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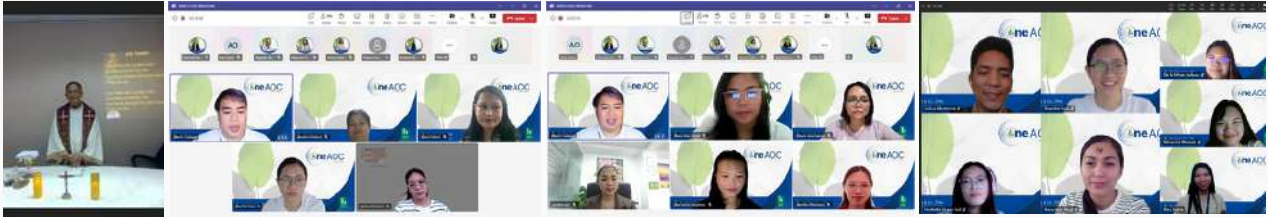
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#AOCWinStories:
*Celebrating Women's
Month and Exciting
New Milestones of the
firm.*



March Breaktime: A Woman of Purpose Celebration at Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs

Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs kicked off its much-anticipated March Breaktime Celebration on March 5, 2025. With over 250 attendees from its 15 offices nationwide, the event was a momentous occasion to reflect past achievements and embrace new beginnings throughout the month. This time we are not only celebrating Woman's month but also marks the beginning of the Lenten season.



The celebration began with a solemn **Holy Mass** led by Father Ogie Orpiada. It was a truly blessed and meaningful occasion for AOC, as the March Breaktime Celebration coincided with Ash Wednesday. The message of the Mass reminded everyone that when God is with you, you become a source of mercy and an instrument to proclaim the Good News. This made the gathering even more special, inspiring attendees to embrace faith, kindness, and purpose in both their personal and professional lives. The event continues as Mr. Marvin Cadapan, warmly welcome everyone and greet all employees especially woman who embody purpose and passion on every aspect of life. As part of the monthly program, the event featured the introduction of **new hires**, the celebration of **March birthdays**, and the recognition of employees celebrating significant milestones and **anniversaries** at AOC.



The **AOC WinStories** honor auditors who demonstrated dedication, excellence, and teamwork during the busy season. Congratulations to Jeremy Aguada and Luciene Patrice Carpio from AOC Makati Audit, Diane Dela Vega from AOC Cavite, and Darryl Jamiel Jacob from AOC Ortigas— the first in their teams to release the Audited Financial Statements (AFS) ahead of time. They shared their experiences of meeting tight deadlines, managing heavy workloads, and overcoming document-related challenges. Through teamwork, collaboration, and guidance from their managers, they showcased resilience and a commitment to excellence.

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Audit Manager from AOC Cavite, Jonas Bravo, delivered an inspiring message, motivating auditors to stay resilient and committed during the busy season. Audit Partner, Loraine San Pedro, also shared thoughtful insights and practical tips to help the team navigate challenges with confidence. And our very own CEO, Marycris Oplas, expressed heartfelt gratitude, recognizing everyone's unwavering dedication and hard work.



As we celebrate **a woman of purpose**, we were honored to welcome **Sister Joanalyn Silverio, CPA, FMA**, as a special guest. She shared her powerful, true-to-life story of how God's grace works at all times. From a conventional path to career success to an extraordinary journey of faith and purpose, Sister Joan's inspiring transformation moved everyone in attendance.

Formerly the head of the AOC Outsource team at Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs, Sister Joan's life took a remarkable turn when she answered a higher calling and embraced a religious vocation. In her heartfelt reflection, she spoke of how her quest for meaning led her to experience God's personal love—a transformative encounter that inspired her to devote herself fully to His will. Choosing to leave a thriving career to enter the convent was not an easy decision. Sister Joan faced challenges not only within herself but also from her family, especially her parents. Yet, she remains steadfast in her belief that when God calls, His plans are powerful and unwavering, guiding everything to fall into place according to His divine purpose.

Lastly, the breaktime ended with a lively icebreaker game led by Rogielyn Barroga, adding fun and interaction to the virtual celebration. Overall, the celebration of Women's Month at AOC was both meaningful and purposeful for all female employees. The virtual gathering reinforced the company's commitment to supporting and celebrating every employee. This break time was not just an event, but a gathering filled with purpose, strengthening relationships among everyone.

Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs Expands Presence with New Quezon Province Branch



On March 1, 2025, Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs proudly celebrated the grand opening of its Quezon Province branch, located at 3rd Floor JKLM Square, Doña Aurora Boulevard, Gulang Gulang, Lucena City, Quezon Province, Philippines 4301.

The momentous event featured a ceremonial ribbon-cutting and office blessing, officiated by Father Angelo “Vrux” Brucal of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church-Ibabang Iyam, Diocese of Lucena. The occasion was led by Gerry Barcelona, the new Partner-in-Charge of the Quezon Province Branch, and Lea Mercado, Director. Joining them were Donnies T. Alas, Chairman & Founding Partner; Glesie Martinez, Senior Partner; Noel Geraldo, Partner; and Mary Ann Duguran, Director. The gathering was made even more special by the presence of Mr. Barcelona’s family, clients, and friends, whose support added warmth and significance to the celebration.

In his heartfelt message, Mr. Barcelona reflected on his journey with Mr. Alas, sharing how he thoughtfully embraced the role of Partner-in-Charge after years of consideration. He expressed his optimism about the new branch's potential to expand the firm’s reach and enhance service delivery in the Quezon Province. Mr. Alas echoed this enthusiasm, emphasizing his belief that the branch will be instrumental in driving growth, innovation, and excellence in client service.



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This new chapter for Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs represents not only an expansion of its presence but also a commitment to delivering top-notch professional services to a wider community. The Quezon Province branch exemplifies the firm's dedication to credibility, honor, and continuous growth, embodying the core values that define Alas Oplas.

With the opening of this branch, Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs continues to reinforce its position as a trusted partner for businesses and organizations, building stronger connections and delivering exceptional service with unwavering professionalism.



Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs Continues to Grow with New FCIE Cavite Branch



On March 21, 2025, Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs proudly expanded its presence with the opening of its 15th branch in FCIE Cavite, located at Unit 3 MG Center, Governor's Drive, Langkaan 2, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, Philippines. This marks the second new branch opened by the firm this March.

The celebration began with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting and office blessing, officiated by Pastor Allan Melano of Church of God, who offered prayers and blessings for the new office.

Leading this milestone event was Christian Martinez, Partner-In-Charge of the FCIE Branch, joined by Founding Partner & Chairman Donnies Alas and Senior Partner Glesie Martinez. Also present were AOC Partners Fernando Santos and Eljohn Constante, Managing Directors Jenny Catapang and Mary Ann Duguran, along with Danny Cero, valued clients, friends, and family—all gathered to celebrate this exciting new chapter.



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In his heartfelt speech, Christian reflected on his inspiring journey—from starting as an employee at the Dasmariñas Cavite branch to becoming a Partner and now leading his own branch—a dream he entrusted to God. He expressed deep gratitude to Chairman Donnies and Senior Partner Glesie for their unwavering mentorship and support. He also gave special thanks to his wife, Emyrie Martinez, for her steadfast encouragement and dedication to their family, allowing him to focus on his career. Additionally, he expressed heartfelt appreciation to his parents, whose guidance and values shaped his path to success. With confidence and optimism, he envisions the FCIE branch thriving, expanding its reach, and forging strong client relationships.



More than just growth, this expansion represents our commitment to excellence, innovation, and lasting client partnerships. As we continue to move forward, we remain dedicated to our core values: **Credibility and Honor, Defined.**

AOC Brings Joy and Inspiration to Oratorians



On March 16, 2025, Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs held an outreach program at Brgy. Locomotive, Canlubang, Laguna, one of the Oratories organized by the Salesian Sisters. The Salesian Sisters, officially known as the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, are a Catholic religious community founded by St. Maria Domenica Mazzarello and St. John Bosco. They utilize oratories to provide a safe space for young people to gather, learn, grow in faith, and enjoy themselves. Sister Joan Silverio, a former head of the AOC Outsource team, represented the Salesian Sisters and conducted a brief catechism at the start of the program.

The event was orchestrated by the HR Team and led by HR Managing Director Jenny Catapang, with the support of Rodel Bascon, Partner-In-Charge of Laguna, and Director Rhoda Bascon, who actively participated in the meaningful gathering.

During the program, Tin Pangalangan, Manager of the HR/Payroll Team, delivered a brief but impactful talk on basic household financial management. The participants, primarily housewives, were highly engaged and shared their own tips on managing finances despite limited resources. Mr. Bascon also provided his insights, emphasizing the importance of evaluating annual income versus expenses to effectively sustain their finances. Rogielyn Barroga, HR Specialist and AOC's Icebreaker master, conducted a separate session with the children, teaching them how they can assist their parents in managing family income.

The event transitioned from serious learning sessions to a few hours of exciting games, bringing smiles and laughter to both children and parents. The AOC Team also distributed thoughtful gifts to the children, making the day even more memorable.

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The team gladly embraced the discomfort of traveling for an official business trip, with some members journeying from North to South on a Sunday. They knew that in return, they would bring joy and comfort to the beneficiaries, the oratorians. Indeed, it was a humbling experience to witness the happiness of the kids and their parents.

The program concluded with a heartwarming dance number by some of the kids, accompanied by a meaningful thank you message to AOC and those who supported the event, financially and in kind.



Bulacan Local Outsource Team Monthly Gathering

On March 25, 2025 -The Bulacan Local Outsource Team holds their monthly meeting at their AOC Bulacan office, followed by an engaging mini golf activity at Wildscape Minigolf in Sta. Maria, Bulacan.



The team members enthusiastically participated in the meeting led by Director Judy Eala, sharing client updates and work progress from each employee.

Following the meeting, along with Partner Meg Paloyo headed to Wildscape Minigolf for a well-deserved break and team bonding session. The mini golf activity provided an opportunity for relaxation, friendly competition, and camaraderie among colleagues. Laughter and cheers filled the air as participants navigated the creatively designed mini golf course.

The event not only reinforced team spirit but also highlighted the importance of work-life balance in maintaining productivity and morale. The AOC Bulacan Local Outsource Team looks forward to another productive month and more engaging activities in the future.



AOC Chairman Donnies Alas' Productive Visit to Bacolod

March 10-13, 2025 – Chairman and Founding Partner, Donnies Alas, visited the AOC Bacolod branch to strengthen relationships and foster connections with clients and friends. During his four-day stay, he engaged in meaningful discussions and productive meetings, reinforcing the firm's commitment to client engagement and service excellence.

Before concluding his visit, Mr. Alas met with the AOC Bacolod team to discuss client updates and branch progress. He also took the opportunity to meet the on-the-job trainees from Binalbagan Catholic College and the University of Negros Occidental Recoletos-Bacolod, sharing words of wisdom and motivation to inspire the next generation of professionals.



March 10, 2025 at Italia Restaurant Bacolod.
(L-R) Managing Director Krizza Oplas, Chairman Donnies Alas, **Mr. Robert H. Cerrada**, COO of e-Future Motors, Ph. Inc. and Lois Abigail Oplas.



March 11, 2025 at UCC Cafe Bacolod.
Mr. Glenn Vincent M. Leonardia, Chairman of the Board of Negros Cooperative Bank and Chairman Donnies Alas.



March 12, 2025 at RG Caram Office.
(L-R) Managing Director Krizza Oplas, **Mr. Razzie Gabriel E. Caram**, President of RG Caram Motor Sales Corp. and Chairman Donnies Alas.



March 13, 2025 at Aboy's Restaurant together with the **Owners** of the restaurant.



March 12, 2025 at Bar 21 Restaurant.
Chairman Donnies Alas together with President of Wang Xin Xin Corporation doing business under the name and style of North Roast Coffee **Mr. Napoleon U. Conmigo**.

Chairman Donnies Alas also had meeting with **Mr. Salvador S. Eufre Jr.** (President of Brick Ridge Realty Corp and Bacolod SJR Trucking Inc.) **Mr. Michael Joseph Anthony Marquez** (President of 116 Partagas Trading Corporation) and **Ms. Janet Lim Marquez** (President of Henluz Corporation)

AOC Chairman Donnies Alas' Productive Visit to Bacolod

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March 13, 2025, the AOC Bacolod Employees had a meeting lunch with Chairman Donnies Alas at Aboy's Restaurant Bacolod.



March 13, 2025 – Chairman Donnies Alas held a meeting and discussion with the OJTs of the branch from Binalbagan Catholic College and the University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos, Bacolod, at the AOC Bacolod Office.



AOC Legazpi Team on Fieldwork

For the month of March, the AOC Legazpi team, led by Partner-In-Charge Nathalie Lupango and Audit Manager Denver Tabubuca, conducted fieldwork engagements with clients in Irosin and Donsol, Sorsogon, as well as Naga City, Camarines Sur. The team was warmly welcomed by their clients, fostering productive collaboration throughout their stay.

Amid their busy schedule, the team also took the opportunity to relax and recharge at Severino's Farm and Resort, their accommodation, in Irosin, Sorsogon. They enjoyed an evening of night swimming while appreciating the breathtaking view of Bulusan Volcano and the peaceful surroundings of the resort. In Donsol, Sorsogon also known as the "Whale Shark Capital of the World", the team explored the area near Amor Farm Beach Resort, their accommodation. They captured memorable photos, and purchased souvenir items to share with their friends and family. Moreover, to conclude their stay in Naga City, Camarines Sur, the team came together for a delightful meal, sharing stories and laughter in a moment of companionship.

The visit to Irosin Sorsogon, Donsol, Sorsogon and Naga City, Camarines Sur not only strengthened professional relationships but also allowed the team to experience the rich landscape and warm hospitality of Bicolanos.



AOC Legazpi and Ortigas Teamwork and Collaboration

March 10, 2025 – AOC Legazpi team led by Partner-In-Charge Nathalie Lupango warmly welcomed Ms. Marinel Dela Cruz, Junior Associate from the Ortigas Branch.

AOC Legazpi extends its sincere appreciation to Ms. Dela Cruz for accepting the request to assist in the engagement. Her knowledge and experience are invaluable assets to the team, contributing significantly for the success of the audit.

The team would also like to express its gratitude to Mr. Denver Tabubuca, Audit Manager from the Ortigas Branch for his unwavering support since the start of the audit season. His expertise, experience, and dedication ensured that the audit process was conducted efficiently and effectively. His leadership played a crucial role in maintaining a high standard of quality and professionalism.

This initiative highlights the importance of collaboration and teamwork across branches, demonstrating a strong commitment to supporting one another in times of need. Through fostering a culture of cooperation and sharing of knowledge, the exchange of insights and expertise enhances professional growth and strengthens the organization as a whole.

AOC Legazpi remains committed to building a collaborative work environment that values teamwork and ensuring continued success through shared efforts, mutual support and understanding.



AOC Legazpi Welcomes Its Newest Interns

March 11, 2025 – AOC Legazpi team led by Partner-In-Charge Nathalie Lupango extends a warm welcome to its new interns, Andrei, Anna and Michael from UST-Legazpi. They are set to successfully complete their internship program under the guidance of AOC-Legazpi. The firm is excited to share its expertise and provide them with valuable hands-on experience in the field of accounting.

As they embark on this new journey, the interns will be immersed in various aspects of the profession, including bookkeeping, audit and taxation. This internship serves as a great platform for them to bridge the gap between theory and practice, allowing them to apply their academic knowledge in real-world scenarios.

AOC Legazpi remains committed to fostering a dynamic learning environment where aspiring accountants can grow professionally and develop the skills necessary for their future career.



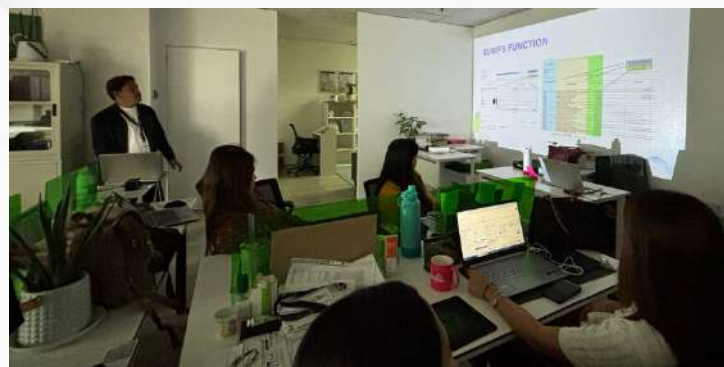
AOC HR and Payroll UpSkill Session and Team Post-Busy Season Celebration

March 17, 2025 – The AOC HR and Payroll team held its monthly meeting at the Parañaque office. During the gathering, the team enjoyed a feast of delicious food, filling the office with laughter and lively conversations. It was not just about work but also about sharing personal milestones, offering support, and fostering a positive work environment where everyone feels valued and included.

The team also celebrated employees' work anniversaries and the team's post-busy season celebration. Their dedication and contributions were recognized, making the gathering even more special and meaningful for everyone present.

Beyond the casual conversations and good food, this gathering played a crucial role in team relationships. Another key moment was the HR Payroll UpSkill Session – Yearend Annualization Excel formulas led by Kenneth Navarro. The session was an interactive learning experience where team members gained in-depth knowledge on payroll computations, specifically focusing on year-end annualization. Kenneth provided real-life scenarios and practical applications of Excel formulas, allowing participants to grasp complex calculations with ease.

Through this monthly meeting, the team continues to foster a culture of support, motivation, and teamwork. As they look forward to the next gathering, the spirit of collaboration remains high, ensuring a more connected and resilient team moving forward.



A productive meeting for another milestone coming



March 7, 2025 – AOC Chairman Donnies Alas held a meeting with Danny Cero at The Manila House, BGC, Taguig, accompanied by Corporate Communications Director Mary Ann Duguran. This meeting marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter as the Chairman plans to establish a new branch in the Rizal area, with Danny Cero stepping into the role of Partner-In-Charge.



March 16, 2025 – Continuing the progress, Mr. Alas visited Rizal for an ocular inspection of potential office locations in Taytay, Tanay, and Antipolo. During the visit, they had the opportunity to meet and greet Antipolo City Mayor Casimiro "Jun" Alcantara Ynares III, who was also in the area at the time.

The visit also provided a chance to strengthen personal connections, as Mr. Alas and the team met with Danny Cero's family and enjoyed a warm gathering with Partner Noel Geraldo's family, including Managing Director Raquel Villarante and their daughter Rafa.



AOC Legazpi Builds New Connections

March 21, 2025 – AOC Legazpi Partner-In-Charge Nathalie Lupango and Associate Auditor Claudine Jane Hiban, had a productive meeting in Sampaguita St., Legazpi City.



The initiative reflects the firm’s commitment to expanding its client portfolio while ensuring that businesses in need of professional accounting and auditing expertise will receive quality standard of service. AOC Legazpi remains dedicated to build strong client relationships and upholding excellence in its engagements. The branch continues to strengthen its presence to deliver exceptional service to its growing network of clients.

AOC HR Team Visits Quezon Province Branch



March 7, 2025 – The AOC HR Team, led by Managing Director Jenny Catapang and HR Specialist Rogielyn Barroga, visited the AOC Quezon Province branch to reinforce the firm’s commitment to digital transformation. They conducted an engaging session on HR policies and the MiHCM system, equipping the branch with essential knowledge to streamline HR processes and maintain alignment with the firm’s HR digital standards.

Partner-in-Charge of Quezon Province Branch, Gerry Barcelona and Director, Lea Mercado warmly welcomed the team, expressing their appreciation for the continued support and dedication to enhancing HR practices within the branch.

#AOCWinStories: *a WOMAN of PURPOSE*

In the previous **special issue** of Beyond Numbers, we celebrated some of the incredible women within the AOC community. This issue highlights the inspiring stories submitted for our "Call for Inspiring Stories" campaign.

Join us once again in honoring these amazing women:



(L-R) CEO and Founding Partner Marycris Oplas, Senior Partner Glesie Martinez, Partners Loraine San Pedro and Meg Paloyo.



(L-R) HR Managing Director Jenny Catapang, Auditor Queenie Lazaro, Managing Directors Sofia Rosal and Racquel Villarante.

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