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There is nothing quite like the magic of Christmas—listening to your favorite carols, putting up a tree, solemn thanksgiving, and the joy of gift-giving.

However you like to celebrate, this magazine is packed with many stories for the season.

Fly with Celeste to the pristine, white beaches of Sorsogon or walk with the Manansala sisters as they navigate an emotional journey. View GMA's iconic titles in the eyes of its directors and creatives.

Take a look at our long-running shows that have graced your television and be mesmerized with the enchanting island of Siquijor in *Limitless* Part 2: Heal.

So take a seat by the window, put your feet up, and get in the holiday spirit. *Ngayong pasko*, let us love together, hope together. Have a wonderful Christmas, mga Kapuso!

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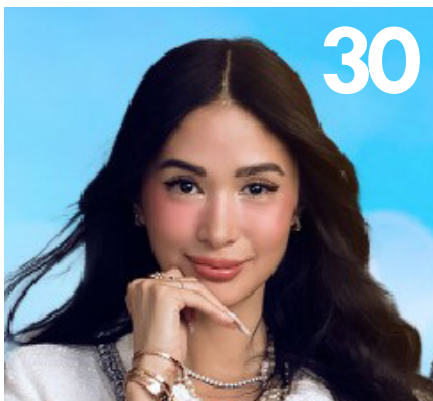


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GMA Network to boost new venture arm’s capital base to P1B

GMA is raising its new subsidiary GMA Ventures Inc.’s (GVI) capital stock as it plans to expand and diversify its business beyond media and broadcasting in a bid to transform GMA Group into one of the country’s big conglomerates.

At a special stockholders meeting, the stockholders of GMA Network, voting 96.04%, ratified the company’s board of directors’ approval of GVI’s call for subscription for its increase in authorized capital stock from P50 million to P1 billion.

The stockholders of GMA Network also ratified the company’s board of directors’ approval of the company’s proposed subscription amounting to an initial P250 million into GVI, as well as the payment of P100 million for the said subscription.

The company’s executive committee has also been granted the authority to make additional payment for the

subscription and if necessary to increase the subscription of GMA Network to the authorized capital stock of GVI.

“Our diversification efforts to invest in businesses that are not related to our core business of broadcasting will be carried out by GVI,” GMA Network and GVI Chairman and CEO Felipe L. Gozon said.

GVI will focus on sunrise industries such as tech start-ups with substantial growth horizons and industries that continue to expand. Aiming to be at the forefront of technology advancement and the growth of the digital economy, GVI will likewise engage in mergers and acquisitions, strategic partnerships, and fund investments within or outside the Philippines. ❤️

Dapat TOTOO

GMA Network announces its
biggest alliance for Eleksyon
2022 with the country's
leading organizations



“While many things have changed over the past two years, our common and consistent desire for good governance remains”

FELIPE L. GOZON
GMA NETWORK CHAIRMAN & CEO

Amidst the challenges brought about by the global pandemic, GMA Network and its partners remain committed to delivering the widest and most comprehensive coverage of *Eleksyon 2022* across all platforms.

“While many of us have been constant partners in the coverage of past elections, this is the first time that we are not able to be physically present together to renew and seal our partnership. And while many things have changed over the past two years, our common and consistent desire for good governance remains,” said GMA Network Chairman and CEO Atty. Felipe L. Gozon during the *Eleksyon 2022 Partnerships Launch*, which was held virtually last November 26.

This is the biggest alliance between GMA and the country’s leading organizations for the coverage of the 2022 elections – with 51 partners representing the most respected names in the fields of telecommunications, media, education, business, law, and public service, all pledging to keep a close watch on the electoral process and help voters as they make that very important decision come Election Day.❤️

Staying true to its core:

GMA Network continues commitment to Serbisyong Totoo

*Unparalleled
Serbisyong Totoo
remains at the heart
of GMA Network.*

Fully utilizing the Network's wide reach across the country – complemented by its second free-to-air channel *GTV*; *Kapuso* digital channels *Heart of Asia*, *Hallypop*, *I Heart Movies*, and *DepEd TV*; its GMA Regional TV (RTV) stations; as well as radio station *DZBB*, and all Super Radyo stations nationwide – GMA continues to enrich the lives of Filipinos with its various public service programs and initiatives across all its on-air and online platforms as well as on-ground.



24 ORAS

FIRST LIVE NEWSCAST ON
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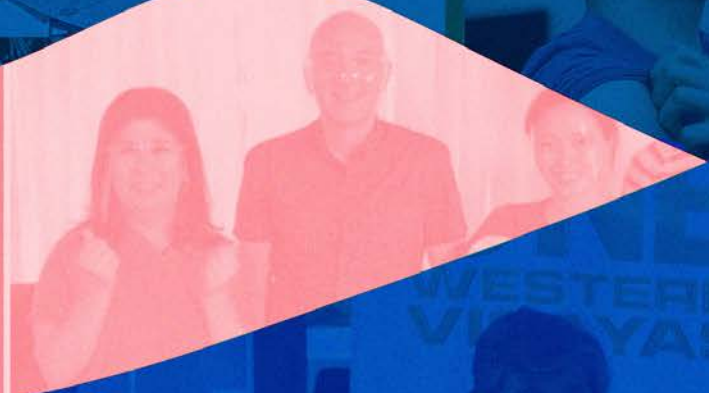


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Alden Richards



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MONDAY - FRIDAY

LABANAN NATIN ANG COVID-19 #ParaSaPilipino



OPERATIO

SERBISYONG TOTOO ON-AIR

Providing viewers round the clock news and information are newscasts *24 Oras* and *24 Oras Weekend*, *Unang Hirit's Unang Balita*, and *Saksi*. On GTV, simulcasts of *24 Oras*, *24 Oras Weekend*, and *Saksi* are also available in addition to *Balitanghali*, *Breaking News*, *Dobol B TV*, *State of the Nation*, *Dapat Alam Mo!*, and *Regional TV News*. Up-to-the-minute and breaking reports are also available throughout the day via news bulletins on both GMA and GTV.

On GMA, these include Public Affairs programs *Kapuso Mo*, *Jessica Soho*, *Unang Hirit*, *Wish Ko Lang!*, *Imbestigador*, *I-Witness*, *AHA!*, *Born to be Wild*, *Pera Paraan*, *Pinoy MD*, *The Atom Araullo Specials*; as well as infotainment shows *Amazing Earth*, *iBilib*, *Makulay ang Buhay*, *AgriPreneur*, and long-running public service program *Kapwa Ko Mahal Ko*.

Serbisyong Totoo extends on GTV via *Reporter's Notebook*, *Good News kasama si Vicky Morales*, *Tunay na Buhay*, *Stories of Hope*, *On Record*, *Biyahen ni Drew*, *Brigada*, *I Juander*, *Becoming Pinoy*, *Oh My Job!*, *Pusong Pinoy sa Amerika*, and *Pinoy A+ Filipino Stories for Kids*.

The Network also remains as the most reliable source of public service during events of national importance including the President's address to the nation via the *State of the Nation Address 2021: The GMA News Special Coverage*. These are on top of the various public service announcement plugs that regularly air on all its channels.

(L-R) Vicky Morales, Mike Enriquez, and Mel Tiangco



Further, with stations strategically located in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, GMA Network through its regional arm, GMA RTV, further brings *Serbisyong Totoo* outside Metro Manila via its flagship newscasts and morning shows, namely *GMA RTV Balitang Amianan* and *Mornings with GMA Regional TV in North Central Luzon*; *GMA RTV Balitang Bicolandia in South Luzon*; *GMA RTV Balitang Bisdak* and *GMA Regional TV Live! in Central and Eastern Visayas*; *GMA RTV One Western Visayas* and *GMA Regional TV Early Edition in Western Visayas*; and *GMA RTV One Mindanao* and *At Home with GMA Regional TV* in North, South Central, Western, and Southern Mindanao.

The Kapuso Network's flagship AM station Super Radyo DZBB 594 likewise delivers the latest news and the hottest commentaries as well as programs that provide public service to the Kapuso listeners. Among the many programs are *Melo del Prado sa Super Radyo*, *Super Balita sa Umaga Nationwide* which also airs on all Super Radyo stations in Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, and Palawan; *Saksi sa Dobol B*; *Buena Manong Balita*; *Super Balita / Isyu Atbp.*; *Pinoy MD sa Super Radyo DZBB*; *Serbisyo on the Spot*; as well as *Konsyumer Atbp.*, in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry,

and *Oh My Job* in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment. Most of these shows are also simulcast on *Dobol B TV*.

Additionally, GMA's broadcast of *DepEd TV* in its digital channel is part of the Kapuso Network's efforts to help the government curb the spread of COVID-19 in the country, and, at the same time, provide Filipino students access to quality education while keeping them safe at home. Various public service programs and announcements are also aired on its digital channels *Heart of Asia*, *Hallypop*, and *I Heart Movies*.

Further showing how GMA takes to heart the welfare of the Kapuso viewers wherever they may be in the country, its digital TV receiver GMA Affordabox has an Emergency Warning Broadcast System (EWBS) feature that sends NDRRMC alerts on any disaster or calamity warnings in their area.

24 ORAS

FIRST LIVE NEWSCAST ON
TikTok PHILIPPINES



SERBISYONG TOTOO ON-GROUND

Just as the pandemic sees no borders, GMA Network's Serbisyong Totoo also transcends beyond the airwaves. The Kapuso Network continuously innovates to reach more Filipinos amidst the challenges of living in the new normal.

The Network tirelessly extends assistance to underserved communities and Filipinos in need of immediate aid through its socio-civic arm GMA Kapuso Foundation (GMAKF). The Kapuso Foundation has always been quick to respond during typhoons, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and the COVID-19 relief effort through its Operation Bayanihan disaster relief program which has helped 268,447 beneficiaries.

Under GMAKF's Operation Bayanihan is the *Labanan Natin Ang COVID-19* campaign which included the distribution of PPEs to 131 public hospitals to protect our frontliners. The Foundation has also distributed fully loaded Kapuso grocery packs to over 4,784 families in locked down communities during the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) period.

Equally giving importance to long-term aid for disaster recovery, GMAKF continuously built schools, bridges and houses to help rebuild communities. To date, 852 sturdy houses have been constructed in various Kapuso Villages nationwide. 504 classrooms were built under the Kapuso School Development Project. And a total of 6 steel and concrete bridges have now been completed in the *Kapuso Tulay Para sa Kaunlaran* project.

GMAKF also implemented its *Kapuso ng Kalikasan* project in the same disaster afflicted areas where they engaged the communities to plant trees to create environmental awareness, prevent landslides and combat soil erosion.

Giving importance to the youth are GMAKF's annual *Unang Hakbang sa Kinabukasan* project where school bags with complete sets of school supplies with anti-COVID kits were distributed to 70,000 public elementary school students including indigenous children from the top 25 poorest provinces across the country.

A total of 65,020 beneficiaries were served by GMAKF's Values Formation program which included *Give-A-Gift*:

Alay Sa Batang Pinoy project, Kapuso Cancer Champions project, and Sagip Dugtong Buhay bloodletting project.

GMAKF's Disaster Relief, Education, Health, and Values Formation program activities are regularly being aired on *24 Oras' Kapusong Totoo* segment to inspire Filipinos to help through their donations.

Meanwhile, on the regional front, GMA RTV launched its *Kapuso Barangayan on Wheels* at the height of the nationwide community quarantines implemented last year. *Kapuso Barangayan on Wheels* aims to reach more communities and to directly provide families with assistance they urgently need. The project was rolled out in North Central Luzon, South Luzon, Central and Eastern Visayas, Western Visayas, Northern Mindanao, and Southern Mindanao and is currently on its fourth wave. From May 2020 to October 2021, the *Kapuso Barangayan on Wheels* has already reached 16,650 families with more than 2,400 families expected to benefit in the coming weeks as the RTV concludes its fourth wave.

LABANAN NATIN ANG COVID-19

SERBISYONG TOTOO ONLINE

GMA News' digital platforms feature up-to-the-minute breaking news on the latest developments in the Philippines. The Network's newscasts are made available to Filipinos all over the globe via live stream on its official YouTube channels and Facebook pages. And just recently, *24 Oras* became the first Philippine newscast to livestream locally on TikTok. Condensed versions of *24 Oras* and other newscasts are made available on YouTube for local and international audiences.

It also continues to produce the pioneering mobile newscast *Stand for Truth* and provide immediate advice and assistance to netizens via the online public service program *Sumbungan Ng Bayan Libreng Payo Online*.

Original programs are also available for online viewers, including *GMA News Feed*, GMA's snackable and mobile-friendly news updates series; explanatory journalism series *Need to Know*; The

Mangahas Interviews, an agenda-setting talk show hosted by veteran investigative journalist Malou Mangahas; *The Howie Severino Podcast*; and the newly launched Spotify Original podcast *Sounds and Stories of The Philippines*.

GMA Network also produced various online campaigns to contribute to the government's nationwide COVID-19 information drive and vaccination program — "*Labanan Natin ang COVID-19*" plug series in coordination with GMAKF, "*May Puso ang Pag-asa*," "*PaGMAmahal Para sa Frontliners*," "*Health Protocol, Sana All*," *GMA News and Public Affairs*' "*#JabWellDone*" and "*PPE: Pinoy Pandemic Essentials*," "*IMReady - COVID-19 plug series*," and *GMA Artist Center*'s "*#FlexMoNa*."

In addition, GMA Pinoy TV's *#StrongerTogether* and "One in Heart with Pinoys abroad vs. COVID-19" campaigns included various initiatives such as *Tribute to Frontliners*, *Memorials to Fallen Frontliners*, *Pandemic Diaries*, *Lockdown*



Chika, *Stories from the Frontlines*, *Quaransane*, *DM (Distansya Muna) is the Key*, *Stories of Survival*, *Stronger Together with Filipino Frontliners Abroad*, *Pockets of Hope*, and *Stronger Together Podcast*.

For the past seven decades, Kapuso here and abroad have put the trust in GMA Network as their constant companion through triumphs and adversities. GMA, in turn, stays true to its core — putting heart in everything it does and innovating ways to further provide *Serbisyong Totoo* to the public, especially to those who need it the most.

And as the holiday season nears, GMA encourages Filipinos to remain loving to one another in order to help spark hope into everyone's hearts through its Christmas station ID *Love Together, Hope Together*.❤️



Andrea Torres bags role in upcoming Argentinian film ‘Pasional’



Versatile Kapuso actress Andrea Torres celebrates a milestone in her career as she stars in another international movie project. She secured a role in the Argentinian film tentatively titled *Pasional* and flew to the country to shoot for the said movie.

The producers of the film took notice of Andrea’s Instagram account and reached out to her managers. She explained the project is about an unusual romance of two people and gushed over the story.

“Na-excite ako kasi kakaiba yung way kung paano sila nag-meet, kung papaano nagdevelop yung feelings nila sa isa’t-isa and how it will end! It’s a different kind of story, something na hindi ko pa nagawa before.”

The Kapuso actress also revealed her character is a Filipina dancer. She took a three-day tango class to prepare for the role.

Andrea is the only Filipino in the main cast and with mostly international actors. The movie is co-produced by Malevo Films of Argentina, an independent Filipino producer, and GMA. It is also set to shoot in the Philippines in the first half of 2022.❤️

More Spanish-dubbed GMA Dramas Premiere in Latin America

GMA dramas continue to be popular in Latin America through GMA Network’s partnership with Latin Media Corporation (LMC).

Following the success of the Spanish-dubbed versions of *My Special Tatay (Un Corazon Especial)*, *Onanay (El Amor Mas Grande)*, and *Hindi Ko Kayang Iwan Ka (Quedate A Mi Lado)* in 2020, more top-rating GMA series debuted in the region this year.

In Ecuador, *Sa Piling ni Nanay (Ysabel)*, *The Half Sisters (Hermanas)*, and *Madrasta* premiered this 2021. In the Dominican Republic, *Bihag (Hijo, Dónde Estás?)*, *The Gift (Un Don Verdadero)*, and *Impostora (La Impostora)* also premiered this year.

GMA’s phenomenal drama series *The Half Sisters (Hermanas)* recently concluded its successful run. It aired from Mondays to Fridays at 6 P.M. Based on available ratings online from Kantar IBOPE Media, *Hermanas* was consistently among the top 15 most watched programs in Ecuador.

Also airing in Ecuador is *Sa Piling ni Nanay (Ysabel)*, another top-rating GMA drama. The series premiered last October 28.

Soon to premiere in Ecuador is revenge drama *Madrasta*.

GMA’s primetime hit, *The Gift* recently concluded its successful run as *Un Don Verdadero* in the Dominican Republic.

GMA’s hit crime drama *Bihag* premiered as *Hijo! Dónde Estás* last October 18, also in the Dominican Republic. It airs Mondays to Fridays, 4 P.M. This gripping

drama tells the story of a mother’s quest to find her son who was kidnapped by unknown assailants.

GMA’s phenomenal revenge drama *Impostora* premiered on primetime as *La Impostora* last September 27.

Lastly, GMA’s romance drama *Someone to Watch Over Me (No Me Olvides)* is airing a rerun both in Ecuador and in the Dominican Republic.

“Our dramas rate well in the countries where they are shown because while retaining common elements like family, romance, and relationships, our content features unusual themes that keep viewers engaged and boost ratings for the broadcasters,” said Roxanne Barcelona, Vice President of GMA Network’s Worldwide Division.

Latin Media Corporation’s CEO and founder Jose Escalante, who was recently awarded the prestigious Pilares Award for being one of the pillars of the audiovisual industry in Latin America, shared why programs from GMA are well received by viewers in Latin America. “When I started thinking of bringing [programs from] a country from Asia, I thought of bringing the Filipino dramas because we look the same, our families, our values are very similar in terms of culture and [in] the way we educate ourselves. So we started bringing Filipino dramas and they are well-accepted so far.”

To date, GMA, through its partnership with LMC, has distributed over 1,100 hours of canned content and 600 hours of scripted formats in Latin America.❤️

L-R: First Vice President for Program Management Jose Mari R. Abacan, GMA's First Vice President for Public Affairs Nessa Valdellon, Senior Vice President for News and Public Affairs Marissa L. Flores, GMA News pillar Jessica Soho, and Vice President of Worldwide Division Roxanne J. Barcelona



GMA execs chosen as jury members in Int'l Emmys, NYF Awards

Several GMA Network executives have been selected to be part of the 49th International Emmy Awards and the 2021 New York Festivals (NYF) TV and Film Awards juries.

Senior Vice President for News and Public Affairs Marissa L. Flores was invited as one of the Final Round jurors at the 49th International Emmy Awards. She evaluated this year's entries in the News & Current Affairs category. Flores has been instrumental in GMA becoming the Philippines' most awarded and most credible broadcast news organization over the years.

Joining Flores as Final Round jurors were First Vice President for Program Management Jose Mari R. Abacan and Vice President of Worldwide Division Roxanne J. Barcelona.

Since 2007, Abacan has been invited by the Emmys to share his expertise. This year, he judged entries from four countries in the Comedy category during the final round.

Barcelona, who has been a judge for the International Emmys for 15 years, was a judge in the finals of the Drama Category in this year's Emmys. In charge of the worldwide distribution of GMA's drama and entertainment programs, Barcelona paved the way for the Network to be recognized as the primary source of Filipino content in over 26 countries and in four continents.

The Emmys also recognized the expertise of GMA News pillar Jessica Soho, who was tapped to be part of the Emmys' First Round Jurors. A two-time recipient of the highly prestigious George Foster Peabody Award, Soho hosts the Network's top-rated and trending program *Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho*.

Earlier this year, both Flores and Soho were named to the 2021 New York Festivals TV and Film Awards Grand Jury together with GMA's First Vice President for Public Affairs Nessa Valdellon. Over the years, Flores has been regularly

invited to join the Grand Jury. She has been a long-time member of NYF's Advisory Board as well.

As head of GMA's Public Affairs, Valdellon led the organization that produced some of the country's most ground-breaking and compelling public affairs programs and specials. She was at the helm of GMA News TV's launch in 2011, which was rebranded to GTV this year. Aside from judging for NYF Awards for TV, Valdellon has been invited as well as to evaluate entries in Asian Academy Awards (AAA's). The international award-giving body recognizes programs and personalities that excel in representing and promoting Asian content and creativity. Valdellon is now on her third year as juror for the AAA's.

Meanwhile, *The World Between Us* esteemed director Dominic Zapata and GMA Entertainment Group head writer John Roque were likewise part of the International Emmy Awards' First Round and Semi-Finals Jurors, respectively. 🍷

Best News Program in Asia Pacific GMA's 24 Oras Wins Grand Prize at the 2021 Asian Academy Creative Awards

“This is another testament to Filipino excellence. I am particularly proud of my team for fulfilling GMA’s commitment to Serbisyonng Totoo no matter the circumstance and situation.”

Marissa L. Flores

GMA Senior Vice President for News and Public Affairs

24 Oras proudly represented the Philippines and was named as the Grand Final Winner in the Best News Program category at the 2021 Asian Academy Creative Awards (AAA’s).

Besting entries from 16 Asian countries and territories, GMA Network’s flagship newscast was recognized for its Special Coverage of Typhoon Ulysses (Vamco) that struck Luzon in November 2020.♥

2021 Platinum Stallion Media Awards

GMA Network won 14 awards including the “TV Station of the Year” at the 2021 Platinum Stallion National Media Awards organized by the Media and Communication Department of Trinity University of Asia and held virtually last November 27.♥

GMA Regional TV

Best Regional TV Network

24 Oras

Best TV News Program

Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho

Best TV News Program

Wish Ko Lang

Best Public Service Program

Vicky Morales

Best Public Service Show Host

Unang Hirit

Best Morning Show

I-Witness

Best Documentary TV Show

Ako si Patient 2828

COVID 19 Documentary of the Year

Legal Wives

Culturally Relevant TV Series

Pia Arcangel

Female News Personality of the Year

Atom Arullo

Male News Personality of the Year

Super Radyo DZBB 594

AM Radio Station of the Year

Barangay LS 97.1

FM Radio Station of the Year



GMA Ventures Inc. President and COO Regie C. Bautista among Top 50 Inspirational Women to Look Out For in 2022

Regie C. Bautista, the President and COO of GMA Ventures, Inc. and the Senior Vice President for Corporate Strategic Planning and Business Development of GMA Network Inc., is one of four Filipinas featured in the global list published by Titanium Magazine.

Grateful for the recognition, Bautista shared a short, inspirational message on Unang Balita. “After nila akong in-form that I was one of the [Inspirational Women], medyo napaisip ako kasi, ‘di ba, while growing up, you have a lot of inspirational women [as] examples. Na-realize ko, isa na pala ako sa mga ‘yon,” she said. “So I think it’s also time na, if we’re given a chance to inspire others, kailangan i-embrace natin ‘yon.”

Tadhana marks 4th year

GMA-7 | Saturdays
3:15 PM



They say life is a myriad of experiences, of possibilities, and of ups and downs. Every chapter is a colorful narrative of one's difficulties and triumphs—with each success deserving a celebration.

As *Tadhana* marked its fourth year on air, the award-winning drama anthology hosted by Kapuso Primetime Queen Marian Rivera continues to celebrate the stories of every Filipino's triumphs, sparking hope and inspiration to viewers here and abroad.

"Apat na taon na tayo mga Kapuso. Ako at ang lahat ng mga taong bumubuo sa *Tadhana* ay nag-uumpapaw ang pasasalamat sa inyong walang-sawang pagsuporta sa aming programa mula umpisa hanggang ngayon," said Marian. "Makakaasa kayo na mas lalo pa naming pagagandahin ang mga kuwentong ibabahagi namin sa inyo. Kaya naman sa ating ika-apat na taon, samahan ninyo ako at ating saksihan ang mga kuwentong magbibigay sa atin ng inspirasyon at pag-asa sa pagtahak natin sa ating tadhana," she added. ❤️



Born to be Wild

GMA-7 | Sundays | 9:00 AM

Born to be Wild—the country's pioneering wildlife, travel and conservation program—celebrated its 14th anniversary with a two-part special "Breaking Territories" which aired last November 21 and 28.

GMA Network's formidable wildlife vets went back to visiting the wildest places to film the most amazing animal behaviors. Doc Ferds Recio went to Palawan, while Doc Nielsen Donato to Tawi-Tawi for another nature expedition.

"It is our first expedition after almost two years because of the pandemic. We're here [in Palawan] for an extended period of time doing how we used to do it, how we used to shoot Born," shared Doc Ferds.

Doc Nielsen added: "I have looked forward to this work-travel-leisure-shoot. Since the pandemic, we weren't able to shoot outside Luzon and being able to board a plane again is really exciting."

In Aborlan, Palawan, Doc Ferds and the *Born to be Wild* team attempted to film the Asian Small Clawed Otter or Dungon that lived near a fishpond of a local resident. In Tawi-Tawi, Doc Nielsen met some family members of people who have been attacked by crocodiles. ❤️



(L-R) Iya Villania, Camille Prats, and Kuya Kim

Mars Pa More welcomes Kim Atienza, unveils new studio and exciting episodes

GMA-7 | Weekdays | 8:45 AM

GMA's well-loved family-oriented talk show introduces its newest host and welcomes viewers in their new studio with all-new and exciting episodes in *Mars Pa More with Pars Kim Atienza*.

As the show's official Pars, expect to see Kuya Kim share his male perspective on the chikahan and paandaran of resident hosts - Kapuso mommies Camille Prats and Iya Villania. His banter and opinions will surely be full of amazing trivia about things that interest every viewer. The trio is set to lead a more interactive and engaging bonding moment through the show's fresh segments.

In 'Mars/Man of the Hour,' Filipinos whose accomplishments have brought prestige to the country are given the spotlight; in 'Mars/Pars of the World,' viewers are given a virtual tour of scenic and exotic locations abroad by fellow Filipinos living there; and in 'Benta Box,' the hosts personally converse with online followers who are handed a surprise, hidden in mystery boxes. An entertaining spin on intrigahan with celebrity guests also awaits viewers in 'Lightning Laglagan' and 'Pasabog Na Chika.' Kuya Kim also hits the road to bring viewers to exciting dining destinations, outdoor activities, and celebrity encounters in his special segment. ❤️



Balitanghali marks 16 years of serving hottest news

GMA-7 | Weeknights | 9:35 PM

Balitanghali remains the preferred midday news source by viewers and critics alike. Since its launch in 2005, *Balitanghali* has become an alternative to the usual noontime offerings, setting a trend and prompting other networks to follow suit.

At the 42nd Catholic Mass Media Awards, Balitanghali took home the "Best Special Event Coverage" award for its coverage of the eruption of Taal Volcano in 2020.

Balitanghali is anchored by seasoned journalists Raffy Tima and Connie Sison. Raffy has done coverage here and abroad, with some of his stories reaping honors from prestigious award-giving bodies including the New York Festivals and US International Film and Video Festival. He is also a two-time Best Male Newscaster awardee at the PMPC Star Awards for Television.

Connie also has her own share of awards. In 2018, she represented the Philippines at the Monte-Carlo TV Festival in Monaco for her outstanding coverage of the Resorts World Attack for Unang Hirit in June 2017. She is also the

very first recipient of the Department of Science and Technology's Bantog Award for Media Practitioner in Television for Pinoy MD.

Raffy and Connie only have words of gratitude to the public for *Balitanghali's* continued success. "*Balitanghali* has immensely shaped my journalistic career since I have spent most of my years in broadcasting anchoring *Balitanghali*. I am able to put to use the knowledge and experience I get from field reporting when I interview big personalities and experts in the newscast," says Raffy.

Meanwhile, Connie takes pride in being able to deliver *Serbisyong Totoo* through the program. "Through its vast reach, I am able to carry out one of my purposes in life—which is to give voice to our kababayans and help bring solution to their plight," she shares. ❤️

Unang Hirit marks 22 years

GMA-7 | Weekdays | 5:30 AM



The country's longest running morning show, *Unang Hirit* (UH), is celebrating its 22nd anniversary this December with week-long surprises and treats for its loyal viewers here and abroad!

On December 6, the well-loved show officially launches *Bagong Buhay, Bagong Bahay sa 2022*. Now in its third year, the contest is open to all UH viewers nationwide. The recipient must be a Filipino citizen, 18 years old and above and who is currently residing in the Philippines. Participants need to answer the question: "Bakit ikaw o ang iyong nominado ang karapat-dapat makatangap ng brand new house and

lot?" The program will accept entries beginning December 6 to December 31, 2021 (8 a.m. Philippine time). The winning entry will be announced live during *Unang Hirit's* broadcast on January 17, 2022.

More prizes are at stake during *Unang Hirit's* week-long anniversary celebration where viewers can take home early Noche Buena package, home appliances showcase, and cash gift. *Unang Hirit* is also offering special gifts to deserving Kapuso and is pulling out all the stops to give viewers fun-filled mornings in the safety of their homes.♥

Feeding Pinoy curiosity: I Juander turns 10

GTV | Sundays | 7:45 PM

This December, *I Juander* is celebrating 10 colorful years of dishing out stories that satisfy Filipinos' inherent curiosity about their identity and culture. *I Juander* is all about being a Filipino—touching diverse topics from food to travel, history; and anything under the sun that pique's everyone's curiosity about the Philippines and its people. The program has proven that no idea is so small and that no question is so mundane—everything is a reflection of our identity and culture.

Veteran broadcast journalist and the show's pioneering host Susan Enriquez is happy to celebrate this feat with the show's loyal ka-Juander. "Nakaka-inspire na umabot na sa isang dekada ang programa," she shared. "Patunay lamang na patuloy na tinatangkilik ng mga manonood ang makabuluhang kaalaman at impormasyon na inihahatid ng *I Juander*. Taos pusong pasasalamat sa mga loyal ka-Juander dahil kung hindi sa pagtangkilik ninyo ay hindi tayo aabot sa isang dekada.

Her co-host, Mark Salazar, looks forward to more years of feeding the viewers' curiosity. "Ang bayan ni Juan ay binubuo ng napakaraming ibat ibang pamayanan, kultura, at tradisyon. Hindi sapat ang isang dekada para kilalanin silang lahat. Asahan nyong ipagpapatuloy ng *I Juander* ang paglibot sa mga rehiyon para kilalanin ang mga komunidad, unawain ang kanilang mga kultura at tikman ang kanilang hinahain. Patuloy namin bibigyan ng kasagutan ang tanong ni Juan," he said.♥

iJuander



Solid Kapuso!



BARBIE FORTEZA

Award-winning actress and Kapuso Primetime Princess Barbie Forteza remains a loyal Kapuso. From landing her first major role in the Philippine adaptation of the hit Korean drama series *Stairway to Heaven* to winning numerous acting awards and headlining various top-rating drama series, Barbie has grown to become one of the most versatile actresses of her generation.

“Sobrang nakaka-overwhelm dahil lahat ng friends ko sa show business ay nagparating ng mensahe. Maraming, maraming salamat. Sa mga bosses ko po dito sa GMA, maraming salamat po. I can’t ask for anything more. Thank you so much for this wonderful gift,” she said after signing her contract.♥

ROCCO NACINO

Award-winning actor and one of GMA’s prime leading men Rocco Nacino stays loyal to the Kapuso Network. “Kung may pasasalamatan talaga ako, of course, it’s the network, the executives, but also *Starstruck*. Three months of grueling workshops to make us into whole artists and to make our mark in showbiz...To be here, to be staying as a Kapuso, it’s something I’m very, very proud of and grateful for.”

Rocco has come a long way after being named as *StarStruck V’s Second Prince* in 2012. His iconic role in the Pinoy remake of the hit Korean drama series, *Descendants of the Sun* as Technical Sergeant Diego Ramos opened up more opportunities for him to showcase his talent and make a name for himself. Currently, he is one of the lead stars in the top-rating GMA primetime drama series, *To Have and To Hold* as Gavin Ramirez.♥

RODJUN CRUZ

Multitalented Kapuso actor, performer, and businessman Rodjun Cruz is filled with gratitude as he renewed his contract. Aside from his guestings in the weekend variety show *All-Out Sundays*, Rodjun is gearing up for his lead role in the upcoming GMA series *Little Princess*, with Jo Berry and Juancho Trivino. He considers this project a birthday gift from God.

“Very grateful ako kasi pinag-pray ko ‘yan kay Lord....I’m very thankful and grateful to GMA for the opportunity and for always putting their trust in me. Nandito pa rin ako kasi mas lalo ko na-showcase ‘yung talents ko and mas madami akong natutunan sa kanila. Kasi sila yung nagbibigay sa akin ng iba’t-ibang roles na dito ko lang din ginawa sa GMA. Mas lumalakas ‘yung loob ko, mas nahahasa ako as an actor, at the same time, nakakapag-perform ako kasi love ko rin talaga ang mag-perform.”♥



BIANCA UMALI

Brilliant actress and homegrown Kapuso artist Bianca Umali captured the hearts of viewers with her outstanding performance in the top-rating GMA primetime series, *Legal Wives* as Farrah. Aside from this, other notable shows where she showcased her acting prowess include *Wish I May*, *Once Upon A Kiss*, *Mulawin vs Ravena*, *Kambal*, *Karibal*, and *Sahaya*.

Bianca is set to conquer Asia after bagging the lead role in the Season 3 of HBO Asia's dark fantasy thriller, *Halfworlds*. Her versatility as an artist is truly undeniable as she also released a heartbreak song titled *Itigil Mo Na* under GMA Music.

"I am so happy, honored, and proud to be a Kapuso. Hindi po ako mapapagod na sabihin iyon. Dito po ako nagsimula sa GMA, at naniniwala rin po ako na dito rin po ako sa GMA magtatapos."💕

AICELLE SANTOS

Aicelle Santos began her long journey as a Kapuso when she captured the hearts of the Filipinos in GMA's singing competition *Pinoy Pop Superstar* in 2005. Since then, she continued to prove her passion and excellence in her craft when she represented the Philippines in Cameron Mackintosh's critically-acclaimed musical *Miss Saigon* in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Aside from these, she showcased her singing prowess in several GMA musical-variety shows.

"As a person, I only take things day by day... Just being with GMA throughout the years, how they just embraced and supported me with everything that I did and still doing now, napakalaki pong utang na loob...That's why I'm very grateful and beyond blessed that I am renewing my contract with GMA. Maraming, maraming salamat po."💕

MIKEE QUINTOS

Mikee is fairly new in her Kapuso journey but she is steadily showcasing her versatility in various projects. She got her first big break as Lira in the top-rating prequel of *Encantadia* in 2016. After this, she headlined various programs including *Onanay*, *The Lost Recipe* and presently in *Pepito Manaloto: Ang Unang Kuwento*. Apart from acting, Mikee also pursued her knack for singing as she released her debut single, *Just Enough*, under GMA Playlist.

"Ang hirap i-express in words yung nafi-feel ko right now. But I'm so grateful for everything. Thank you po. Yung Mikee na kilala ko now, yung Mikee na love ko now, the confidence... I don't think it's possible na mahanap ko 'yung Mikee na 'yun without you, guys, because I saw it through your eyes. Because of your belief and your trust in what I can do, that's how I saw it din sa sarili ko. So, I'm grateful. I love you with all my heart."💕



GIL CUERVA

The lead role in the Pinoy remake of the popular Korean drama series *My Love from the Star*. Since then, he became a household name in the romance-comedy genre and starred in several series. Currently, he is part of lifestyle informative show *Taste Buddies* where he won ‘Best Lifestyle Show Host’ in the 34th PMPC Star Awards for Television.

“GMA feels like home. I never really considered leaving home. I’m just really grateful they have so much trust and belief in me. In return, that inspires me to do better and become better. So, I’m excited for this next chapter in my journey... I guarantee that I will always do my best in everything that I will do.”

KATE VALDEZ

The Kapuso actress is well-known for her notable roles in *Onanay* and *Anak ni Waray vs. Anak ni Biday*.

“Sobrang laking pasasalamat ko po sa GMA and GMA Artist Center family dahil sa tiwala na binigay nila sa akin. Hindi ko ine-expect na kakayanin ko pala maging isang actor. Binigyan nila ako ng chance na ipakita iyon at mag-inspire pa ng mga tao. Nag-grow din ako as a person at mas nakilala ko ‘yung sarili ko, kung ano ba yung kaya kong gawin. I’m so grateful and I’m so blessed na nasa GMA ako. Maraming, maraming salamat po.”

KELVIN MIRANDA

Fast-rising actor and singer Kelvin Miranda is also filled with gratitude with how the Kapuso Network has helped him grow as an artist.

“Walang hanggang pasasalamat kasi isa ‘yung GMA sa nag-build ng kumpiyansa ko sa sarili ko. Kasi isa ako sa mga hindi naniniwala sa sarili ko. Ang GMA at mga managers ko ‘yung nagpalakas ng loob ko at nagpaniwala sa akin para magpatuloy sa kung ano yung nasimulan ko. Maraming, maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat.”

BENJAMIN ALVES

Though after leading man Benjamin Alves, who started his career as a Kapuso in 2012, expressed his gratitude for all the support he received from GMA all these years.

“This has always been my home, I always felt at home here from the time that I started, never po akong nag-isip or nag-doubt na that I really feel like I belong here. From the start, when I signed my first contract, they never made me feel like I wasn’t welcomed or part of the family and that means a lot. I think I want to show that appreciation by doing well with the shows that they’re giving me and to stay loyal to the Network.”

Welcome, Kapuso!



RABIYA MATEO

Miss Universe Philippines 2020 Rabiya Mateo is set to conquer new horizons as a Kapuso.

“I’m very happy today. I can’t believe that I am officially signing with GMA. I can finally say, I’m officially a Kapuso!” said Rabiya. “After Ms. Universe Philippines, I’ve been asking myself, ‘What’s next? What am I going to do? Babalik na ba ako sa pagiging Physical Therapist?’ But I’m just happy that the people here in GMA did see my potential as an actress, as a host, and I’m excited sa mga parating na projects.”

An Iloilo native, Rabiya graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in Physical Therapy. Earlier this year, she represented the Philippines in the prestigious 69th Miss Universe pageant and secured a spot in the Top 21 finalists. After her guestings in *The Boobay and Tekla Show* and *Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho*, she is gearing up for her debut series *Agimat ng Agila Book 2* and guesting in *Wish Ko Lang* on GMA-7.♥

JOHN LLOYD CRUZ

It’s official – very exciting times are ahead as John Lloyd Cruz makes his showbiz comeback through a special Kapuso series soon. John Lloyd signed a partnership agreement with GMA Network for his highly-anticipated program.

“Maraming salamat sa pagbibigay ng tahanan sa aming munting pamilya at programa. Napakalaking bagay ‘ho na nakahanap kami ng tahanan sa GMA. Sa lahat ng mga nagpaabot ng pagbati... sana talaga lahat tayo ay mabigyan ng pagkakataon na magkatrabaho. Kung may time kayo sana madalaw ninyo kami sa aming programa. I-we-welcome namin kayo sa aming munting pamilya,” said John Lloyd.

The multi-awarded actor, bankable leading man and top-caliber endorser is rightfully one of the biggest names in the industry. Aside from receiving multiple accolades from local and international-award giving bodies, he also has a stream of certified blockbuster movie hits to boot.♥

WITH GRIT, TALENT,
AND PASSION:

**Kapuso Creatives
and Directors
share proudest
works and
moments
behind-the-
scenes**

GMA Network is home to the best and most decorated TV shows not just in the local scene, but internationally as well. With an endless string of award-winning and fan-favorite soaps, GMA-7 has solidified its presence among millions of households worldwide. In retrospect, behind every great feat the Network has is a roster of talented and passionate individuals that have brought to life stories that were once just written on paper.





DIRECTORS

Direk Mark Reyes

Directed the highly-successful fantasy series, Encantadia

I've been directing for more than 25 years. I am very thankful to GMA that they gave me the chance to direct different genres from all forms of dramas, to live shows around the world for GMA Pinoy TV and live Sunday afternoon musicals and films as well.

Direk Don Michael Perez

Started in GMA since 2005 and moved his way up from being a spiels director

Since then I have gone on to direct numerous shows, anthologies, and series for primetime and afternoon prime. I would say I have been able to hone my craft to meet the demands of the current TV landscape."

Direk Mark dela Cruz

With all the new emerging media platforms, I'm looking forward to new genres that will tackle a wider range of audience not only in the Philippines but targeting the global market."

Direk Dominic Zapata

With every new project I continue to be genuinely thrilled with the process of its creation, and every time I am still fascinated with how I can execute a script in a different, perhaps fresh new way. For me, there is a pureness in the joy of telling a story."



(L-R) Mark Reyes, Dom Michael Perez, Mark dela Cruz, Dominic Zapata, Irene Villamor, LA Madridejos, and Jerry Sineneng

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Direk Irene Villamor

I've been privileged to have been allowed to bring some aspects of how I do films into TV. There are technical and production principles that have been applied in my last shows. So with all this exploration, I hope to continue in the upcoming projects and push for quality in all aspects. I hope to ride on the trend that film and tv are no longer different in terms of production value and story.”

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Direk LA Madridejos

Ang daming learnings especially sa industry natin kasi need naming maging updated sa trends, technologies, techniques, etc. Lalo na ngayon na we are also looking na maipalabas ang shows natin sa ibang streaming platforms.”

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Direk Jerry Sineneng

I am most excited with the prospect that I will be working with a group of actors, creative team, staff, and crew, whom I have never worked before. I believe that life is a continuous learning process, and I am excited to interact with a different brand of talents.”



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Direk Jorron Monroy

With the rise of on-demand streaming platforms, the taste of the Filipino audiences has been elevated. It paved way for us, artists, to be more experimental in giving new and artful executions on our TV programs. My primary aim is for original Filipino content to be able to compete in the world stage.”

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Direk Ricky Davao

From exploring new storylines, themes, and different platforms. I am also excited because GMA has invested in state-of-the-art equipment to bring these stories to life with beautiful visuals. I look forward to these stories being presented across the country and worldwide.”

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Direk Zig Dulay

Looking forward ako na sana magtuloy-tuloy pa rin sa pagkakaroon ng mga serye na kagaya ng Sahaya at Legal Wives, na hindi lang magbabahagi ng mga kuwento ng mga Indigenous Peoples kundi ng mga taong nasa gilid-gilid at madalas walang representasyon o boses sa mainstream media.”

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Direk Gina Alajar

Since I am a fan of Korean Dramas, hopefully in the future we can try different approaches in the making of, different star combinations, and hopefully we can have more epic dramas.”

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Monti Parungao

I am looking forward to new ways of storytelling. New plots and twists that we can execute in the new production procedures brought by the pandemic safety protocols. The application of new visual quality brought by new technology is always a plus whenever we get new projects.”



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Direk Laurice Guillen

It was a proud moment not just for me but for the entire team – production, creative, technical, and the actors. In all the years, I have been a director with Kapuso, I have felt very happy and at home. Kapuso has always kept a personal and professional connection with me, which I value very much,” she said.

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Direk Rico Gutierrez

I’m grateful I get to direct different types of television shows, from children shows, game/reality shows, musical shows even news, public affairs shows, and action /fantasy shows. Masaya siya. Don’t want to sound cliché but I love my work.”

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Direk Neal del Rosario

As a director, our responsibility as storytellers is to touch hearts. I never stopped learning new things when it comes to honing my craft. Knowledge is a continuous effort but should be coupled with passion, dedication, maturity, and humility.”

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Direk Rechie del Carmen

I am a Kapuso director for five years now. My proudest Kapuso moment is being involved with First Yaya which was a phenomenal primetime rater and is now moving to create its book two, First Lady.”

(L-R) Jorron Monroy, Zig Dulay, Monti Parungao, Ricky Davao, Gina Alajar, Laurice Guillen, Rico Gutierrez, Neal del Rosario, and Rechie Del Carmen



CREATIVES

Apart from directors, a show will not be as successful as it is if not for its backbone – a creative team – whose main goal is to create and elevate a story into a visual masterpiece that will give the audience the best viewing experience.

Dode Cruz

“To this day, my most favorite soap that I conceptualized is still ‘Ikaw Lang ang Mamahalin’ because it was the first successful GMA-7 produced soap that paved the way for the current GMA Telebabad. It was my very first soap opera head writing job where I learned so much. I was so euphoric seeing my first baby become a hit for my beloved home network.”

RJ Nuevas

Favorite conceptualized shows are Ika-6 Na Utos and Anna Karenina, because of how these shows resonated with the audience.”

Suzette Doctolero

I have so many. ‘Encantadia’ because I felt like a child again when we were writing that show. ‘Amaya’ because I’ve learned a lot kasi ang dami kong books na binasa for that. ‘My Husband’s Lover’ because it was so beautiful. It talks about love, it’s liberating.”

Direk Aloy Adlawan

Sinenovela’s Magdusa Ka’, his first teleserye in GMA as Headwriter, was unforgettable. “The show not only went into air with really high ratings, but it was also the first GMA drama show that was nominated in the International Emmys for Best Telenovela.” Another show close to his heart was ‘The Good Daughter’ which starred Kylie Padilla in a heavy acting role where she proved herself as a credible actress. In the NUTAM history of published ratings, The Good Daughter was the first show to achieve double-digit ratings in the Afternoon Prime programming.



(L-R) Dode Cruz, RJ, Nuevas, Suzette Doctolero, Direk Aloy Adlawan, Des Garbes-Severino, Kit Villanueva Zapata, Denoy Navarro-Punio, Jojo Nones, and Agnes Gagelonia-Uligan

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Des Garbes-Severino

The most memorable Kapuso show that I conceptualized is probably “I Can See You”. It was the first show that was taped during the pandemic, and we were just so happy to prove that it could be done. That it was well-received by the viewers was just a bonus. I felt at that time that it proved our resilience and assured us that entertainment was still essential even during the pandemic.”

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Kit Villanueva Zapata

My favorite would have to be ‘Grazilda.’ I always lean towards character-driven concepts. Grazilda is a feminist antihero – a standout, not like any other I’ve ever written. She is selfish, temperamental, bratty not a typical protagonist by any means, but she certainly has depth.”

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Jojo Nones

I felt so proud and grateful when ‘First Yaya’ was the number 1 program in the country, regardless of genre or format. I would get private messages from viewers thanking First Yaya for lightening the loads that they carried especially during the time of the pandemic.”

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Denoy Navarro-Punio

To Have and To Hold,’ “I wanted to create a series that encapsulates a breakdown of a marriage and how the characters deal with their disillusionment, the pain of betrayal and how to also heal from it.”

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Agnes Gagelonia-Uligan

Daig Kayo ng Lola Ko’ and ‘Love of my Life.’ “Masarap ‘yung nakaka-entertain ka na, nakakapagturo ka pa sa mga bata, at maging sa matatanda. Kapag nagsusulat, dapat malinaw kung ano’ng natutunan or “take away” ng viewers. For LOML, it’s a family drama na realistic ang approach. Nakakatuwa na tinanggap ng viewers kahit hindi ito ang nakasanayan nilang drama,” she said.

A romantic drama that will take your breath away I Left My Heart in Sorsogon

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Come home to a love story designed to sweep hearts away as GMA Entertainment Group proudly presents the highly-anticipated romance drama, *I Left My Heart in Sorsogon*, starring some of the country's biggest names in the industry.

THE STORY

When Celeste (Heart) reluctantly returns to her hometown, Sorsogon, she is forced to face the emotional baggage that she left behind when she moved to Manila. She still resents her father, who is now critically ill, and her father's second family for looking down on her glitzy fashion life. She wants nothing more than to leave, but she finds herself face-to-face with her old flame, who stirs up feelings she thought she had long forgotten. The longer that Celeste stays in her hometown, the more that she unexpectedly rediscovers her roots, rekindles her love for family, its people, who just simply won't leave her heart.

THE STARS

The series features the teleserye comeback of Queen of Creative Collaborations Heart Evangelista, along with the newest Kapuso leading man Richard Yap and multi-awarded Kapuso actor Paolo Contis.

Kapuso viewers are in for a visually romantic treat as Heart steps into the role of Celeste, a fashion designer and socialite engaged to a dashing debonair, Tonito, brought to life by Richard.

"I can relate to Celeste in some ways because she's so fashionable, she's always dressed up yet somehow she

uses her clothes as armor because you don't really know the turmoil that is happening inside her," shared Heart.

For Richard, his character is a different game, "Si Tonito, masyado siyang giving minsan to a fault... 'di ko yata magagawa sa totoong buhay 'yun," he laughs. "But one thing you can learn here is to just give and give love until it hurts because that's really all you can do. Hindi mo lang ma-expect na you will receive the same love, but as long as you give it sincerely, you'll be happy with whatever it is that you get."

"It's the story that I always choose." Paulo shared. "Kung maganda 'yung kuwento, that's when I get hooked sa isang project. But more than me choosing this project, I'm happy that GMA chose me, to be honest. May nakita sila na Mikoy in me and I'm very thankful that they gave me this opportunity to do a 'mabait' role on television."

THE CAST

The series is made more exciting by an excellent roster of talented Kapuso stars. Featuring two of the Network's fast-rising teen stars: Kylene Alcantara as Tiffany, the 18-year-old daughter of Tonito who can be rebellious on the outside, but is actually sweet and warm on the inside; and in his first soap opera, Mavy Legaspi as Sebastian, Celeste's estranged half-brother who is charming, handsome, and feisty.

Also starring in the show are Michelle Dee as Hazel, Mikoy's girlfriend who considers Celeste as a threat to their relationship; Rey PJ Abellana as Patricio, Celeste's estranged father; Isay Alvarez

as Lucinda, Celeste's doting mother who passed away years ago; Shamaine Centenera-Buencamino as Adora, Celeste's stepmother and Sebastian's loving mother; Marina Benipayo as Vivian, Tonito's rich and overbearing older sister; Debraliz Valasote as Lola Ikay, Mikoy's grandmother who has a passion for food; Issa Litton as Aurelia, Tonito's ex-wife and Tiffany's mother; Jennie Gabriel as May-may, Celeste's cousin and childhood best friend; Jennifer Maravilla as Jamaica, Celeste's fashionable friend and associate; Zonia Mejia as Clau, Tiffany's friend; Bryce Eusebio as young Mikoy; Dayara Shaine as young Celeste; Elias Point as James, Tiffany's classmate and long-time boyfriend; Victor Sy as Winston, Tonito's trusted cousin and confidante.

THE CREATIVE TEAM

The original series is under the supervision of the GMA Entertainment Group headed by SVP for Entertainment Group Lilybeth G. Rasonable, FVP for Drama Redgie A. Magno, SAVP for Drama Cheryl Ching-Sy, Senior Program Manager Redgynn S. Alba, and Executive Producer Michelle Borja.

The series is under the helm of director Mark Sicat Dela Cruz. Meanwhile, the creative team is composed of Creative Director Aloy Adlawan; Creative Head Suzette Doctolero; Creative Consultant and Concept Creator Jojo Tawasil Nones; Head Writer John Roque; Senior Writers Mark Duane Angos, Liberty L. Trinidad, and Ma. Christina S. Velasco; Contributing Junior Writer Patrick Louie L. Ilagan; and Junior Brainstormer Jai Shane Cañete.❤️

I LEFT MY Heart IN Sorsogon

HEART EVANGELISTA

RICHARD YAP

PAOLO CONTIS



LAS HERMANAS

Directed by Monti Puno Parungao with associate director Patrick Ferrer
GMA-7 | Afternoon Prime

THE STORY

The lives of three sisters turned upside down when their father died and left their family bankrupt. From their ostentatious and glamorous home, they had to move to a fishing village in the province with their mother. But another scandal ravages their family when their mother was arrested for several counts of estafa. Lost and still grieving, the three sisters will try to take matters into their own hands. But their personalities and dreams clash and one unfortunate incident follows another. When worse comes to worst, will blood indeed be thicker than water?

THE CAST

Three powerful and undoubtedly talented Kapuso stars – Yasmien Kurdi, Thea Tolentino, Faith Da Silva – lead the series as the Manansala sisters Dorothy, Minnie, and Scarlet respectively.

Las Hermanas is made more exciting by the Kapuso comeback of Albert Martinez as Lorenzo Ilustre, the charming, self-made businessman who will captivate the heart of Scarlet and be the root of the sisters' falling out.

Joining them is a powerhouse cast composed of: Jason Abalos as Gabriel Lucero, a handsome fish trader

(L-R) Faith Da Silva, Yasmien Kurdi, and Thea Tolentino

who eventually becomes Dorothy's boyfriend; Jennica Garcia as Brenda Macario, Gabriel's ex-girlfriend; Lucho Ayala as Ronald de Guzman, a street-smart orphan who will catch the interest of Minnie; veteran actresses Madeleine Nicolas as Josefa Manansala, the three sisters' loving grandmother; Melissa Mendez as Divine Sarmiento, Josefa's close friend.

Also portraying very special roles in the series are Rita Avila as Mildred Manansala, the matriarch of the Manansala family, and Leandro Baldemor

as Fernando Manansala, the three sisters' father who will meet a tragic end. Completing the cast are Rubi Rubi as Rowena, a woman with an ulterior motive to break the Manansala family apart; Robert Ortega as Berto Macario, a nosy barangay captain and Brenda's father; Orlando Sol as Francisco Ramos, long-time personal driver and bodyguard of Lorenzo; Coleen Paz as Kiwi Almeda, Scarlet's housemate.

THE CREATIVE TEAM

The series is under the supervision of the GMA Entertainment Group headed by SVP for Entertainment Group Lilybeth G. Rasonable, FVP for Drama

Redgie A. Magno, SAVP for Drama Cheryl Ching-Sy, Senior Program Manager Camille D. Hermoso, and Executive Producer Erwin Hilado.

Las Hermanas is a product of the visionary minds of GMA's award-winning and highly talented creative team - Creative Director Aloy Adlawan; Creative Head RJ Nuevas; Creative Consultant Kit Villanueva-Zapata; Headwriter Geng Delgado; Writers Brylle Tabora and Nehemiarey Dallego; Brainstormers Tina Velasco, Cynthia Paz, and Rhoda Marino.



DIGITAL DIGEST

LATEST
PODCAST,
ONLINE
NEWS AND
MUSIC



PAPA OBET SESSIONS EP

Now playing: your favorite song on your favorite radio station sang by your favorite disc jockey.

Barangay LS 97.1 disc jock Papa Obet is now officially a recording artist as he releases “Papa Obet Sessions EP,” under GMA Music, on-air and on digital streaming platforms worldwide.

Containing four tracks: “Ikaw Lang At Ako,” (composed and originally performed by Janno Gibbs), “Kung Mababalik Ko Lang,” by 604, “Kung Malaya Lang Ako,” by Kris Lawrence and Papa Obet’s original composition “Ang Una Kong Pasko,” this EP is a dream come true for him who shared during his interview that the ambition written in his high school yearbook was “to be a successful recording artist.”💕

SLOW DANCE

PERFORMED BY KELVIN MIRANDA
WRITTEN BY JOMARI FELICES
JINTALAN

After winning the hearts of viewers as Marcus in *Stories from the Heart: Loving Ms. Bridgette* and as Chef Harvey in GMA Public Affairs’ fantasy-romance series *The Lost Recipe*, Kelvin goes back to his love for music with this sweet song. It tells the story of two young individuals transitioning from friends to lovers after their magical prom night. “This is not a love song for your special someone but a song you can also dedicate to your family and friends. I want this song to provide hope that someday we can all bond again together when this pandemic is over, and we will all just ‘slow dance,’” says Kelvin..💕

SOMETHING IN THE RAIN

PERFORMED BY LEXI GONZALES
WRITTEN BY RINA MERCADO

Starstruck Season 7 First Princess Lexi Gonzales shared, “The song is about first love, how magical it is and how we would sometimes long to go back to that giddy feeling. It’s a feel-good song that will make you feel nostalgic. Whenever it’s raining, there will always be a feeling and a memory that we will go back to. That’s the song for me--traveling back to your memories while being cozy with a cup of coffee in your hand.”💕

WEB



GTV.PH

GMA Network's second free-to-air channel GTV likewise keeps it good online as it unveils www.gtv.ph – the viewers' go-to source for the hottest updates on everything GTV. Airing a variety of programs produced by GMA News and Public Affairs, Entertainment Group, Regional TV and Synergy, as well as foreign dramas, GTV surely caters to the young and young at heart.

And through its own website, netizens can access all the latest news about their favorite GTV shows, videos, program schedules, as well as online exclusives.♥

SOUNDS & STORIES

GMA News and Public Affairs and Spotify Studios launched a one-of-a-kind ASMR podcast featuring enchanting Filipino folktales accompanied with soothing sounds of nature and traditional musical instruments.

The podcast titled *Sounds and Stories of the Philippines* is a collection of Filipino folktales narrated by veteran voice over artist Shirley Escalante. It is also the first project to archive Filipino folktales through an ASMR podcast.

According to executive producers Rizza Mendiola and Lala Lacsina, the podcast is a “great way to introduce the beauty of Filipino folktales to the world” and they made sure to “maximize the rich and cultural sounds and instruments” we have in the Philippines.♥



PODCASTS





First row (L-R): Dingdong Dantes, Marian Rivera, Alden Richards, and Bea Alonzo

2nd row (L-R): Heart Evangelista, Jessica Soho, Michael V., and Mel Tiangco

3rd row (L-R): Howie Severino, Mike Enriquez, Vicky Morales, and Arnold Clavio

4th row (L-R): Aicelle Santos, Christian Bautista, Lani Misalucha, and Julie Anne San Jose



GMA Network 2021 Christmas Station ID makes the season brighter

A holiday treat that Kapuso viewers always look forward to every year, the Network’s Christmas station ID also serves as a reunion for the Kapuso artists and personalities joining forces in one touching video to celebrate this season of cheer.

Opening the Christmas video were GMA News pillar Jessica Soho, Kapuso Primetime King Dingdong Dantes, Kapuso Primetime Queen Marian Rivera, and Asia’s Multimedia Star Alden Richards. Queen of Creative Collaborations Heart Evangelista and one of the newest Kapuso Bea Alonzo graced the CSID in special vignettes along with the growing roster of Kapuso stars and News and Public Affairs personalities.

In this year’s CSID, which was released on November 12, they were seen writing messages of hope in heart-shaped pieces of paper and hanging them on the ‘tree of hope.’ With the heartwarming messages dedicated to Filipinos from different sectors and walks of life, we are again reminded that despite the challenges that come our way, love is the best gift that we can give one another this Christmas. Expressing love in any manner whether through words or action truly goes a long way as it helps spark hope in everyone’s hearts and feel God’s love especially this season.

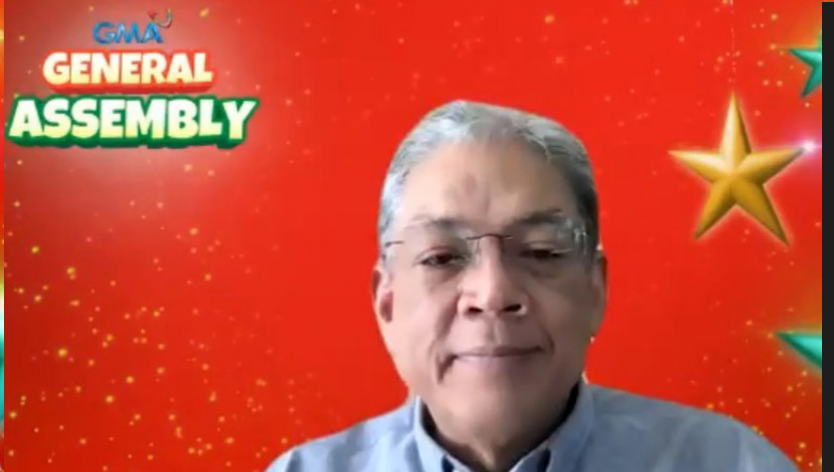
The latest Kapuso Christmas offering was made even more unforgettable with the jingle performed by the talented Kapuso singers led by Julie Anne San Jose, Lani Misalucha, Aicelle Santos, and Christian Bautista. The catchy upbeat tune paired with uplifting lyrics was composed and arranged by Simon Peter Tan with words by BJ Camaya, Emman Rivera, and Jann Lopez. “Love Together, Hope Together” is also available for streaming worldwide on Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube Music.

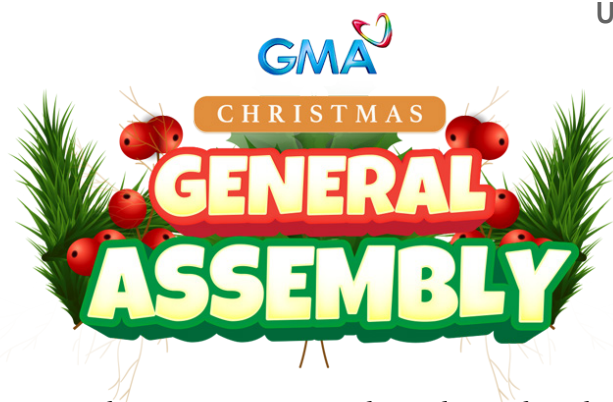
“Sa kabila ng lahat ng pagbabago, isang bagay ang hindi nagbago. Ikaw, ikaw na laging nasa tabi ko. Laging maliwanag ang Pasko if we love together, hope together. Laging makulay ang Pasko if we love together, hope together,” – the song’s simple yet powerful message of being there for one another truly rings true especially for the Kapuso Network as it further proves that it will always be with the Filipinos in any situation.

As long as there is love and hope in each other’s hearts, Christmas will always be brighter and better if Filipinos are together.

Watch GMA Network’s 2021 Christmas Station ID on GMA’s official Facebook and YouTube accounts, or on the official website www.gmanetwork.com.







The Kapuso Network’s talented and hardworking people are among the company’s biggest blessings.

With the theme “Love Together, Hope Together,” GMA employees and officers gathered virtually for the Christmas General Assembly last December 14.

“Napapanahon at makahulugan ang ating tema... Pag-ibig at pag-asa. Ang sabi sa sulat ni Paul, “three things remain: faith, hope, love, but the greatest of these is love.” Kaya mga Kapuso, let us “Love together, Hope together”. Sana ay maging malusog at ligtas tayong lahat. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, mga Kapuso!”

FELIPE L. GOZON

GMA NETWORK CHAIRMAN AND CEO

First row (L-R): Live during GA were GMA Chairman and CEO Felipe L. Gozon, President and COO Gilberto R. Duavit, Jr. and Executive Vice President and Executive Committee Vice Chairman Joel G. Jimenez

2nd row (L-R): Senior Vice President for Entertainment Lilybeth G. Rasonable, Senior Vice President for News Marissa L. Flores, and Executive Vice President and CFO Felipe S. Yalong

3rd row (L-R): Hosts during the GA were Michael V and Patricia Tumulak with a taped performance of Julie Anne San Jose

3rd row (L-R): Our Kapuso employees singing to the tune of “love Together, Hope Together”

4th row (L-R): Our dear guards and service staff dancing and singing





ART GAP 2021

BLOOM AND ZOOM

MOBILE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Art Gap started in 2001 as an exhibit of paintings by the network's employees and talents. Through the years, it has developed into a celebration of original artwork in various media—painting, photography, songwriting, and caricature drawing.

This year, we held a mobile photography contest with the theme Kapuso ng Kalikasan, a reflection of the Network's commitment to the environment and a celebration of how nature enriches our lives. From over 300 entries, the judges chose the top winner per category

MEET THE JUDGES



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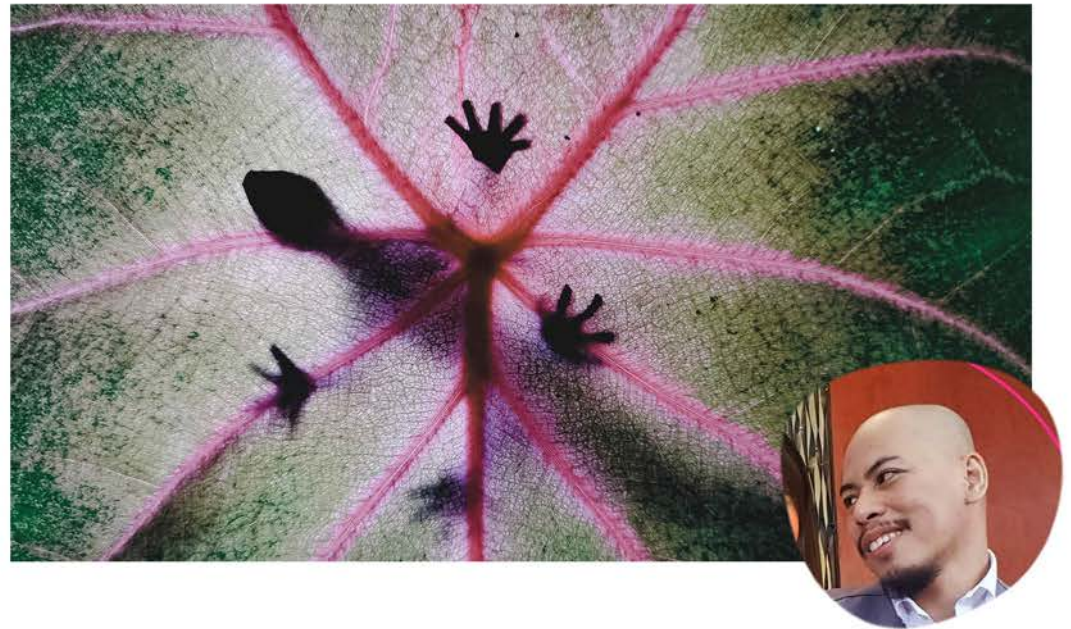
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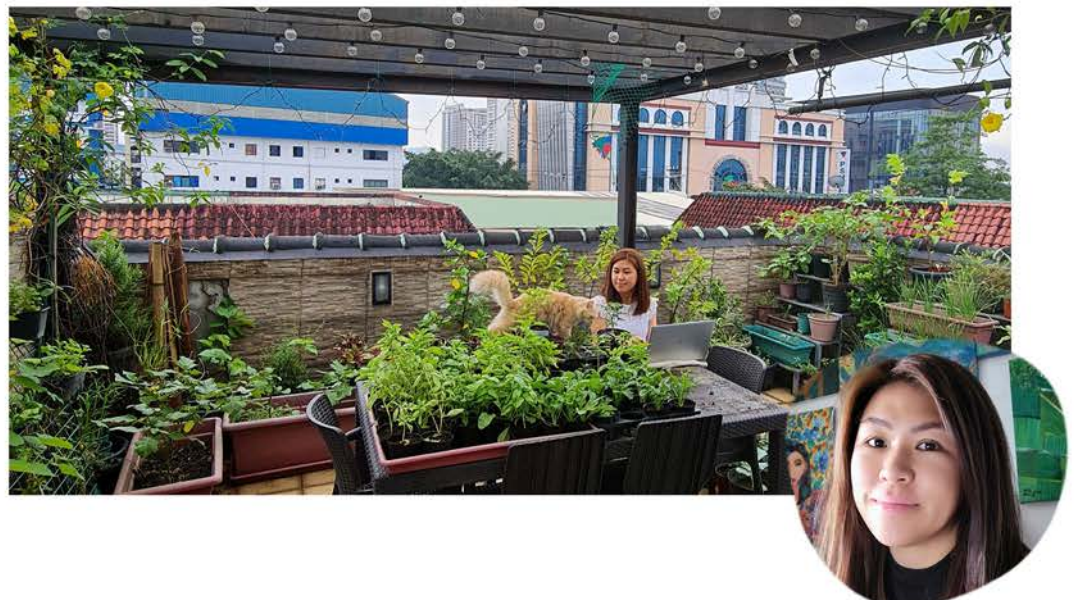
Category 1:
Plant Haven Winner
JANE D. PAYLANGCO



Category 2:
Macro Photography Winner
CARLOS S. LEGASPI



Category 3:
Living with Nature Winner
EMMYLOU DIEZ



Asia's Limitless Star Julie Anne San Jose's journey continues in

LIMITLESS PART 2: HEAL

Julie was joined by viewers around the globe as she began her musical journey in Mindanao last September 17. In the trending first leg of *Limitless*, she learned about the essence of the local culture and tradition. Most importantly, she saw the real beauty of the place emanating from the kindness and warmth of the Mindanaoans. Each day, she peeled a layer of Mindanao. And at the same time, she shed a layer of her wall. Embracing her vulnerability, she revealed her real thoughts and emotions.

"In the first part, I was finally able to 'breathe' as I took a trip to unexplored Mindanao," shares Julie. "I learned so much about the place, the people there, and about myself. The beautiful scenery, the warmth of the South was overwhelming."

But this was just the beginning. After taking a pause and acknowledging her inner battles, she is ready to take the harder step--facing her fears and confronting her conflicts.

"Taking a breath is always the first step. We pause. But after that, comes the difficult part. We confront our inner battles. We acknowledge. Because this is how we heal," she adds.

Limitless is a story of Julie's journey of knowing more about the people around her, the country and the world, and more importantly, about herself. And in every step of her journey, Julie wants everyone to be with her.

Her next journey took her to an island in the Visayas, where she explored the mystical beauty of its scenic locations. With every new experience, Julie unwrapped the mystery surrounding the island and its locals.

"Amidst a global pandemic, we have never been more proud of Julie and her immense talent and willingness to explore herself, and our amazing country. The 'Limitless' team is honored to be part of her journey. *Limitless* is not just Julie's story but ours as well. We want to breathe. We want to heal. And with 'Limitless,' GMA Synergy is doing just that for our Kapuso all over the globe. We hope you stay with us in this three-part journey that features the beautiful country that is the Philippines," says GMA First Vice President and Head for Regional TV and Synergy Oliver Victor Amoroso.

In *Limitless Part 2: Heal*, Julie will enjoy the beach and the beats of the Visayas with fellow Clash Master and good friend Rayver Cruz. Joining her as well is the proud Bisdak herself, *The Clash Season 3* Grand Champion Jessica Villarubin.



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JULIE ANNE SAN JOSE

“When we create, we always hold ourselves to the highest standards. It’s already a given that it should reflect the values of the Network and Filipinos, and highlight the impressionable skills of our stars. But add to that the challenges of creating during a pandemic—ensuring everyone’s safety, working within health protocol restrictions, and working with minimal manpower. Now imagine tripling that challenge. That is the daunting task that we had to brave. But it was surmountable. I realize now that Julie Anne’s journey is also parallel to our production. We were confronted with obstacles—old and new. But we faced them head on with courage,” shares First Vice President for Business Development Department III Darling De Jesus-Bodegon.

Limitless, A Musical Trilogy is under the creative direction of Paolo Valenciano and musical direction of Myke Salomon. It is produced by GMA Synergy, the same team behind the record-setting and the



Philippines’ first-ever virtual reality concert *Alden’s Reality: The Virtual Reality Concert*, the TV airing of which earned a finalist certificate at the 2021 New York Festivals.

The second leg of *Limitless* was made possible with the help of the following partners: *Vivo X70* co-engineered with *Zeiss*, *GSM Blue*, *Wilkins Distilled*, *Mega Sardines*, *Dentocleene Dental Clinic*, *Department of Health-CHD 1*, *Kusog Bikolandia*, *DMI Medical Supply, Inc.*, and *UpLive App*.

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Now on Tiktok: GMA Regional TV newscasts extend serving local news to Gen Z



Local news matters on-air and online. This is why GMA Regional TV (RTV) is extending its reach of serving the latest news and information from various areas of the Philippines to a wider range of audiences by making waves in the popular video-sharing app TikTok.

“In GMA Network, we remain steadfast to our commitment to deliver Serbisyonng Totoo on-air, on-ground, and even online. This is why GMA Regional TV continues to find ways to bring local news and information to more Kapuso and these include tapping popular social media platforms such as TikTok which is very popular to the young generation,” says GMA Regional TV and Synergy First Vice President and Head Oliver Victor Amoroso.

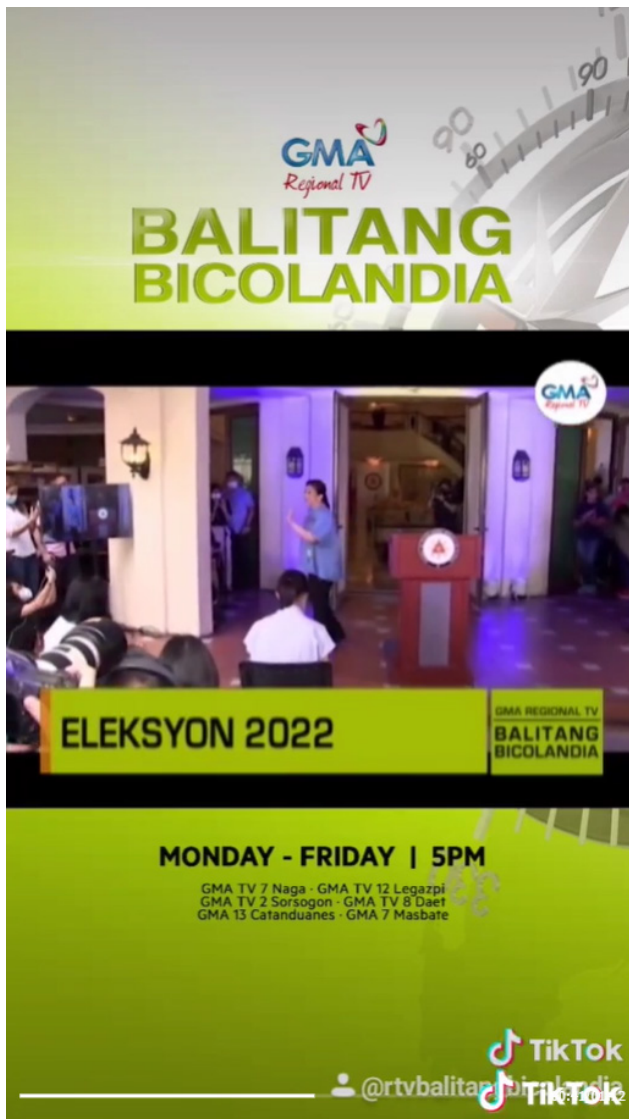
As of December 17, the regional arm of GMA Network already has cumulative views of 46,780,523 through its newscasts and morning shows’ TikTok accounts. These accounts include award-winning flagship local newscasts *GMA Regional TV Balitang Amianan*, *GMA Regional TV Balitang Bisdak*, *GMA Regional TV Balitang Bicolandia*, *GMA Regional TV One Western Visayas*, and *GMA Regional TV One Mindanao*; as well as the national newscast *Regional TV News*. Likewise, regional morning shows *Mornings with GMA Regional TV*, *GMA Regional TV Live!*, *GMA Regional TV Early Edition*, and *At Home with Regional TV* are also available on TikTok.

“We’ve made the content of our various GMA RTV newscasts and morning shows geo-targeted so that our Kapuso in the regions can stay updated with what’s

happening in their area. At the same time, these videos are all delivered in their respective dialects which makes it easier for them to relate to,” shares Amoroso. “We look forward to giving our younger audience the tools and means to keep themselves informed about the local news and updates that matter to them wherever they are in the Philippines.”

Captivating TikTok users in North Central Luzon is *GMA RTV Balitang Amianan* (@rtvbalitangamianan) which has 81,500 followers and 311,300 likes. Meanwhile, the newscast’s morning show counterpart, *Mornings with GMA Regional TV* (@morningswithgmaregionaltv) has 31,300 likes and 118,000 likes.

TikTok users in Eastern and Central Visayas can also stay updated on the latest news and information via *GMA RTV Balitang Bisdak* (@rtvbalitangbisdak).



The account now has 36,800 followers and 138,200 likes. Mornings are made extra special as *GMA Regional TV Live!* (@gmaregionaltvlive) spreads good vibes online amassing 33,300 followers and 132, 100 likes on the app.

GMA RTV *One Western Visayas's* handle (@rtvnewwesternvisayas) has also generated 20, 400 likes with 3765 followers as of this writing. At the same time, *GMA RTV Early Edition* (@gmaregionaltvearlyedition) continues to gain more traction with 40, 900 followers and 122,600 likes.

Balitang Bicolandia (@rtvbalitangbicolandia) is also taking TikTok to another level with videos having 22,300 likes and its account having 4347 followers.

Meanwhile, *One Mindanao* is proving its reach beyond television as its handle (@rtvonemindanao) gets 28, 900 followers and 110,400 likes. Its morning show counterpart, *At Home with GMA Regional TV* (@athomewithgmaregionaltv), has 25,900 followers and 86,600 likes as of this writing.

Regional TV News (@regionaltvnews) continues to gain more followers with 63, 900 followers. Its videos have accumulated 319,500 likes already.

Kapuso in the regions can only expect the best TikTok experience from the Platinum Stallion Award's five-time Best Regional TV Station as GMA RTV is set to roll out more exciting content in the coming days.

Get updates about GMA RTV shows and projects by visiting www.gmaregionaltv.com. Follow GMA Regional TV on www.facebook.com/GMARegionalTV and on Twitter and Instagram via @GMARegionalTV.

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GMA Pinoy TV unveils Stronger Together station ID



GMA's flagship international channel GMA Pinoy TV has unveiled its grandest offering for the Kapuso abroad via the station ID dubbed, "Stronger Together".



Masterfully performed by no less than Asia's Limitless Star Julie Anne San Jose and all-female vocal group XOXO,

the upbeat GMA Pinoy TV station ID encourages everyone to get back on their feet and move past the dark moments as they face a brand new day together. *The Stronger Together* station ID was officially launched on All Out Sundays last November 28.

"Stronger Together" is GMA Pinoy TV's umbrella campaign for the celebration of its 16th anniversary.

The campaign includes the successfully-launched *Stronger Together: The GMA Pinoy TV Podcast* which showcases conversations with Kapuso personalities, global celebrities, and Filipinos around the world who remain strong and resilient amidst life's challenges; *Pockets of*

Hope, interstitials that inspire everyone to share the things that helped them weather these trying times; *Frontliners Stronger Together*, another interstitial that features Filipino Frontliners who share inspiring and unforgettable stories on how they were able to surpass the challenges during this pandemic; *Stronger Together Viber Stickers* that make chatting with friends and loved ones even more colorful; and "Pinoy Abroad Fun Connect," the virtual meet-and-greet event that enables Pinoys from across the world bond with their favorite Kapuso stars and personalities.

"For us at GMA Pinoy TV, 'Stronger Together' has deeper layers of meaning that transcends across borders and social issues that concern Filipinos all over the world. Aside from the pandemic, our campaign was released at an opportune time during the heat of #StopAsianHate, women empowerment, the call for inclusiveness in the mainstream pop culture, and more awareness for mental health and resilience. Amidst these challenges, what proves to be true is that we get our strength from each other and that when joined together, we can be stronger than any of the adversities that come our way," says GMA International First Vice President and Head of Operations, Joseph T. Francia.

"We offer the new GMA Pinoy TV station ID as a battle cry and as a reminder for all our beloved Kapuso abroad that we are here for them no matter the circumstance and no matter the distance," he assures.

"The new Stronger Together station ID spotlights migrant Pinoys' resilience during the global pandemic and hopes to encourage them to continue with the 'fight,'" adds GMA International Senior Assistant Vice President and Head of Programming Cheri C. Domingo.

Filipinos abroad can subscribe to GMA Pinoy TV by visiting gmapinoytv.com/subscribe.

Subscribers in the USA, Canada, Singapore, and Hong Kong can now watch Kapuso shows while on the go! Just download the mobile app of your pay-TV provider and enjoy TV everywhere! Or missed an episode of your favorite Kapuso program? Catch it ON DEMAND available on selected carriers globally.

For more updates on the latest shows and events, follow GMA Pinoy TV on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, and Viber! ❤️

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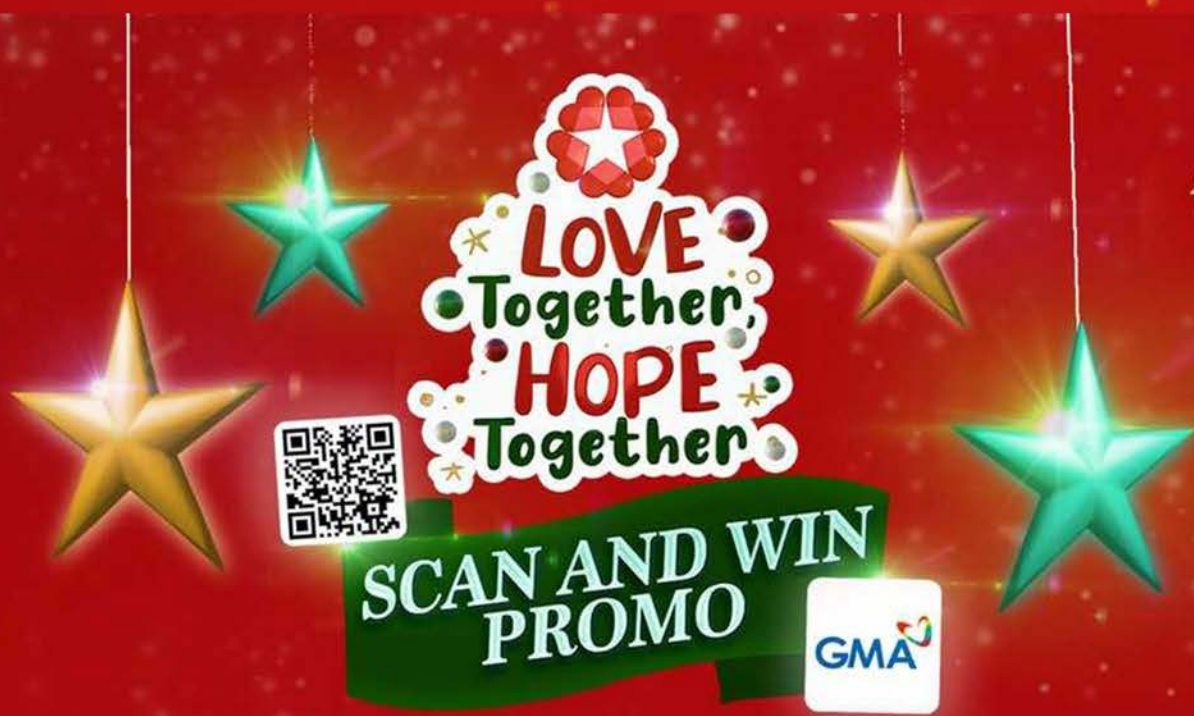
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