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SPU MANILA ANNUAL OUTING

The entire SPU Manila community—Sister and lay administrators, faculty, non-teaching staff and maintenance personnel—spent a day in the Manila Ocean Park as their annual outing.



A tourist attraction located behind the Quirino Grandstand at Rizal Park, the Manila Ocean Park is an oceanarium in Manila, Philippines. It is owned by China Oceanis Philippines Inc., a subsidiary of China Oceanis Inc., a Singaporean-registered firm. (*Wikipedia*)



The main attraction of Manila Ocean Park is the Oceanarium which houses 14,000 sea creatures from about 277 species all of which is indigenous in Southeast Asia. The Oceanarium has seven sections and contains 2,600 cubic meters of sea water.^[5] Its main feature is the 25 meters (82 ft.) 220° curved walkway tunnel after a 55-meter walkthrough inside the Oceanarium.

The water used in the Oceanarium is derived from the Manila Bay which is filtered to be suitable to marine life. It also has an educational activity area, function rooms for events, and shark and stingray viewing area situated in two levels. The Manila Ocean Park also hosts the Trails to Antarctica, the first penguin park facility in the country, which features Humboldt penguins. Through the years, their breeding program for the penguins have been very successful. As of May 2017, they already have a total of 13 baby penguins that hatched inside the park.



They also have the Birds of Prey Kingdom which features Brahminy kites and the World of Creepy Crawlies which exhibits frogs, insects, spiders, and worms.

Services were also offered to patrons such as the Mermaid Swim Experience where visitors are taught to swim while wearing a costume mermaid tail, Underwater diving, Fish Spa, and rides on a boat with a glass bottom.

Shows such as the Sea Lion Show and All Star Bird Show is performed inside the Manila Ocean Park and seats up to 1,900 pax per show. As part of their banner CSR program called "I Love My Ocean Planet," the show brings valuable information on environmental conservation and close interaction with the birds and sea lions.



The Symphony is a performance involving fountains that shoots water 40 meters (130 ft) high supplemented with multimedia effects is also among the attractions of the Manila Ocean Park.

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Other features include a Christmas Village, Yexel's toy museum, and an optical illusion room that creates upside down pictures.



BUFFET LUNCH FOR SR. ALEGRIA

The buffet lunch in Manila Ocean Park was in honor of Sr. Alegria Avellanida, SPC, Vice-President for Administrative Services, who celebrated her golden jubilee in the SPC Community in Our Lady of Chartres Convent on 8 July 2017.



CMPA CELEBRATES SR. ANUNCIATA'S BIRTHDAY

The College of Music and the Performing Arts celebrated the birthday of its Dean, Sr. Ma. Anunciata Sta. Ana, SPC, on 2 August 2017 with a musical tribute from faculty, students, and alumni.

