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SUPER HAPPY,
PARANG NAG-PAID
OFF LAHAT NG
HARD WORK AND
REVIEWS KO.
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-REY JHAN, FAIRPLAY SCHOLAR
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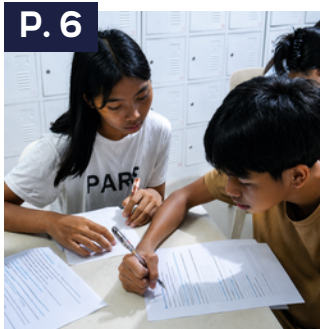
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WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT FAIRPLAY



PROGRAM UPDATE

A DAY IN PAYATAS

Sports, Learning, Food and a Night to Remember

By Jerome B. Lumuntad

The night was still young. Loud music and cheers from the crowd urged people from different backgrounds to show off their best dance moves. Laughter echoed through the Payatas Sports Center, filling the space with life. Everyone was having a blast.

On July 10, 2026, delegates participating in the Southeast Asia Sport and Youth Crime Prevention Initiative (SYCP) Peer Learning Exchange 2026 visited Payatas, Quezon City, to see firsthand how Fairplay uses sports and education to help prevent crime among young people and break the cycle of poverty in the community. The delegation included representatives from the Alliance of Sport in Criminal Justice, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), and SYCP grantees.

The day began with taho, a popular Filipino soy-based delicacy. Its sweet flavor and delicate texture warmly welcomed the delegates to Payatas and kicked off the Filipino experience that would continue throughout the day.

After registration, the delegates were divided into teams and given the opportunity to experience different activities conducted by Fairplay for its beneficiaries. Each team explored different parts of

Payatas, accompanied by Executive Director Roy Moore, who gave them a brief history of the community.

At the Payatas Sports Center, the delegates joined futsal training sessions alongside the children. At the Fairplay Youth Center, they took part in a challenging mathematics tutorial session with Fairplay Scholars.

After the activities, everyone gathered for a buffet of Filipino dishes prepared by the Fairplay Café. The delegates enjoyed both the food and each other's company over lunch. Some even asked if they could take some of the food with them after the meal.

The food was that delicious.

After lunch, Roy Moore led a seminar on the use of sports for crime prevention, particularly in the context of Payatas.

But the day wasn't over yet.

The delegates returned to the Payatas Sports Center for a farewell dinner. Warm lights and hanging banners transformed the venue, while food carts serving popular Filipino street food—including fish balls and sorbetes—welcomed everyone. There were also fun booths and arcade games for the delegates

and Fairplay team to enjoy.

The street food was so good that some people joked they no longer had room for the actual dinner.

Many delegates and members of the Foundation captured memories of the day at the photobooth. After dinner, a small program was held to recognize the contributions of Fairplay Scholars and coaches to the Foundation's work.

Delegates from SYCP gave speeches and thanked everyone who helped make the event possible.

Then, shortly after, the party began.

People started encouraging one another to dance and enjoy the music. The Sports Center filled with laughter, smiles and people showing off their dance moves. For a place that is usually associated with training, games and learning, it had never looked quite like this before.

Different people from different backgrounds had come together in Payatas—to learn, play, eat, laugh and celebrate.

It was a memorable night.~

AROUND FAIRPLAY >



UPCOMING EVENT

Blood Donation Drive
September 19, 2026 (Sat)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Fairplay Youth Center

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Relive the day in Payatas.



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See more moments from the exchange.

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SPORTS

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PROGRAM UPDATE

PAYATAS 3x3 LEAGUE 2026:

A Season of Sport and Community

The Payatas 3x3 Sports League officially kicked off on June 13, 2026, at the Payatas Sports Center, bringing together young athletes to compete in three sports: basketball, futsal, and volleyball.

But the league was about more than winning games. Every time the courts came alive, young people had another opportunity to move, connect, and be part of a community. One player inspired another, and one game brought in new faces.

The season came to an exciting close on July 27 with the Futsal Finals, where young

athletes from the U10, U12, U13, and U15 divisions battled for the championship. Families, coaches, and supporters filled the sidelines, cheering as the teams showed determination, teamwork, skill, and heart from the opening kick to the final whistle.

Beyond the competition, the league gave young players a chance to practice the values that make sport powerful: discipline, resilience, respect, and community. Every game was also an opportunity for children to build friendships, gain confidence, and discover what they are capable of achieving.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Fairplay Coaches Complete Futsal Referee Training

Fairplay coaches Rona, Carlo, Shiela, and Jek completed a three-session Futsal Referee Training held on June 20, June 27, and July 4, 2026, at St. Aquinas School. Organized by the Henry V. Moran Foundation, the training strengthened their knowledge of the Laws of the Game, match management, positioning, and officiating—helping them become better coaches and leaders in the futsal community.~

Congratulations to all the champions, finalists, coaches, referees, volunteers, and players who made the Payatas 3x3 League 2026 a season to remember.

We'll see you on the court again!~

PLAYER OF THE MONTH



Nigle
U12

Nigle stood out during the Payatas 3x3 League, showing skill, confidence, and determination on the futsal court. His strong performances and commitment made him a well-deserved Player of the Month.

COACH OF THE MONTH



Coach Garibo
Level 2

Coach Garibo continues to lead by example through consistency and commitment. From completing every Level 3 coaching session to taking on the numbers and admin side of coaching, he keeps learning, improving, and showing up for the team.

STANDOUTS THIS MONTH



FAIR PLAY AWARD
Riomay, U18



LEADERSHIP AWARD
Thea M., U14



MOST IMPROVED
Sophia Mae, U10

NO INDIVIDUAL IS GREATER THAN THE TEAM.

-PELÉ



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THE BIG FEATURE

DREAMS, DISCIPLINE, AND A MIRACLE

**The story of Rey Jhan
and his journey from Payatas to PUP**

By Jerome B. Lumuntad

While everybody at the nearby mall was torn between buying or not buying the nice clothing displayed behind the glass windows, Rey Jhan Arinque and his friend were busy figuring out problems from free study materials they found on the internet and watching YouTube videos on their smartphones.

The sounds of chatter echoing around them, the tempting smell of food from the food stalls, and the swarm of people passing by did not bother them as they continued studying almost every day after class to prepare for the upcoming college entrance exams.

The free air-conditioned space and unlimited access to the internet were enough conditions for them to study better.

Ever since, Rey Jhan has preferred to study with someone. Growing up, little Rey Jhan would stay at his auntie's house to study with his cousin—partly because he was often left alone at home, or would spend time with his friends at the Fairplay drop-in center.

The kid was surrounded by a lot of stuff, except books. None of his family members liked reading either. His father was involved in an accident that prevented him from working, and their family struggled financially.

"No'ng bata, wala talaga, walang nagtuturo sa'kin kasi hirap kami no'n. 'Di maka-trabaho si Papa, busy sa trabaho si Mama, mga kapatid ko nag-aaral kaniya-kaniya."

"When I was a kid, there was really no one to help me with my studies because we were struggling at that time. My father couldn't work, my mother was busy working, and my siblings had to study on their own."

It was at the Fairplay drop-in center, where

he often came with his siblings and friends, that he developed an interest in reading. There, he encountered Filipino children's books such as *Ang Pagong at ang Matsing* (The Turtle and the Monkey), along with a variety of other books, flashcards, and worksheets.

Reading helped him develop his "imagination."

He started going to Fairplay when he was just four years old. Three of his siblings also became Fairplay scholars. At the drop-in center, the books and learning materials helped him develop his basic literacy and numeracy skills.

He became an official Fairplay Scholar during the pandemic in 2020. From then on, he started receiving a regular allowance from the Foundation to support his education.

His mother and sister became his motivation to pursue college. He also believed that getting a college education would give him better employment opportunities and improve his life situation.

Just recently, colleges and universities in the National Capital Region started announcing the results of their entrance examinations. He took five college entrance exams, but he was really eyeing a slot at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.



Rey Jhan (center) at the Fairplay Drop-in Center, June 2013.



The university appealed to him because it offers free tuition, has a good reputation for quality education, and has people he felt comfortable interacting with.

On the date the results were announced, he stayed up until midnight to check if he had managed to pass the exam. When he checked the Polytechnic University of the Philippines portal, however, a message saying, "We regret to inform you that you are not qualified..." made him sad and disappointed. He thought he would not be able to enroll.

Then a miracle happened.

A few days later, he received an email from the same institution inviting him to enroll in his desired college program. At first, he thought it was just a scam.

But it wasn't.

He actually passed!

Perhaps the first notice was simply a system error.

He was "super happy, parang nag-paid off lahat ng hard work and reviews ko."

"Super happy, it's like all of my hard work and reviews finally paid off."

His family celebrated this major milestone, as he was the only one in his family to enter a state university.

On top of that, among the five college entrance exams he took, he managed to qualify for three universities: Quezon City University, Far Eastern University, and the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

This August, he started his freshman year as a Mechanical Engineering student at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.~

**A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES
BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP.**

-LAO TZU



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SCHOLAR VOICES

Stories, ideas and perspectives
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MULA BAHAY PATUNGONG FAIRPLAY CAFE

Isang unang hakbang tungo sa pagtatrabaho, pagkatuto, at pagiging mas independent.

By Richard, Fairplay Cafe Apprentice

Ako si Richard, 18 years old. Ako ang panganay sa aming limang magkakapatid. Madalas lang akong nasa bahay at bihira akong lumabas. Lumalabas lang ako kapag inaaya ako ng pamilya o ng mga kaklase at kaibigan ko. Kapag nasa bahay naman ako, tumutulong ako sa mga gawaing bahay.

Noong May 28, 2026, nakapagtapos ako ng Senior High School. Pagkatapos kong grumaduate, pinag-isipan ko kung ipagpapatuloy ko ba agad ang pag-aaral ko sa college. Gusto ko sanang magpatuloy, pero naisip ko rin na mahal ang tuition at kailangan ko ring makatulong sa pamilya. Kaya naisip kong maghanap muna ng trabaho para magkaroon ng experience at kahit papaano ay makatulong sa mga gastusin sa bahay.

Nang makita ng aking tita ang Fairplay na hiring, agad niyang kinontak si Ate Daniela, ang social worker ng Fairplay, kung puwede akong mag-apply bilang apprentice kahit na 17 years old pa lang ako. Bago magsimula ang nalalapit naming pagpasok sa café, nagdagdag pa ng edad na May 15, 2026, kaya pinayagan akong makapasok sa Fairplay Café. Tuwang-tuwa ako nang makapasok ako dahil first time kong magtatrabaho at first time kong mararanasan ang hirap ng pagtatrabaho. (Cont. to page 6.)



A DAY OF FUN, FOAM, AND FRIENDSHIP

Fairplay Scholars come together at Rayloong Resort for a summer day filled with games, swimming, laughter, and memories.

By Princesz, Fairplay Scholar

San Rafael, Bulacan — July 12, 2026 — The Fairplay summer outing at Rayloong Resort was a joyful and memorable day for everyone. Members spent the day bonding, sharing meals, catching up with one another, and joining different games and activities.

The energy was high as everyone enthusiastically participated in the games. Then came the part everyone was waiting for—swimming. We enjoyed dipping into the cool, refreshing water of the pool and having fun together.

My favorite moment was when we were all in the foam. It didn't matter who looked good in the pictures or who knew how to swim. What mattered was that we were together. We were pushing each other, laughing, and enjoying ourselves.

At Fairplay, we're used to being serious, but that day at Rayloong, all we did was enjoy ourselves. The foam was such a simple thing, but it made everyone so happy. I'll never forget how we all looked with foam in our hair and on our faces while laughing.

What I remember most, though, was the ride home. We were tired and sleepy, but we were still noisy and chatting about swimming and the slide. Our bodies were tired, but it felt so light.

That day reminded me that it's okay to rest and enjoy time together. Even though we were tired, we were still happy because we were together. ~



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SCHOLARS' OUTING
See more moments.



“ **Kahit hindi ganoon kalaki ang aking kinikita, masaya ako dahil nakakatulong ako sa pamilya ko.** ”

(cont'd from page 5) Dahil dito, nagkaroon ako ng pagkakataong makapasok sa Fairplay Café bilang apprentice. Noong una, kinakabahan ako dahil wala pa akong experience sa pagtatrabaho. Hindi ko alam kung ano ang mga gagawin ko at kung kakayanin ko ba ang mga responsibilidad na ibibigay sa akin. Pero kahit kinakabahan ako, pinili kong subukan dahil alam kong malaking pagkakataon ito para matuto.

Noong first day namin sa café, ginabayan kami ni Ma'am Anne. Ipinakilala niya kami sa mga nanay na sila Nanay Mila, Nanay Cristy, at Nanay Weng, dahil sila ang magtuturo sa amin sa pagluluto at ipinaliwanag kung ano ang mga gawain namin sa café. Tinuruan din kami kung paano mag-inventory at gumawa ng iba't ibang tasks.

Tuwing sahod, nakakapagbigay ako ng pera sa mama ko. Kahit hindi ganoon kalaki ang aking kinikita, masaya ako dahil nakakatulong ako sa pagbabayad ng mga gastusin sa bahay at sa pang-araw-araw naming pangangailangan.

Habang tumatagal ako sa Fairplay Café, mas marami rin akong nakilala. Nakilala ko sina Kuya Jerome, Kuya Sid, Ate Daniela, Kuya JV, Coach Rona, Ate Shiela, Tatay Ed, at si Ma'am Anne. Mabait sila at masaya silang kasama. Nagkaroon din kami ng outing sa bahay nila Kuya Sid, at sobrang nag-enjoy ako dahil mas nakilala ko sila at naging mas close kami.

Nakilala ko rin ang ibang apprentices, tulad nina Ate Glaiza, Kuya Mac, Hannah, Garibo, at minsan ay gumagala kami nila Kuya Jerome at nila Ate Glaiza at Hannah. Minsan, tumatambay kami kina Ate Daniela para kumain at magkwentuhan.

Habang tumatagal ako sa café, natutunan ko ang iba't ibang gawain. Natuto akong magmasa ng veggie meat, magluto ng food, at mag-assist sa mga bata. Natuto rin akong maging mas maingat at mas mabilis sa paggawa ng mga tasks.

Ngayon, ang goal naman namin ay matutong magluto ng lunch. Alam kong marami pa akong kailangang matutunan, pero masasabi kong mas confident na ako ngayon kumpara noong unang araw ko. Higit sa lahat, nagpapasalamat ako kay Ma'am Anne dahil sa patuloy niyang paggabay at pagtuturo sa amin.

Kung ikukumpara ko ang sarili ko bago ako makapasok sa Fairplay Café at ngayon, masasabi kong marami na akong natutunan at nagbago.~

LEARNING CORNER



STUDY SMARTER, NOT HARDER! 5 Simple Study Tips for Fairplay Scholars



1. Find your study buddy.

Studying with a friend can make learning more enjoyable. Quiz each other, explain difficult topics, and help each other stay focused.

2. Break it down.

Don't try to learn everything at once. Divide a big lesson into smaller parts and focus on one topic at a time.



3. Test yourself.

After reading your notes, close the book and try to remember what you learned. Make your own questions or ask a friend to quiz you.

4. Take short breaks.

Your brain needs a rest, too! Study for a while, then take a short break before getting back to work. Use your break to stretch, walk around, or get some water.



5. Ask when you're stuck.

Don't be afraid to say, "Hindi ko maintindihan." Ask a teacher, sibling, friend, or fellow Scholar for help. Learning is easier when you don't have to figure everything out alone.

FAIRPLAY STUDY REMINDER

**You don't have to be the smartest in the room.
Just keep learning, keep asking, and keep trying.**

THIS MONTH'S STUDY CHALLENGE The 20-Minute Challenge



Pick one subject that you find difficult.

- 🕒 Study it for 20 minutes without checking your phone.
- ✍️ Write down 3 things you learned.
- 💡 Write 1 question you still have.

CAN YOU DO IT FOR 5 DAYS IN A ROW?

Show us your 5 entries!

Submit your five study entries to The Fairplay Press team. Complete all 5 days and you could win a prize!

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**THE EXPERT IN ANYTHING
WAS ONCE A BEGINNER.**

-HELEN HAYES



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The Boy from Pampanga St., Payatas Who Dared to Dream

A Comic Series

Written & illustrated by Arjan, Fairplay Scholar



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-HENRI MATISSE



MAHILIG KA BA MAG-DRAWING,
MAGSULAT NG TULA O KWENTO?

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THE FUN PAGE



Finish

MAZE MANIA!

Can you find your way from START to FINISH?

A MINI FAIRPLAY TRIVIA QUIZ

How well do you know Fairplay?



1. Who are the co-founders of Fairplay?

- a. Naomi Thomson and Roy Moore
- b. Naomi Tomlinson and Roger Moore
- c. Naomi Tomlinson and Roy Moore
- d. Ate Zargy and Roy Moore

2. When was Fairplay registered with the SEC?

- a. 2010
- b. 2011
- c. 2012
- d. 2013

3. Where was Fairplay's first drop-in-center located?

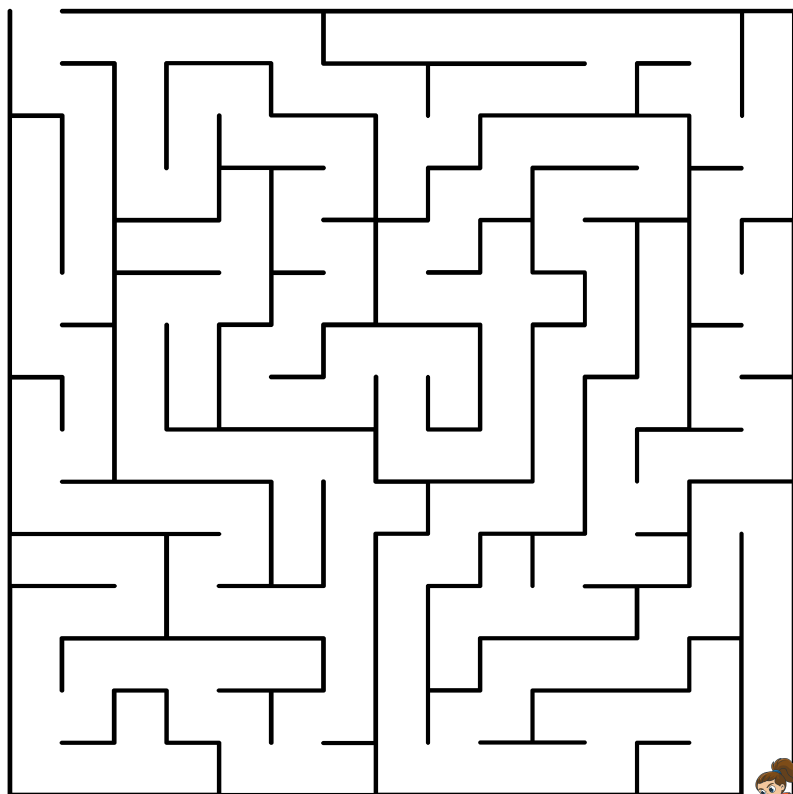
- a. Bulacan St. cor. Alley 4
- b. Payatas Rd.
- c. Bicol St. cor. Alley 3
- d. Amlac

4. Where did Coach Roy first hold football trainings?

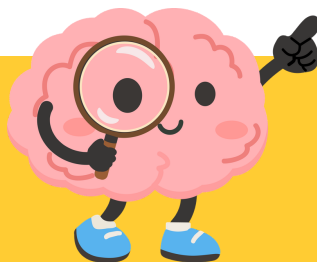
- a. Barangay Payatas basketball court
- b. Lupang Pangako Elementary School
- c. Payatas Sports Center, Amlac
- d. JCMPS basketball court

5. Who are the three nanays of the Fairplay Cafe?

- a. Nanay Mila, Nanay Cristy, Nanay Rhodora
- b. Nanay Cristy, Nanay Rowena, Nanay Nina
- c. Nanay Weng, Nanay Cristina, Nanay Milagrosa
- d. Nanay Rowena, Nanay Mila, Nanay Cristy



Start



One clever riddle.
Think it through—no Google, no ChatGPT!

I have cities, but no houses.
I have mountains, but no trees.
I have water, but no fish.

BRAIN TEASER

What am I?



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Can you find all 7 differences?



TIME FLIES WHEN YOU ARE HAVING FUN.

-ALBERT EINSTEIN



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