

In Memory of Dr. Manuel B. Agulto



It is with our deepest sorrow to share the news that Dr. Manuel B. Agulto, a renowned glaucoma specialist and former Chancellor of the University of the Philippines Manila (UP Manila), passed away on 18 December 2023 after a long battle with cancer.

Dr. Agulto was widely hailed as a stalwart in eye health, especially in glaucoma care. He initiated various programs and activities to help prevent and control eye diseases, with a special focus on combating eye conditions prevalent in the Philippines. During his tenure as UP Manila's Chancellor from 2011 to 2014, he tirelessly advocated for community-oriented academic education and research, strengthened research infrastructure, and implemented enterprise resource programs, leaving an enduring impact on patient care, teaching, research, and service in ophthalmology and beyond.

Regionally, he played an active role in fostering professional exchanges among ophthalmologists. He was President of the South East Asia Glaucoma Interest Group (SEAGIG). For many years, he was also an Executive Board Member of the Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Society (APGS). In 1997, the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO) honored him with a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions to enhancing ophthalmic care.

We would like to express our deepest condolences to Dr. Agulto's family and loved ones during this difficult time. Let us all carry forward his legacy, upholding his unwavering commitment to excellence and continuous improvement of eye care for our community.

My sincere condolences to the family of Dr Manuel B. Agulto and to his near and dear ones. May God rest his soul in peace.

Rajvardhan Azad, Chair of APAO Ophthalmic Education Committee

My heartfelt condolences to the family.

Taraprasad Das, APAO Vice-President

My heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr Manuel. B. Agulto. May his soul rest in peace.

An-Guor Wang, APAO Regional Secretary, Chinese Taipei Ophthalmological Society

On behalf of the College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka, I express my heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Dr. Agulto on his demise.

May he rest in peace.

Lalitha Senerath, APAO Regional Secretary, College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka

Our heartfelt condolences to the departed soul.

Namrata Sharma, APAO Regional Secretary, All India Ophthalmological Society

The Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology appreciates your heartfelt sympathies on the passing of one of the pillars of Philippine ophthalmology. Dr. Agulto will surely be missed.

Vicente Victor Ocampo Jr, Immediate Past President, Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology

Dr. Agulto must now rest in grace and peace in heaven! My heartiest condolences to his family.

Dennis Lam, APAO Immediate Past Secretary-General

My heartfelt condolences to Dr. Agulto's family and the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology. May he rest in peace.

Paisan Ruamviboonsuk, APAO Council-at-Large

Our heartfelt condolences to Dr. Agulto's family. May his soul rest in peace.

Rohit Saiju, APAO Regional Secretary, Nepal Ophthalmic Society

My deepest condolences to Dr Manuel. B. Agulto's family.

Wanicha Chuenkongkaew, APAO Regional Secretary, Royal College of Ophthalmologists of Thailand

We, the Chinese Retina-Vitreous Society, would like to offer our deepest condolences.

Xiaoxin Li, Chair of APAO Practice Guidelines Standing Committee

So sorry to hear about this. Deepest condolences to Dr. Agulto's family.

Gullapalli N Rao, APAO Councilor-at-Large

On behalf of the Lao Ophthalmological Society, I would like to express our deepest condolences to Dr. Agulto's family.

Khamphoua Southisombath, APAO Associate Member Society Representatives, Laos Ophthalmology Society

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr Agulto and the Philippines' ophthalmic society.

Nitin Verma, Chair of APAO Gateway Project Committee

My homages to the departed soul. His work for the welfare of humankind will always be remembered. May his soul rest in peace.

Ashok Grover, APAO Councilor-at-Large

On behalf of Asia Pacific Ophthalmic Trauma Society, our heartfelt condolences to Dr. Agulto's family and the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology. May his soul rest in peace.

S. Natarajan, APAO Subspecialty Society Representative, Asia Pacific Ophthalmic Trauma Society

We are really sad to hear about the passing away of Dr Manuel B. Agulto. On behalf of the Indonesian Ophthalmologists Association, our deep condolences to his family and The Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology.

Mohamad Sidik, APAO Congress President 2024
