

## The first-ever jorge z. Ortoll distinguished professorial chair in information technology



*Mr. Jorge Z. Ortoll turns over a One Million Peso check donation for his Professorial Chair in Information Technology to Dr. Joffre M. Alajar, SBCAF Executive Director*

The San Beda College Alumni Foundation is very pleased to establish the first-ever Jorge Z. Ortoll Distinguished Professorial Chair in Information Technology.

Jorge Z. Ortoll (*GS'60, HS'64*) received the 2013 Distinguished Bedan award in the field of Arts and Culture. Jorge is a respected name in theatre arts. He is Executive Director of Ma-Yi Theatre Company, and has been instrumental in raising consciousness throughout the world about the excellence of Asian American theater artists. Through Jorge's vision and hard work, MA-Yi Theatre Company today is recognized as the premiere Asian American Theatre Company in the USA.

Jorge is a founding member of CAATA (Consortium of Asian American Theaters and Artists) and remain on its Board and in the Festival Steering Committee. Started in 2003, CAATA holds conferences and theater festivals around the country, to spotlight excellence of Asian American theater artists.

Outside of the theatre world, Jorge remains committed to helping our countrymen in the Philippines. As a staunch supporter of Gawad Kalinga, he is financing the construction of a 20 school rooms in the province of Negros Occidental, by a fishing village.

He also financed the building of the Ortoll Reproductive Health Care Center in the campus of Philippine General Hospital, in Manila, a two-story structure to support the large demand of birthing facilities among the indigent population in Greater Manila. He is presently looking into setting up a foundation to give financial assistance to the indigent visually-impaired people in Metro Manila.

In 2013, the Board of Trustees of the San Beda College Alumni Association awarded Jorge a Distinguished Bedan award recognizing his outstanding achievement in the field of theater arts; his over two decades of artistic excellence and the nurturing Asian-American voices in stylistically varied and engaging theatre; and his dedicated stewardship, vision, his diligence, perseverance and humility which make him an inspiring model for the youth who wish to be in the theatre arts.

For his passionate crusade to engage the academe to scholarly pursuits in the field of information technology; and, his having embodied the Benedictine ideals of peace, humility, service, prayer and work (*ora et labora*), and the Bedan values of faith (*fides*), knowledge (*scientia*) and virtue (*virtus*); the San Beda College Alumni Foundation, Inc., the San Beda College Alumni Association and the Academic Community of San Beda College, are establishing the **JORGE Z. ORTOLL DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORIAL CHAIR IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.**