## Belle Corporation supports the Archdiocese of Lipa's programs for the poor

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Manuel A. Gana (third from left), Belle Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer, receives a certificate of donation from Most Reverend Gilbert A. Garcera, DD (far right), Archbishop of Lipa, during the Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc.'s (LASAC) Legacy Night held on July 27, 2019. Also in the photo are (from left) Reverend Father Jayson T. Siapno, Ministry of Social Services of the Archdiocese of Lipa Chairman; and Michelle T. Hernandez, Belle Corporation Vice President for Governance and Corporate Affairs.

Belle Corporation (Belle) recently donated Php500,000 to the Archdiocese of Lipa Trust Fund for the Poor established by the Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc. (LASAC). The program is aimed at providing a sustainable resource for the Archdiocese's work and help for the poor covering Belle's host communities in Talisay and Tanauan, Batangas, among others.

Most Reverend Gilbert A. Garcera, Archbishop of Lipa, acknowledged Belle's "notable contribution in safeguarding the continuity of all projects and related programs and activities" of LASAC during the Legacy Night held last July 27, 2019 at Hotel 1925 in Lipa City, Batangas. LASAC was a partner of Belle Kaagapay, Belle's corporate social responsibility arm, for its supplemental feeding program from 2014 to 2016.

During the ceremony, Manuel A. Gana, Belle Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer, handed over the check donation to Archbishop Garcera. Also representing the Corporation was Michelle T. Hernandez, Vice President for Governance and Corporate Affairs.



(From left) Ramon J. Araneta, First Gen Corporation Vice President, Archbishop Garcera and Mr. Gana are all smiles during LASAC's Legacy Night.

## **About Belle Corporation**

Belle Corporation is a developer of tourism and leisure destinations in the Philippines. Its principal asset is the City of Dreams Manila in PAGCOR Entertainment City by Manila Bay, which is being leased on a long-term basis to Melco Resorts and Entertainment (Philippines) Corporation (Melco). In addition to lease income, Belle is accorded a share in revenues or earnings from City of Dreams Manila's gaming operations through the operating agreement between its 78.7%-owned subsidiary, Premium Leisure Corp., and Melco. Belle also owns approximately one hectare of presently undeveloped land across from the City of Dreams Manila site.

South of Metro Manila, Belle owns significant real estate assets and develops premium residential resort projects around Tagaytay City. Among its exclusive destinations are the club and golf facilities and residential communities of Tagaytay Highlands and Tagaytay Midlands, as well as a further 800 hectares intended for future development.