

LORMA DOC AWARDED OUTSTANDING PEDIATRICIAN IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Dr. Gaerlan recipient of the *Dr. Fe del Mundo Award*

SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION— The management of Lorma Medical Center congratulates Dr. Jeisela C. Balderas-Gaerlan for being awarded *The Outstanding Pediatrician in Community Service* by the Philippine Pediatric Society as last April 3, 2011 during the 48th PPS Annual Convention in Manila. The award, also known as the *Dr. Fe del Mundo Award*, is given to a Diplomate or Fellow who has shown exemplary work in the community. Her contribution to community service is outlined below:

- For her sustained leadership and active participation in the awareness campaign and management of HIV-AIDS patients in Northern Luzon since 1991. The accomplishments of which are summarized in a June 2008 Report to the Global Fund and Tropical Disease Foundation entitled, “The HIV-AIDS Core Team (HACT) of ITRMC”:
- For her untiring efforts in conducting activities geared towards the preservation of the environment since 1997 through her empowerment projects such as those on eco-gardens, composting, tree-planting, water pumps and the healing power of medicinal plants and vegetables:
- For rallying partner agencies in her main crusade of promoting the health of 236 elementary and high school special children since 1999 through the “Adopt-a-SPED School Project” (the San Fernando North SPED School, the only SPED school in La Union), and that of 56 abandoned children since 2003 through the “Adopt-an-Orphanage Project” (the Christian Praise Fellowship Orphanage, the only orphanage in San Fernando, La Union):
- For her many other selfless advocacies in and out of the PPS-Northern Luzon Chapter as varied as medical missions, education/scholarship programs, proper nutrition programs, childhood disease awareness through brochures in the vernacular, and spiritual development of medical professionals, and:
- For her outstanding leadership as past president and active member of the PPS-Northern Luzon Chapter, her pioneering role in establishing the HAB-accredited residency training program in Pediatrics at ITRMC and helping produce 62 practising pediatricians in Northern Luzon since 1990, her dedicated clinical practice in the government and private sectors, and her being a multi-awarded medical professional and social mobilizer.

Dr. Gaerlan, currently, is the Assistant Medical Director for Medical Specialists Relations and also is the Head of the Wellness and Integrative Medicine Center of Lorma.

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