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Manulife continues nationwide expansion with five new branches

Manila, Philippines – Manulife Philippines expands its local footprint by opening five new branches. The addition of these new branches, with majority located in Luzon, strengthens the presence of the company across the country.

The new branches are located in Imus, Cavite; Talisay, Cebu; Greenhills, San Juan; Lemery, Batangas; and Laoag, Ilocos Norte and increases Manulife Philippines' network to 48 branches in total.

"As we celebrate our 110th year in the Philippines, we reaffirm our commitment to put our customers at the center of everything we do. This development is part of our efforts to increase insurance penetration rates in the country, by making it even easier for people to access insurance products," said Ryan Charland, President and Chief Executive Officer of Manulife Philippines.

"While we've opened many of our new branches in Visayas and Mindanao in 2016, strengthening our presence in Luzon is equally important to us."

The Mayor of Imus, Hon. Emmanuel Maliksi, attended the inauguration of the Imus branch while the Hon. Eduardo Gullas, Talisay Mayor, formally opened the Manulife branch in Talisay, Cebu. San Juan City Councilor Vincent Pacheco, who represented the mayor, led the branch opening in Greenhills, San Juan; Hon. Monette Rosales, Lemery Vice Mayor, in Lemery, Batangas; and most recently, Laoag City Councilors Roque Ablan and Justine Chua, in Laoag, Ilocos Norte.

Customers can now visit the Imus branch located in Palico 4, Aguinaldo Hi-Way; the Talisay branch at the 2/F South Coast Center, Linao; the Greenhills branch in 9/F BTTC Center, 288 Ortigas Avenue, corner Roosevelt St., San Juan; the Lemery branch at the 2/F Humarang Building, Ilustre Avenue, Barangay Palaranas; and the Laoag branch at the G/F Cua Building, J.P. Rizal and Farinas Streets, Barangay 8, San Vicente.

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Imus Branch Opening (From left to right): Stephen Ong, Senior Vice President and Chief Agency Officer of Manulife Philippines; Hon. Emmanuel L. Maliksi, Mayor of Imus City; Ryan Charland, President and Chief Executive Officer of Manulife Philippines; and Marlon Vicente, Vice President and Territory Head of Manulife Philippines



Talisay Branch Opening (From left to right): Melissa Henson, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of Manulife Philippines; Stephen Ong, Senior Vice President and Chief Agency Officer of Manulife Philippines; Hon. Eduardo Gullas, Mayor of Talisay City; Ryan Charland, President and Chief Executive Officer of Manulife Philippines; Miguel Antonio Magpale, representative from the Office of the Vice Governor; and Bing de los Reyes, Senior Vice President and Territory Head of Manulife Philippines

About Manulife Philippines

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company opened its doors for business in the Philippines in 1907. Since then, Manulife's Philippine Branch and later The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. (Phils.), Inc. (Manulife Philippines) has grown to become one of the leading life insurance companies in the country. Manulife Philippines is a wholly-owned domestic subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation, among the world's largest life insurance companies by market capitalization. Learn more about Manulife Philippines by visiting their website www.manulife.com.ph and following them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ManulifePH), Twitter (@ManulifePH), and Instagram (@manulifePH).

About Manulife

Manulife Financial Corporation is a leading international financial services group that helps people achieve their dreams and aspirations by putting customers' needs first and providing the right advice and solutions. We operate as John Hancock in the United States and Manulife elsewhere. We provide financial advice, insurance, as well as wealth and asset management solutions for individuals, groups and institutions. At the end of 2016, we had approximately 35,000 employees, 70,000 agents, and thousands of distribution partners, serving more than 22 million customers. As of March 31, 2017, we had \$1 trillion (US\$754 billion) in assets under management and administration, and in the previous 12 months we made almost \$26.3 billion in payments to our customers. Our principal operations are in Asia, Canada and the United States where we have served customers for more than 100 years. With our global headquarters in Toronto, Canada, we trade as 'MFC' on the Toronto, New York, and the Philippine stock exchanges and under '945' in Hong Kong.

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