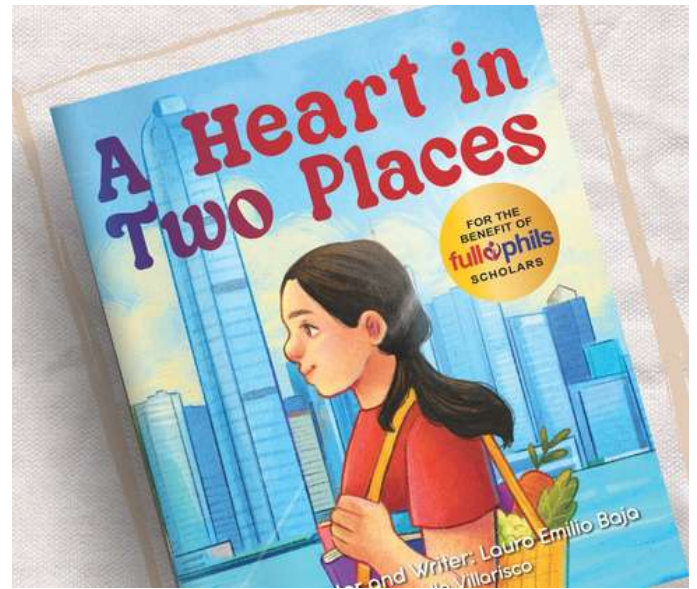


Emilio joins BalinkBayan Conference Panel

“Some existing NGOs are just temporary fixes—like band-aids on deep wounds. What we need are long-term solutions, especially equal access to quality education. This should be our focus and our government’s top priority.”

These were the sentiments shared by our founder, Emilio Baja, at the BalinkBayan Stakeholders Conference last month, hosted by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) at UP Technohub. During the discussion, Emilio urged participants to look beyond short-term interventions and address the root causes of education inequality. While NGOs play a vital role in meeting immediate needs, lasting change requires systemic reform, stronger institutions, and sustained public investment.

At Full Phils, this principle guides everything we do. Our mission is to empower our OFWs and their families through education—not only to bridge existing gaps, but to help build long-term, equitable, and sustainable access to quality learning all.



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Kicking Off 2026 with Confidence and Communication!

With graduation on the horizon, our scholars are sharpening their skills to confidently step into the job market. We kicked off the year with a workshop on email and interview etiquette, led by Sabrina Man, Filipino child actress and alumna of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. She shared valuable insights on clear, respectful, and effective professional communication.

Guided by her expertise, our scholars took part in hands-on exercises, practicing how to craft professional emails and confidently navigate challenging interview questions through role-play. Seeing them embrace these roles, we could already envision their futures as managers, officers, and leaders in their chosen fields. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Sabrina and our venue partner, Greenfield Pastoral Centre, for making this empowering session possible.



How our First Two Graduates Serve as Inspirations



Three cheers for Rhagine Carbonell (L) and Dyan Agonoy (R), Full Phils' first batch of graduates! Congratulations!

Another milestone we are proud to celebrate here at Full Phils is the graduation of our first two scholars.

Today, we shine the spotlight on these trailblazers and honor the remarkable journeys that led them to this achievement—journeys that continue to inspire our scholars and the wider OFW community in Hong Kong.

Our first graduate, Dyan Agonoy, earned her degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Philippine Women's University (PWU). Despite facing health challenges during her studies, Dyan's perseverance and determination carried her through, proving that obstacles can be overcome with resilience and hard work.

Joining her is Rhagine Carbonell, also a graduate of Hotel and Restaurant Management from PWU. Through life's many challenges, Rhagine remained steadfast and optimistic, becoming a source of inspiration for her peers and her family back home. Reflecting on her journey, she shared, "I want to be a role model to my younger family members. No matter how difficult it is, graduating with a degree is a treasure that no one can ever take away from you."



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