

3rd MTRCB – Parañaque City Children’s Films Classics a back-to-back hit!



The Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) successfully staged its much anticipated **3rd MTRCB – Parañaque City Children’s Film Classics** on a two-day event held on 9 February and 10 February at SM City BF Parañaque, SM City Bicutan and SM City Sucat. The simultaneous screenings intended to celebrate childhood by recognizing the voices and the rights of the “youth.”

Now on its third (3rd) year, this joint project of MTRCB and the City of Parañaque, was made possible through the support of the Cultural Section of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China, MagnaVision Inc., Studio World., and Columbia Pictures Philippines who graciously shared with the MTRCB their materials.



MTRCB Chair Rachel Arenas.

Close to two-thousand students, along with teachers, and representatives from Parañaque city government actively participated in the event.

An opening ceremony was held at SM Sucat. Parañaque City Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Magdalena M. Lim then officially launched the event with her thought-provoking welcoming address. Chairperson

Maria Rachel Arenas and Congressman Eric Olivarez shared with the students their heartfelt messages of resilience, hope and their shared commitment in promoting the culture of and rights of the youth.

Two-critically acclaimed films were showcased during the event. On 09 February, *Kubo and the Two Strings* was accepted warmly by the participants. The film tells the story of a little boy named “Kubo” and his journey to save his life and his family.

On 10 February, the participants tearfully enjoyed the Chinese film, *Thei-go King and His Son*. The film focused on the father and son relationship and their passion in playing the popular Chinese board game *Weiqi* (Go).



Group photo with Cong. Eric Olivares, Chair Rachel Arenas, MTRCB Board Members, and Parañaque Schools Heads.



BMs Bibeth Orteza and Jojo Salomon discussing the Revised TV and Movie Classification at SM Sucat.

What separated this year’s event from its predecessors was the inculcation of the presentation on Revised TV and Film Classification Ratings shared by the MTRCB Board Members, mirroring the format on the effective *Matalinong Panonood* developmental campaigns. For the Board, the showcase of films would be of more value and appreciation if viewed through the eyes of responsible, discerning patrons.



Left: (MTRCB Board Members at SM BF on Feb. 9) Atty. Eric Mallonga, Cherry Espion, Mars Laguardia, Tess Villarama, and Njel De Mesa.
 Right: (MTRCB Board Members at SM Bicutan on Feb. 9), Atty. Gaby Concepcion, Manet Dayrit, and Krip Yuson with participants and employees from Paranaque City Hall.

Present during the first day at SM Sucat were Congressman Eric Olivarez, MTRCB Chairperson Maria Rachel Arenas, MTRCB Board Members (BM) Maria Lilia Espinosa-Supnet, Ricardo “Jojo” Salomon Jr., Elizabeth “Bibeth” Orteza- Siguion Reyna. In SM Bicutan, MTRCB Vice-Chairperson Emmanuel “Maning” Borlaza was present along with BM’s Marta Ines “Manet” Dayrit, Gabriela “Gaby” Concepcion and Alfred “Krip” Yuson. Lastly, In SM BF, BM Maria Consoliza “Marissa” Laguardia, Cherry Ann Espion, Nathaniel “Njel” De Mesa, Eric Mallonga and Teresita “Tessie” Villarama were there to offer support



Left: (MTRCB Board Members at SM Bicutan on Feb. 10) Kate Brios, Luke Mejares, Gladys Reyes, and James Macasero.
 Right: (MTRCB Board at SM Sucat on Feb. 10) Bogie Reyes, Atty. Ogie Jaro, and Njel De Mesa.

The Board were still in full force on the second day of the event. In SM Sucat, BM’s Pablo “Bogie” Reyes, Njel De Mesa, Jeremiah Jaro. In SM Bicutan, a star-studded showcase of members of the Board offered their support, BMs Gladys Reyes-

Sommereux, James Macasero, Luke Mejares and Catherine “Kate” Brios-Cabuga. In SM BF, BMs Jose Emitterio “Joey” Romero and Cherry Espion graced the crowd with their presence. ■