

65th Miss Universe kicks off Governor's Charity Ball



■ Ms. Universe Pia Wurtsbach, Michelle Tieng and Sheree Chua



METRO SCENE

By Joy Fong

Glitz and Glamour set for the Miss Universe candidates as they hit the red carpet in an exclusive evening soiree held at the 65th Miss Universe Governor's ball at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, Philippines.

It was indeed an event to remember being successfully organized by LCS Group of Companies, headed by former Ilocos Sur Governor Luis "Chavit" Singson. The Governor's Ball is a longstanding Miss Universe tradition which is a grand fundraising gala where the "creme de la creme of the elite society get an opportunity to meet with the charming, gorgeous ladies in a formal dinner with exceptional performances by a fabulous pool of talents.

Gathered for the first time since their arrival in the Philippines, the 87 gorgeous Miss Universe 2016 Beauty Pageant candidates walked down the red carpet in all elegance adding to the splendid ambiance of the evening Lots of flashing lights and glittering gowns on display as the contingents posed in their beautiful evening gowns designed by famous fashion couturiers.

Aside from the candidates, sponsors, and beauty queens, also present were representatives from pageant partners Solar Entertainment Inc., Okada Manila, SM Lifestyle Entertainment Corp, Philippine Airlines, Pass It Forward, as well as regional pageant sponsors.

Our reigning Queen 2015 Miss Universe Pia Wurtsbach made her grand entrance to the Governor's Ball in her black lace gown featuring embroidered designed, fitted dress with full overskirt.

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▶ “The Governor’s ball will be an avenue for campaign awareness for PASS It Forward (PIF), a philanthropic outfit that acts like a charitable “market place,” facilitating engagement between generous donors (individuals, corporations, and foundations) and charities to come together.

“The Governor’s ball will be an opportunity to showcase those elites who attend and how they can make a positive change in the community,” said Pass It Forward Managing director Terry Alan Farris. “If we could get 1 percent of the viewers of the Miss Universe to give back and support the non-profits of the Philippines, think of the impact we could make.”

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■ Vina Morales



■ Wilson Tieng, Manny Pacquiao, Mayor Joseph Estrada and Gov. Chavit Singson



■ Tony Boy Cojuangco, Gretchen Barreto and Atty. Mike Toledo



■ Charito San Pedro and Ching Cruz



■ Gov. Chavit Singson and Cesar Montano



■ *Atty. Mike Toledo, Becky Garcia, Gilda Antonio, Carol Toledo and Amb. Joey Antonio*



■ *Angelin Tan, Tina Cuevas and Grace Ang*



■ *Amb. Tonet & Linda Lagdameo, Wanda Teo and Tony Boy Florendo*



■ *Dr. Celi and Atty. Sal Panelo*



■ *Joseph & Nel Calata, David Ackerman*

