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*Celebrating
Milestones, Energizing
the Team, and
Swinging into Success
on the Greens.*



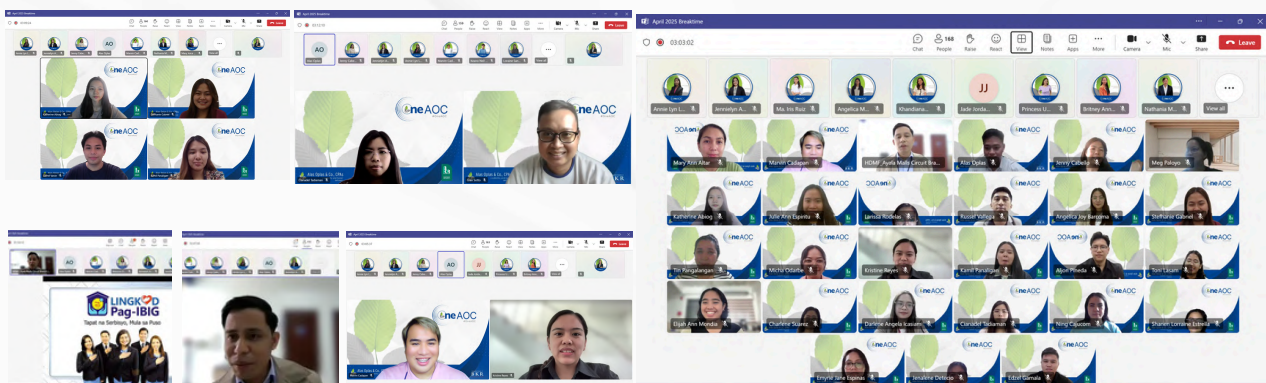
AOC Welcomes April with a Heartfelt Breaktime Celebration

Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs kicked off its much-anticipated April Breaktime Celebration on April 02, 2025. With over 250 attendees from its 13 offices nationwide, the event was a momentous occasion to reflect on past achievements and embrace new beginnings throughout the month. This time, it was not just a simple get-together—but also an opportunity to gain valuable insights aligned with monthly theme.

The celebration commenced with a solemn Holy Mass presided over by Reverend Father Ogie Orpiada. In his homily, Father Orpiada imparted a profound reminder that all of us are sinners, and as such, we are called to pursue peace with one another. He emphasized that true peace can only be attained through the promotion and embodiment of the values and principles of Christ. When we commit ourselves to living out these Christian virtues, genuine peace will naturally dwell within us.

Following this, Marvin Cadapan extended a warm and gracious welcome to all attendees, offering heartfelt greetings to the employees. The program proceeded with an enlightening knowledge-sharing session led by Mr. Juan M. Ilar III, a Member Services Officer III from the Pag-IBIG Fund, Ayala Malls Circuit Branch. Mr. Ilar is actively involved in discussing and guiding members to fully understand and appreciate the value of the Pag-IBIG Fund programs and the various benefits they offer. Through his expertise and unwavering dedication to public service, he has made significant contributions in helping countless individuals and organizations maximize their membership privileges and take full advantage of the benefits provided by the Fund.

Lastly, as part of the monthly program, the event included the introduction of new hires, the celebration of April Birthday and the recognition of employees reaching significant milestone to AOC. This was followed by a fun and lively ice breaker game led by Rogielyn Barroga. Overall, the monthly program proved to be a meaningful and enjoyable gathering that brought the AOC community closer together.



Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs Chairman Participates in Shell Club15 Golf Tournament

April 11, 2025 – AOC Chairman Donnies Alas was among the distinguished guests at the Shell Club15 First Invitational Good Samaritan Golf Tournament, held at the scenic Hallow Ridge Filipinas Golf Course in Laguna.

Showcasing both skill and sportsmanship, Chairman Alas proudly claimed the Champion title in Class C – a testament to his dynamic presence in both the professional and sporting arenas.

He was joined on the green by Atty. De Mille V. Cero, son of Danny Cero, who is set to join the AOC Rizal Branch soon. Their participation not only fostered personal and professional connections but also reflected the firm’s ongoing commitment to nurturing relationships beyond the boardroom.

More than just a golf tournament, the event brought together professionals from various industries for a meaningful day of camaraderie, generosity, and collaboration –all in support of the Good Samaritan cause.



AOC Partners Present Firm's Expertise at TAGCODEC Board Meeting

April 12, 2025 – Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs actively participated in the board meeting of the Tagalog Cooperative Development Center (TAGCODEC), held at La Traviesta Restaurant & Events Venue in Antipolo City.

The firm was represented by Partners Noel Geraldo and Lilibeth Yasay, together with Danny Cero, who is set to become a Partner at the AOC Rizal Branch. The team took the opportunity to introduce the firm through a comprehensive company profile presentation, highlighting its values, services, and industry expertise.

They also held a productive discussion with the TAGCODEC Board of Directors on the firm's audit process, reaffirming AOC's dedication to transparency, regulatory compliance, and client-centric solutions.



AOC Quezon Province Welcomes the 2025 Accounting Services Rollout

On April 29, 2025, AOC Chairman Donnies Alas, Partner for Outsource Services Noel Geraldo, and Director for Implementation of the Accounting System Michelle Estrologo visited the AOC Quezon Province branch to officially kick off the 2025 service cycle.

During the visit, Partner Noel presented a comprehensive overview of the firm's 2025 accounting service offerings. He outlined the key components of the service package, highlighting their relevance and benefits for new clients in need of complete and reliable accounting support.

Director Michelle then led a detailed session on the firm's in-house accounting system. She demonstrated its core features and completed the installation on the team's devices, ensuring the branch is equipped with the tools needed to enhance operational efficiency and accuracy in servicing clients.

AOC Quezon Province's Partner-in-Charge Gerry Barcelona and Director Lea Mercado expressed their sincere appreciation for the head office team's effort and dedication, recognizing the extra initiative taken to support the branch's continued growth and success.



AOC Team Hits the Greens

This April, Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs' Chairman Donnies Alas and Managing Partner Ryan Sabug led a series of golf sessions to promote camaraderie and wellness among the leadership team of AOC.

On April 5, Chairman Donnies was joined by AOC Laguna Partner-in-Charge Rodel Bascon, Director Roda Bascon, and Partner Noel Geraldo at South Point Driving Range in Alabang (1st photo). The light yet engaging golf practice offered a refreshing break from the usual work environment and encouraged meaningful connections among colleagues.

Continuing the momentum, Chairman Donnies returned to the driving range on April 16 for another session with Director Michelle Estrologo, soon-to-be Partner-in-Charge of the AOC Rizal Province Branch Danny Cero, and once again, Partner Noel Geraldo (2nd photo). The activity, held before an internal meeting, set a positive and energized tone for the day.

In the third week of April, Managing Partner Ryan brought together fellow AOC leaders for a practice round at the Philippine Navy Golf Club in Taguig City. Joining him were Tax Advisory Services Partners Fernando Santos and Eljohn Constante, along with Christian Martinez, Partner-in-Charge of the FCIE Branch (3rd photo). The group enjoyed a friendly and engaging game, further strengthening their camaraderie outside the workplace.

These golf outings mark the beginning of what is expected to be a series of similar engagements, aimed at promoting not only physical wellness but also deeper connections and team spirit among the firm's leaders.



San Agustin University Accountancy Students Complete OJT at AOC Iloilo Branch

The Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs - Iloilo branch proudly welcomed BS Accountancy students from San Agustin University for their on-the-job training (OJT), which lasted nearly two and a half months. These future professionals gained hands-on experience in audit fieldwork, vouching, and taxation – the primary area of immersion at the Iloilo office. Their contributions played a vital role in supporting the branch’s compliance efforts during this busy period. Three of the OJT students completed their training in the second week of April, while the remaining four are scheduled to finish by the fourth week. On April 14, 2025, Mr. Ralph Ean Braza, their adviser, visited the office and had a brief discussion with Ms. Kimberly Noble, Partner-in-Charge of AOC Iloilo, about the progress of his students.

In a gesture of appreciation and camaraderie, Atty. Tina Hautea, a close friend of PIC Ms. Kimberly, treated the team to snacks, making the day even more memorable. The Iloilo branch continues to value partnerships with academic institutions, not just as a means of giving back, but also to nurture and prepare the next generation of accounting professionals.



AOC intern students together with their advisor, Mr. Ralph Ean Braza, and AOC Iloilo Partner-in-Charge, Ms. Kimberly Noble.



Sharing a refreshing conversation with Atty. Tina Hautea.



AOC Interns from San Agustin University.

AOC Legazpi Team in Full Audit Finalization

April 5, 2025 – The AOC Legazpi Team Associate Auditors, Ashley Marie J. Rances and Kristel Anne B. Ballaran traveled to Ortigas to actively participate in a coordinated effort to strengthen collaboration work among auditors from Ortigas Branch. This initiative was undertaken to show the company's dedication to ensuring the timely and accurate issuance of audited financial statements.

By working closely with other auditors from Ortigas, the two associate auditors were able to demonstrate their competence, skills, and proficiency to address problems and assure the accuracy and integrity of the financial statements. Not only that it promote efficiency and consistency in financial reporting practices, but it also reflects the firm's ongoing commitment to excellence, transparency, and continuous improvement of its operations.

Meanwhile, the other three associate auditors in Legazpi, Claudine Jane L. Hiban, Fely Joy G. Ballon and Leojelaine Igcoy, showed unwavering dedication by spending the night at the office last April 14, 2025. What could have been a stressful and tiring experience turned into an enjoyable and memorable evening. This reflected their teamwork and shared purpose.

The team prepared their dinner together and filled the night with laughter whilst waiting for the financial statements to be finalized to do the footing. This experience exhibited a strong sense of responsibility and accountability.

Their commitment not only ensured the timely submission of reports but also strengthened the team's spirit within the branch by reflecting the company's values of upholding excellence, integrity, and professionalism.



AOC Cavite Post Busy Season Celebration

Following the successful completion of the recent busy season, the AOC Cavite team held a vibrant and well-deserved Post-Audit Celebration to honor the hard work, dedication, and teamwork demonstrated by the entire staff throughout the audit process. Senior Partner Glesie Martinez was also present and expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the team for their commitment—even through overnight work and sleepless nights.

The event, held at the Cavite Office, was filled with laughter, good food and a sense of accomplishment. Staff from various departments came together not just to celebrate the positive audit results, but also to strengthen camaraderie and enjoy a few moments of relaxation after weeks of intense preparation and focus.

The celebration served as both a reward and a reminder of the power of unity, preparation, and excellence in workplace culture. It also reinforced the importance of celebrating wins — big or small — as part of the journey toward continuous improvement.

As the team moves forward to new goals and challenges, the AOC Cavite team carries with them the lessons from the audit and the joyful memories of a celebration that highlighted the importance of teamwork and shared success.



AOC Cabanatuan Wraps Up Busy Season with a Simple Celebration

On April 15, 2025—the final day of the filing deadline—AOC Cabanatuan marked the end of a demanding busy season with a simple yet joyful celebration. After months of sleepless nights and dedicated work, the team came together to enjoy pizza, ice cream, and light-hearted conversations.

It was a well-deserved break for the team, who expressed relief and satisfaction in having successfully finalized and met all client deadlines. Their shared celebration was a testament to their hard work, teamwork, and commitment to delivering quality service.

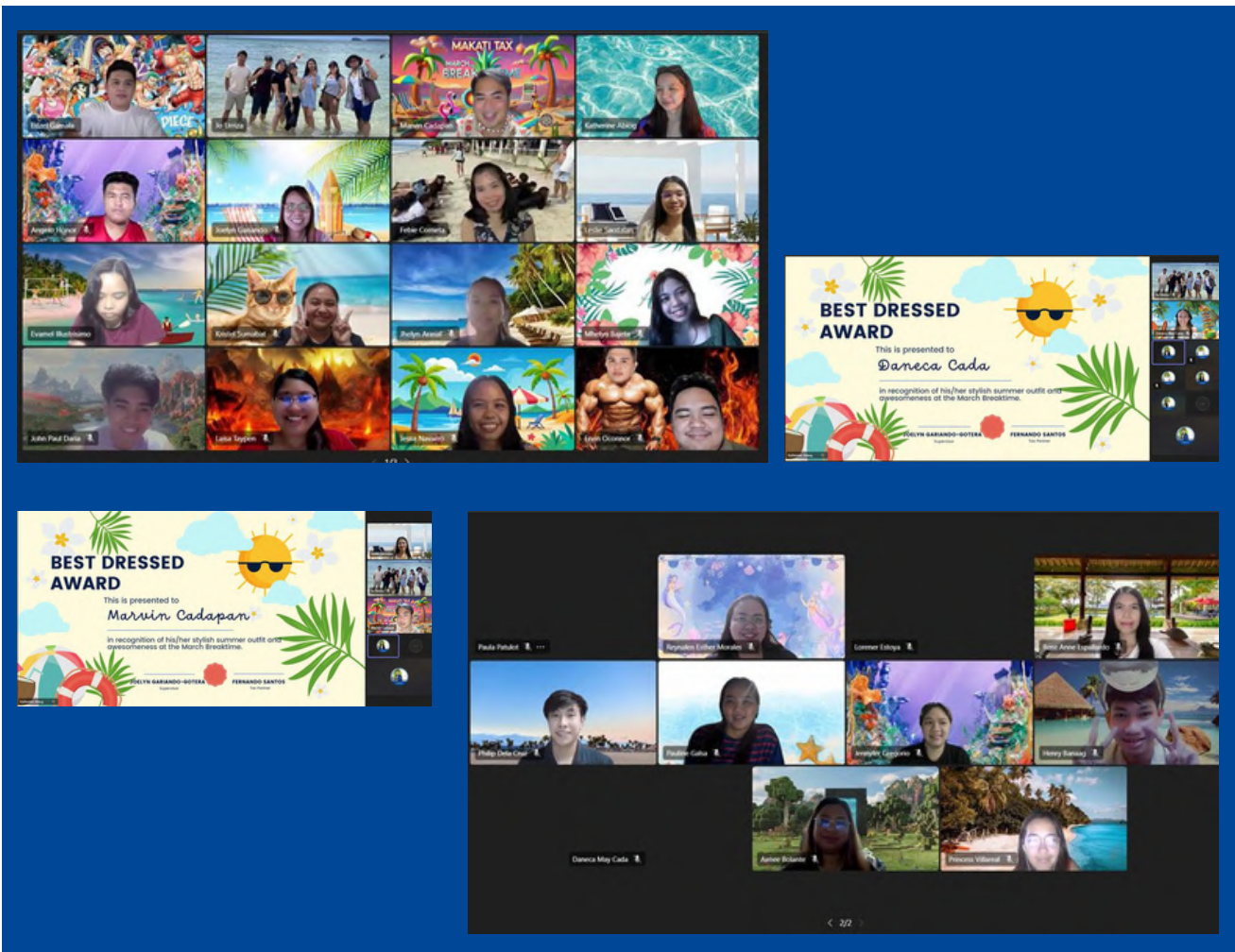


Makati Tax Team Recharges with Virtual Summer-Themed Break

In March 2025, the Makati Tax Team took a refreshing pause from the demands of the busy season with a virtual summer-themed breaktime. Spearheaded by the San Jose (SJ) Team, the celebration featured fun games and engaging activities that brought the team together in spirit, despite working remotely.

Wearing their best summer outfits, team members added a splash of color and personality to the virtual gathering. The event promoted camaraderie, encouraged creativity, and strengthened communication—offering a welcome breather during the busiest time of the year.

This well-timed break served as a boost of energy and motivation, helping the team stay resilient, focused, and connected as they powered through the final stretch of the busy season.



AOC Cavite Launches ASEAN-Inspired Attire Mondays

Starting April 1, 2025, the Cavite branch of Alas Oplas & Co., CPAs has implemented a new branch dress code policy in celebration of cultural diversity and creative expression. Every Monday is now designated as ASEAN-Inspired Attire Day, encouraging employees to showcase regional heritage through their clothing.

This initiative aims to promote creativity, respect for Southeast Asian cultures, and a refreshed approach to professional attire—all while maintaining the firm's commitment to excellence and professionalism.

Under the policy, male employees may opt to wear traditional garments such as the Barong Tagalog, batik shirts, or other ASEAN-themed tops paired with trousers or chinos. Female employees are encouraged to wear ASEAN-inspired dresses or blouses—such as the Baro't Saya or batik—paired with skirts or trousers. Ethnic accessories are welcomed and encouraged as a form of personal expression.

Beyond simply refreshing workplace attire, this initiative provides a platform to celebrate and honor cultural heritage. It fosters greater appreciation for regional diversity, strengthens unity among team members, and brings vibrant energy into the start of each workweek.

By integrating ASEAN-Inspired outfits into office culture, AOC Cavite branch underscores its core values of diversity, respect, and innovation. Each Monday becomes more than a dress code—it becomes a celebration of tradition, identity, and shared pride.





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