

RIDE AND RUN TO END POLIO, PEDAL FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT UNITES ORMOC CITY FOR A NOBLE CAUSE

On the vibrant morning of September 30, 2023, the Ormoc City Superdome witnessed a surge of energy and purpose as the community gathered for the Ride and Run to End Polio, Pedal for Peace and Development event. Orchestrated by a formidable alliance between the Rotary Club of Ormoc Bay, the City Government of Ormoc, DILG Ormoc, City Health Office, and the Ormoc City Police Office, this event aimed to make a meaningful impact.

The turnout was overwhelming, with 260 spirited individuals joining the cause, including committed members from public agencies like BFP R8 Ormoc City FS, PNP Ormoc, AFP, and Coast Guard District Eastern Visayas.



TOGETHER, WE CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD

Participants had a variety of routes to choose from, including 3 km, 5 km, and 10 km running routes, as well as 30 km and 70 km biking routes. Each route showcased different parts of Ormoc City, promoting unity and a shared commitment to a polio-free world.

The day's proceedings commenced at 4:00 AM with an invigorating Zumba warm-up session, setting the tone for the day. The event briefing, graced by the presence of esteemed figures like Rotary Club of Ormoc President Rocel D Baclayon and Rotary Club of Ormoc Bay President Nino Doydora, highlighted the event's purpose - eradicating Polio in alignment with national and local governments' visions for peace, development, and health under the Sustainable Development Goals. They extended heartfelt gratitude to all participants for their vital contributions to this noble cause.



The post-race celebration saw the acknowledgment of winners, special prize distribution, and the awarding of certificates to partners and volunteers who played pivotal roles during the event.

Hon. Peter "Perok" Rodriguez emphasized the collective effort needed to end Polio and stressed the importance of community collaboration for a healthier, more peaceful, and prosperous future. The event culminated with a resounding call to continue working hand in hand towards a Polio-free world.



The Ride and Run to End Polio, Pedal for Peace and Development event in Ormoc City was not just a physical feat but a powerful symbol of unity, commitment, and hope. It demonstrated the strength of a community coming together for a global cause, echoing the belief that together, we can create hope in the world.

Together, we can ride, run, and make a difference.