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SWEEPSTAKES BANKROLLS POLICE HOSPITAL

The Philippine National Police welcomes the commitment of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes office (PCSO) to donate P282-millionworth of medical equipment of the PNP General Hospital.

PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza said the donation manifests the concern of the Arroyo administration over the welfare of the men in uniform and their dependents.

A memorandum of Agreement signed recently by the PNP Chief, and PCSO Chairman Ma. Livia S. De Leon promises to upgrade the police medical facility into a "tertiary hospital."

Under the agreement, the PCSO will "acquire, donate, and deliver" the needed hospital equipment to the PNP.

Initially, the PNP has used P25-million of the fund for the reconstruction of the PNP General Hospital which was razed by fire in 1995. Part of the fund was also used for the purchase of basic hospital equipment destroyed by the fire.

By Department of Health standards, the PNP General Hospital is still a "primary hospital" with very limited capability to perform advanced medical procedures, according to PNP Health Service Director, Chief Superintendent Eduardo Gador.

At present, Gador said, some medical cases are referred to private hospitals because of the inadequacy of equipment and facilities at The PNPGH.

"Much as we want to accommodate all our policemen in need of medical treatment, especially those wounded in line of duty, we are left with no choice because we are under-equipped," Gador said.

The PNP is finalizing a "wish list" of modern medical equipment for the 500-bed capacity PNPGH.

These include a new laboratory, x-ray machine, at least three dialysis machines, and other medical equipment.

The new PNPGH building will be completed this month, while the new equipment is expected to be delivered within the next six months.