

# PNP FOUNDATION INC.

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## Brief History

When Police Director General Panfilo M. Lacson assumed the top post of the Philippine National Police on November 16, 1999, he brought with him the idea of a private sector foundation that could help the PNP improve the quality of its service to the public. After testing the limits of what available government resources can provide for the latent abilities of the PNP as best exemplified in the performance of the Presidential Anti-Organized Task Force (PAOCTF), he knew off-hand that after implementing organizational streamlining and disciplinary measures, the big question of financial and logistical support would get in the way of genuine organizational development.

Having floated the idea in several fora involving the private sector and studied similar activities in other countries like the New York City Police Foundation, Inc., and the National Crime Prevention Council of Singapore, the Chief of the PNP finally reached out to a group of civic-minded individuals on April 7, 2000 to transform the concept to reality. The people who met him provided inspiring messages of support that later on practically forced the eventual realization of the concept. As an outright gesture of gratitude, the Chief of the PNP volunteered the Directorate for Police Community Relations headed by Police Director Victor G. Batac to serve as a Transition Secretariat.

After a series of meetings that focused on tax-related issues and other management concerns, the Foundation was finally incorporated in June 2000. The incorporators are Tarlac, Congressman Gilbert C. Teodoro, Jr., Ricardo P. Crisostomo (CEO of Hannah, Philippines), Atty. Antonio P. Gatmaitan (a respected investment banker and political analyst), Ernesto P. Garilao (former Secretary of Agrarian Reform), Omar T. Cruz (Treasurer of Citibank), Rafael P. Dizon III (National President of the Philippine Jaycees and Teresita Ang-See (Founding President of Kaisa Para Sa Kaunlaran).

Almost immediately, the PNPFI and its beneficiary, the PNP, embarked on a joint nationwide campaign to reach out to prospective donors that was set to culminate in a Formal Pledging Session to be graced by no less than President Joseph Ejercito Estrada, on June 28, 2000 at the Fiesta Pavilion of the Manila Hotel.

The story of the PNPFI has just begun.

## SUMMARY

The Philippine National Police Foundation, Incorporated (PNPFI), is a **private sector foundation**. All of its incorporators as well as the members of the Board of Trustees are civic-minded and philanthropic private individuals and corporate nominees, and none came from the retired nor active sector of the police institution. It was founded on the idea that the only way to

effectively address the threats to the lives and properties of the community posed by criminality, disasters and armed conflicts, is through a genuine partnership between the police and the community - a kind of partnership that evokes synergy, unity, cooperation, confidence, energy, stability and security (SUCCESS). No active and retired member of the police force can nor will have a hand in the management of the PNPFI's fund and resources.

### **The PNPFI is Unique**

The PNPFI offers a unique vehicle for a progressive partnership between the police and the community. For the first time in the history of the Philippines, a foundation is created by the business and civic leaders of the country that is independent and non-profit, and is dedicated to the strengthening of the entire national police organization and the promotion of public safety. Gone are the days when the public-spirited citizens can only watch and heave sighs of helplessness in the state of proficiency and effectiveness of the country's police force. The PNPFI is the bridge that will finally make it possible for the community at large to take an active and direct role in the molding of a sturdy social foundation where it is safe to live, work, invest and do business.

### **The PNPFI can be a Very Effective Tool**

At the outset, the present trustees of the PNPFI believe that the citizens' private interests and the PNP's latent administrative as well as operational capabilities are directly and mutually related. Private sector socio-cultural and economic initiatives in relation to their unrestrained private interests need to consider the level of the PNP's organizational readiness and capacity to effectively respond to the effects of such desired changes. Far from the ideal, the funds and resources of the PNP need to be supplemented in order to attain a responsive level of operational readiness and a developed capacity to organizationally flex with the changing security needs of the people.

### **PNPFI PLANS**

**Technology-** pertains to the systematic approach to fighting crime. The Foundation can seek the services of renowned experts in the analysis of the PNP's present condition and future requirements to develop a coherent strategy for upgrading the technological and technical support systems that are necessary for it to capably respond to current security requirements. The assistance of the Foundation in supplementing the PNP's budget for procuring the necessary equipment will be vital if the police institution is to keep pace with the private sector's changing security requirements.

**Crime Strategies** - pertains to the focusing or dedication of existing police resources into specific types of crime and criminals. The Foundation can supplement funds for strategy research, and assist in the promotion and enhancement of administrative and operational police efforts that are directly related to practicable crime strategies.

**Implementation** - pertains to careful planning, extensive training and expertise in relation to the application of acquired technology and the proper adoption of selected crime strategies. The PNPFI knows that these tasks are beyond the PNP's budgetary resources.

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