

BOT serves PSD for Another Year
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Philippine School Doha, being the prominent learning institution in Qatar as far as Philippine education is concerned, held its annual general assembly and board of trustees election last Aug. 17 in PSD gym. The program started with an invocation that soon led to the opening address of the secretary of the board, Dr. Julius A. Reyes, who also emceed the said occurrence.

To highlight the said event, Dr. Gerardo P. Macasa, Jr., PSD BOT Chairman, gave his report on the achievements of the institution both academics and non-academics. Successively, Engr. Josel Leanda gave his vibrant report on the Audited Financial Declaration of the school.

The second part of the event was the election of the PSD-BOT. Each nominee was introduced and each gave his own speech. Due for reelection were Dr. Julius A. Reyes (Teacher Representative), Engr. Josel Leanda (BOT Treasurer), and Mr. Ferdinand Maramag (Auditor), and Atty. Daisy G. Tingzon (Community Representative) and the new parent Arch. Melito Gomez. "The challenges that PSD faces are enormous and everyone should work together to attain the progress that we want to achieve" the words given by Engr. Josel S. Leanda, who is considered dedicated and well-intentioned professional by many PSDians.

Subsequently, everyone was given a five-minute break before the election of trustees for the ensuing fiscal year. PSDI members cast their ballots for the vacated slots of the board which then followed with the declaration of the new BOT for FY 2018-2019, who are as follows:

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| • Chairman | Dr. Gerardo P. Macasa, Jr. |
| • Vice – Chairman | Engr. Josel S. Leanda |
| • Secretary/Teacher Representative | Dr. Julius A. Reyes |
| • Treasurer | Engr. Edwin Gonzalvo |
| • Auditor | Atty. Daisy G. Tingzon |
| • Parent Members | Mr. Romeo Ocfemia, Jr.
Arch. Melito Gomez |
| • Community Member | Arch. Kriz Samed Quiogue |
| • School Principal | Alexander S. Acosta, Ph.D. |

The result of the election is expected to bring long-term gain for the institution. They officially took their oath last Sept. 6. Indeed, the chosen leaders of this school year's Board of Trustees do not only possess array of leadership skills but also showcase passion, positivity, grit and the desire to help others as their top priority. All of which are characteristics of a trustee that will enable others to grow as they themselves do so. As stated by the School Principal, Dr. Alexander S. Acosta that the true hallmark of a resilient, operative institution is a smooth transition to a new life. PSD wants to have upright and reputable leaders to guide its people. The turnout of the elections is a good sign what the school wants to be. It is not only the students and teachers who mold the institution but also active parents partake in the growth of PSD. While the driving force behind a school's success is the students, parents serve as its trigger for development. Ascend, PSD!