



# WIKIMEDIA PHILIPPINES

Moving to the Forefront of the Free Content Movement

# What is Wikimedia Philippines?

Wikimedia Philippines (WMPH) is a non-stock, non-profit corporation duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Republic of the Philippines. The product of nearly four years of intense discussion among many prominent members of the Philippine Wikimedia community, WMPH was officially recognized as a Wikimedia chapter by the Wikimedia Foundation on March 17, 2010, becoming Asia's fourth and Southeast Asia's second recognized local chapter.



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**MAKING THE VISION A REALITY**

# Organizing a Wikimedia chapter

Wikimedia Philippines was conceived on September 13, 2006 by two Wikipedians who believed that in order for the projects of the Philippine Wikimedia community to be fully realized, a chapter was needed in order to lend a façade of legitimacy to the community's aims of empowering the Filipino people through the use of free content and, in turn, forward the aims of Wikimedia in sharing the sum of collective knowledge among the people of the world.

*Although WMPH was first conceived by two people (in bold), ten Wikipedians became the first to agree in organizing a local chapter for the Philippines, six of whom are still active today in making the WMPH dream a reality.*

- **James Joshua G. Lim**
- **Ace Christian F. Serraon** (inactive)
- Phillip G. Kimpo, Jr. (inactive)
- Jose Roel G. Balingit
- Kevin Ray N. Chua (inactive)
- Edward James F. Desiderio (inactive)
- Eugene Alvin S. Villar
- Allan Paolo C. Barazon
- Jesus Nicardo M. Falcis
- Joseph F. Ballesteros



The idea of Wikimedia Philippines in its current form came into fruition on May 20, 2007, during the First Manila Wikipedians' Meetup (Manila 1) in Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila.

# Timeline of WMPH

September  
13, 2006

- Wikimedia Philippines is first conceived as a cooperative

2007

- WMPH is finalized as a corporation
- Initial Articles of Incorporation and By-laws were drafted

October 20,  
2009

- WMPH Articles of Incorporation were finalized

February 7,  
2010

- WMPH By-laws were finalized

March 17,  
2010

- WMPH is granted recognition as a chapter by resolution of the Wikimedia Foundation

April 16,  
2010

- WMPH is officially incorporated under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines



# DRIVERS OF OUR PASSION

# || The People Behind Wikimedia Philippines

Wikimedia Philippines is composed of members who exhibit steadfast dedication to the principles of Wikimedia, as well as to the aims and objectives of free content and free culture in general. In turn, the members of WMPH are led by its Board of Trustees, a team composed of WMPH members (who may or may not necessarily be members of Wikimedia projects) who guide the organization in fulfilling its aims and objectives, and who likewise show full commitment to the organization to which they currently serve in the capacities where they are seated.

President: James Joshua G. Lim

Vice-President: Joseph F. Ballesteros

Secretary: Allan Paolo C. Barazon

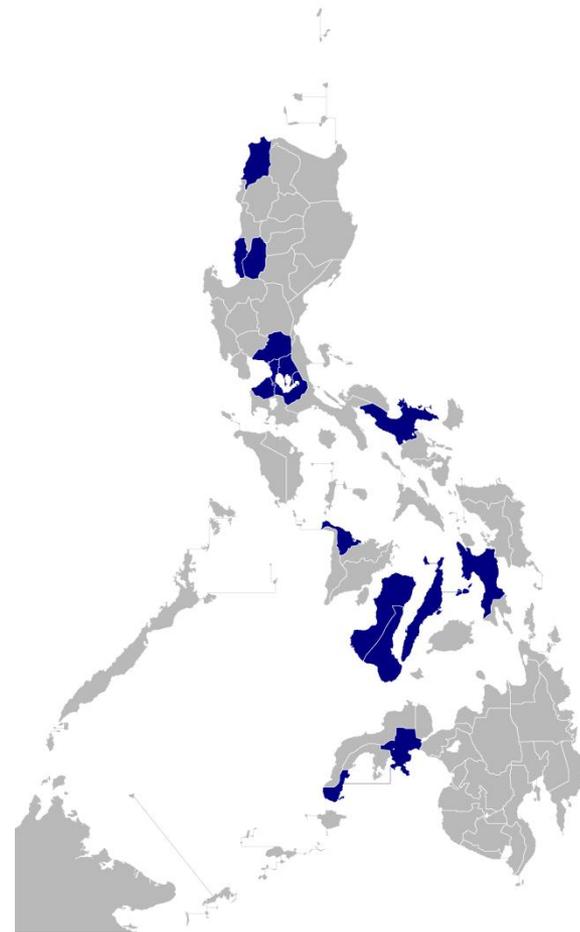
Treasurer: Roman D.V. Bustria

Non-officer members of the Board:

- Jose Roel G. Balingit
- Relly P. Bautista
- Eugene Alvin S. Villar

# || The Membership Picture

Wikimedia Philippines has received an initial commitment of 44 members from areas all across the Philippines, and some from even outside the country. Despite worries of inactive members and the eventual necessity of purging our list of participant-members, the enthusiasm received from WMPH's numerous membership drives on-wiki over the last four years has reaffirmed our dedication to not only rally like-minded Filipinos under a single cause, but to likewise pool together our diverse efforts and talents to produce tangible results.





# THE ROAD AHEAD

# || The WMPH Vision

The three objectives of Wikimedia Philippines places special emphasis on the educative and enlightening power of the Wikimedia projects, all of which aid in the propagation of knowledge among the Filipino people. Likewise, as an organization tied to social causes as much as it is committed to the transfer of information, WMPH seeks to strengthen its advocacies and programs by aligning them to the promotion of national development and the awakening of the Filipino social consciousness.

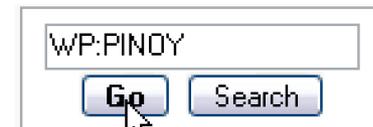
*The Filipino should never just simply "look" at the world and do nothing. He must be able to act when the time is right, and open his mind when it is ripe for sowing. The world is not for him to gaze, but rather is for him to engage, to teach, to enlighten.*

*Now imagine a world where every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge.*

*That's our commitment, and in our own little way, we can each engage the world, one step at a time.*

# Putting Objectives to Practice

Over the four years that the idea of a local chapter had been intensively discussed, the Philippine Wikimedia community had likewise thought of several programs and advocacies which would help advance the ideas of free content and free culture among Filipinos. In a bid to make people more aware of the realities the world can offer them, WMPH lends credibility to the community's efforts at leaving a lasting impression upon the Filipino people by embarking on projects and advocacies which help strengthen WMPH's position as an organization with an intellectual leaning and a social end.



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*Philippine Collaboration Project*

# Proposed Projects and Advocacies

- Amendment of Section 176 of the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines (section related to works of the Philippine government)
- Introduction of Wikimedia projects to the educational mainstream (originally called TTT)
- Using Philippine-language Wikimedia projects as a means of preserving and enriching local languages
- Forging of tie-ups with similar organizations, both locally and internationally
- Strengthening the position of Wikipedia as an authoritative resource by encouraging (and giving incentives to) the organic growth of articles of scholarly quality, particularly for Philippine-language projects



**THANKYOU**

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