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presents this

OUTSTANDING SILLIMANIAN AWARD in Medicine

to

Eusebio C. Kho

who through unwavering industry and the exemplary exercise of his professional training, has succeeded in establishing a name for himself in a foreign country in a highly competitive and lucrative field as medicine.

Dr. Eusebio C. Kho, a native of Jimalalud, Negros Oriental, specializes in general surgery in Scottsburg, Indiana, U.S.A. Certified by the American Board of Surgery in 1972, he is licensed to practice medicine in the states of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.


Born on December 16, 1933, he earned his pre-medicine degree at Silliman University in 1955 and his medicine proper at the University of the Philippines in 1960. He also finished post-graduate courses in general surgery in 1975, disaster medicine in 1981 and recent advances in surgery in 1982 from three different universities in the U. S. A.

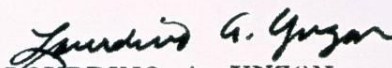
He counts among his student awards the ROTC Silver Star at Silliman University in 1954 and the most outstanding intern at the University of the Philippines — Philippine General Hospital in 1960.

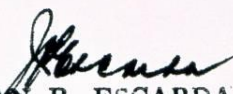
Occupying the rank of lieutenant colonel in the medical corps of the U. S. Army Reserve, Dr. Kho received the U. S. Army Achievement Medal in 1986 and the U. S. Army Commendation Medal in 1987.

For the acclaim and prestige he has garnered in his chosen field and his demonstration of Christian love and fellowship through his works, a proud alma mater confers this recognition.

Given this twenty-eighth day of August, nineteen hundred and eighty nine at Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Philippines.


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EUSEBIO C. KHO M.D., F.A.C.S.
Diplomate, American Board of Surgery
Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)

In 1933, Dr. Eusebio Kho was born in Jimalalud, Negros Oriental, Philippines. His parents, who belonged to the local merchant class, instilled in him and his five siblings a strong work ethic. Both parents were strict but caring, especially their mother who always told them to be polite “since you do not spend one centavo to do that.” He entered into the public school system at Jimalalud and graduated as valedictorian in 1948. Four years later, he repeated his sterling academic feat, graduating as valedictorian at Silliman University High School. While there, he excelled in writing and rose to the position of editor-in-chief of the school paper.

After finishing his Pre-Medicine degree with highest honors from Silliman University, he continued on to the University of the Philippines College of Medicine where he graduated in 1960 a Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society awardee and was also honored as the “Most Outstanding Intern.” There then followed a three-year residency in his home province of Negros Oriental at the Silliman University Medical Center. He later became a junior researcher in virology under the world-famous virologist Dr. George Beran of the Van Howelling Virus Laboratory at Silliman.

Dr. Kho had always desired to be a surgeon. To that end he was accepted as Straight Surgical Intern at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, and spent another two years as surgical resident under the world-famous Dr. Mark M. Ravitch. When the latter left to be Chair of Pediatric Surgery at the University of Chicago, Dr. Kho followed and served as Research Associate in Pediatric Surgery. There, he focused his research on intestinal healing and wrote several scholarly articles on the subject that were published

in prestigious medical journals. At the recommendation of Dr. Ravitch, he was accepted as Junior Resident at the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio, Texas. There he rose to become Chief Resident of Surgery, under the noted surgeon Dr. J. Bradley Aust.

In 1972, Dr. Kho moved to Scottsburg, Indiana, where he established his solo surgical practice. That same year, he was certified by the American Board of Surgery, for Life. He and his family have lived in Scottsburg since then and have made their own mark on that community.

To show his gratitude to his adoptive country, he voluntarily joined the US Army Reserve in 1980. Initially a Major, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1981. His medical unit was activated in 1990 during the Gulf War and he was sent to Saudi Arabia as a surgeon for Operation Desert Shield in 1991. During the ground war phase of Operation Desert Storm, his unit, the 377th Combat Support Hospital, went into Southern Iraq and supported the 1st Infantry Division. After the surrender of the Iraqi forces, Dr. Kho's unit went to Kuwait City and helped in the reconstruction. The photo below of him was taken at that time.



Dr. Kho has since been awarded a dozen service medals, badges and decorations for his military service to the United States, Saudi Arabia and the Emirate of Kuwait. Upon his return home, he was promoted to Colonel and honored among others with a victory parade by the mayor of Scottsburg. For his accomplishments, he was also made a member of the Kentucky Colonels by Governor Wallace Wilkinson of Kentucky. He

resumed his surgical practice and continued his Army service until his retirement from the U.S. Army and from his surgical practice in 2001. Upon his retirement from the Army, he was awarded the Army Meritorious Medal. He continues to practice family medicine, impelled by his desire to give back to those that nurtured him.

Everywhere he has been, whether in his schooling, his medical practice, his military service or his community involvement, he has done exemplary work and has been widely lauded for it. He is regarded by his fellow Filipino expatriates as a role model in his profession and is named in several biographical publications that list top achievers in their respective fields. In 2008, Dr. Kho was selected as one of the Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad.

He has received outstanding awards from his two college alma maters – Silliman University and the University of the Philippines - as well as from alumni groups abroad of those two institutions. In 1998, he was inducted into the Chicago Filipino-American Hall of Fame. In 2009, Silliman Alumni International, Chicago chose him as the Most Outstanding Alumnus USA. The next year, Silliman University conferred on him the prestigious “Order of Horace Brinsmade Silliman” award. Dr. Kho was given the Outstanding Overseas Service Award by the UP Medical Alumni Society at Manila during the Homecoming Celebration in 2002, in recognition of his accomplishments, specially his US Army services in Operation Desert Storm and elsewhere around the globe.

One of his enduring legacies is his role in founding in 1980 and subsequent nurturing through his leadership of the UP Medical Alumni Society in America. Known by its acronym UPMASA, the society has since become a major contributor toward the enrichment of medical practice in the Philippines in general and the programs of the U.P. College of Medicine in particular. Throughout his professional life, he could not involve himself in the governance structure of the UPMASA because he was very intensely involved in surgical patient care. That changed when he retired from surgery-- he could devote more time to UPMASA officialdom. He was first elected as Auditor, then Assistant Chair of the Board of Governors (BOG), then Acting Chair, when that position became vacant. He was next elected President-Elect, and finally he assumed the position of National President of that Society from 2007-09. He was the first Non-UP PreMed entrant to the College of Medicine to reach that position. In 2009, at the close of his term, he was given a Plaque of Recognition as Outstanding President of the UPMASA.

Dr. Kho credits his success in both civilian and military life to God, his parents, his education and, above all, his wife, the former Grace Casas Lim, a Silliman business graduate. The two had a campus romance, got married in Tagbilaran in 1964, and that same day, they were on their way to the US for him to start his surgical training. In the lean years of internship and residency, she was his very strong and encouraging supporter. They have five children who are all grown up, well-educated and successful in their chosen fields. The apple of their eye is their sole grandchild Gwendolyn McGuire.