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BETTER *for a* BRIGHTER HEALTH *FUTURE*

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Last Saturday, May 22, 2015, the Order of Asclepius has yet again extended its hand, when the Uygongco Foundation Incorporated (UFI), spearheaded by Ms. Pia Uygongco, conducted its 5th annual ‘*Linis Bata*’ Medical Mission held at the said foundation’s adopted schools in the provinces of Iloilo and Guimaras.

The UFI organized the mission with the theme “*A better life for our community, a brighter future for our nation*”. The said event was conducted simultaneously for the UFI scholars from the foundation’s host communities which includes the following: Rizal Elementary School, Hibao-an Elementary School, N. J. Incore Elementary School, Don Pedro Vasquez Memorial School, and Jordan Central School. The day-long event included activities such as lice removal (*Alis Kuto*), deworming (*Kontra Bulate*), nail care (*Linis Kuko*), and ear care (*Linis Tenga*).

The program was simultaneously conducted with the ‘*Brigada Eskwela*’

program of the Department of Education held last May 18 to 23, 2015. The ‘*Brigada Eskwela*’, also known as the National Schools Maintenance Week, focused on making schools disaster-prepared, ecologically conscious, clean, and conducive to learning. Coordination of both programs contributed to the success of the implementation among the beneficiaries.

The UFI scholars, who benefited from the medical mission, were assessed, managed, and given proper health education and referrals by resident Asclepians Marielle Karina Barredo, Louise Cecille Del Rosario, Charles Jebb Juanitas, Raissa Ana Marie Juntado, Aizlynn Anne Robledo, and Mitz Serofia.

With only seven resident Asclepians examining 269 UFI scholars from the five different schools simultaneously, they rose to the occasion and helped make the program a success. The said activity was also made possible through the

collaborative efforts of the Uygongco Foundation Incorporated, and the local government units, school staff, scholars and parents of the respective beneficiary schools. #

Number of successfully examined UFI scholars per school	
Hibao-an Elementary School (Iloilo)	107
Don Pedro Vasquez Memorial School (Guimaras)	89
Jordan Central School (Guimaras)	
Rizal Elementary School (Iloilo)	47
N. J. Incore Elementary School (Iloilo)	26
TOTAL	269