

May this lead to transform

Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III

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To be bestowed with this recognition is a humbling experience.

This is especially so since tonight is among the very rare occasions I stand side-by-side with other peace warriors and champions old and new to receive similar citations.

But what makes this more humbling is the fact that this honor is conferred by a congregation of men and women who, despite into varying professions and interests, found common ground in doing their share in the pursuit of peace.

I am grateful to the Rotary Clubs of Rotary International Districts 3830, 3790 and 3820 not only for this recognition. I thank you more for your passion in helping nurture a culture peace into our national life.

You have touched countless lives in so many ways, and continue to inspire a lot more, including us, through such extraordinary undertakings.

Already, Rotary's brand of embracing the advocacy for peace has gone a long way in transforming communities. With our common desire for the absence of conflict and strife, together we shall reap the dividends of peace and national harmony.

Thank you!