



Press Release
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**Megawide Foundation, GMCAC, and World Surgical Foundation Philippines
Hold 3-day Surgical Mission in Lapu-Lapu City**

Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu – Megawide Corporate Foundation, Inc. (Megawide Foundation) and GMR MEGAWIDE Cebu Airport Corporation (GMCAC) held a surgical mission last March 6-8, 2019 at the Lapu-Lapu City District Hospital in Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu. The mission was done in partnership with the World Surgical Foundation Philippines (WSFP). Close to 200 underprivileged children and adult recipients selected by the City Health Office and WSFP were given free elective surgical treatments.

The surgical mission was made possible through the support of the Lapu-Lapu City Office of City Health; partner hospital, Lapu-Lapu City District Hospital; official partner carrier, Cebu Pacific Air; and trucking sponsor PS Baltazar Building and Architecture.

“Megawide Foundation is proud to partner with GMCAC and the WSFP in bringing this surgical mission to the people of Lapu-Lapu City,” said Sheila Lynn Nawata, Megawide Foundation Chief Operating Officer. “There is a need for more missions such as this that have the capacity to change people’s lives. We are proud to work with GMCAC and the WSFP in bringing first-world surgical care to the people of Lapu-Lapu City,” she said.

“We are privileged to work with Megawide Foundation and WSFP on its first surgical mission in Lapu-Lapu City,” said Andrew Harrison, GMCAC Chief Executive Advisor. “While we continue to make the best journeys for our passengers at the airport, we also aim to extend the warmth of our care through relevant social programs in the community where we belong,” said Harrison.

For this project, Megawide Foundation and GMCAC partnered with the World Surgical Foundation Philippines, the Philippine contingent of US-based non-profit organization World Surgical Foundation.

WSFP President, pediatric surgeon Dr. Mark Lester Suntay, headed the WSFP contingent. “We saw that we could really make a big difference in Lapu-Lapu City. There are a lot of people who cannot afford surgical treatments, or who find it hard to have to go to Cebu City for these kinds of procedures so we are bringing this service to them,” said Suntay.

He emphasized the importance of surgical care for all. “Surgical missions have a significant impact because they change the lives of patients right away. After surgery, people become more productive – they can go back to work or school, they can provide for their family. Surgical care would be the highest level of care that you can give, and we are providing it through this mission without cost,” he said. #



About the Project Partners:

Megawide Corporate Foundation, Inc. (Megawide Foundation) is a non-profit organization dedicated to aiding the public through its various programs and initiatives providing high quality technical education and eco-friendly community building. Among its flagship projects are the Megawide Engineering Excellence Scholarship Program and the Megawide-SKILLS Builder Program. Megawide Foundation is part of the Megawide group. It was incorporated in 2012.

GMR MEGAWIDE Cebu Airport Corporation (GMCAC) is the private partner of the Philippine Government in the 25-year PPP contract for the development of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport. In November 2018, MCIA was named Asia Pacific Medium Airport of the Year during the CAPA Aviation Awards for Excellence in Singapore. According to the official release by the aviation think tank, MCIA was selected among airports with over 10 million annual passengers for “having been the biggest standout strategically, has established itself as a leader and done the most to advance the progress of the aviation industry.”

World Surgical Foundation Philippines (WSFP) is the Philippine contingent of US-based World Surgical Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to providing charitable surgical health care to the world’s poor and underserved in developing nations regardless of race, color, religion, or creed. WSF has performed over 7,500 free surgeries since October 1997. We have improved health care in many third-world countries, including *Ecuador, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, India, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Thailand.*