50 YEARS OF CARE AND EXCELLENCE

This issue of the *Philippine Journal of Health Research and Development* is in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cardinal Santos Medical Center (CSMC). Established as the Saint Paul's Hospital in Manila by the Roman Archdiocese of Manila (RCAM) under Archbishop Jeremiah James Hearty in 1907, it was destroyed by heavy artillery during World War II. Its restoration was part of the US-Philippines War Damage Commission financial compensation, but post-war inflation diminished the resources for reconstruction. Then Archbishop Rufino Cardinal Santos provided the much-needed financial aid to rebuild the hospital. From its original location in Intramuros, the St. Paul Hospital was transferred to the hills of San Juan, off Ortigas Avenue, now within the Greenhills West Subdivision.

On August 15, 1974, the hospital was renamed the Cardinal Santos Memorial Hospital in honor of the first Filipino Cardinal who was instrumental in its restoration. The hospital was renamed the Cardinal Santos Medical Center on August 1, 1988, and has remained under the ownership of the RCAM. Hospital operations are currently being managed by the Colinas Verdes Hospital Managers Corporation (CVHMC) who took over on August 15, 2008, under the leadership of Mr. Manuel "Manny" V. Pangilinan.

This issue contains various research that have been produced by the CSMC. Research is one of the focus areas of the center and it looks forward to the increase in studies by its doctors, especially the consultants. The key programs in Cardiology, Oncology, Neurosurgery, Gastroenterology and Rehabilitation Medicine have made Cardinal Santos Medical Center an established name in healthcare in the country. As the future unfolds, the center is on its way into improving the integration of AI in its operations and enhancing other areas of expertise.

Cheers to the next fifty years of Care and Excellence under the Cardinal Santos Medical Center!

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