

"Lahing Pinoy" at Island Pacific Supermarket



Manny Pacquiao launches new song at Island

When the ring announcer introduces Pinoy fighter Manny Pacquiao in Las Vegas on May 2nd for his fight against Ricky Hatton, a different song will escort the world's #1 pound-for-pound boxer into the ring. Pacquiao wants to debut the brand new song he helped compose with popular songwriter/composer Lito Camo who penned hit novelty songs like "Bulaklak," "Spaghetti Song," "Otso-Otso," among others.

It would have been a long wait, more than a month, for people to hear another Camo masterpiece. But thankfully, fans at Island Pacific Supermarket last Saturday did not have to wait. Encouraged by the warm welcome he received from kababayans at Island Pacific in Panorama City last Saturday, the People's Champ launched the song at the supermarket.

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"Nag-go-grocery lang po ako dito sa Island pero nahatak ako ng Team Pacquiao," said Camo who performed two of his hit songs before Pacman was introduced.

The festivities that started at 4:30pm opened with an up and coming Pinoy band called "Eksprezo LA." Their set was followed by songs from former Philippine teen sensation Antoinette Taus. But as a treat to all the fans and patrons of Island Pacific Supermarket, a trivia game was held, hosted by the only Filipino with her own daily television show in a local channel here in Southern California, Jannelle So of "Kababayan LA" on LA18. Those who correctly answered questions pertaining to Pacquiao's childhood, professional and family life won amazing prizes that included brand new magic mic kits, sacks of rice, and gift bags from Bennie Bebe, O Skin Care, Alas Cargo and Monet Salon.

"We are very proud to be supporting this event for Manny at Island Pacific. Itinatayo niya ang bandila nating mga Pinoy. He deserves the best," said Julius Espina of Bennie Bebe, a clothing store inside Island Pacific in Panorama that sells Pacquiao apparel and merchandise.



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"Gusto kong magpasalamat sa may-ari ng Island Pacific, si Nino Lim, kaibigan ko. Salamat sa pag-imbita. At salamat sa lahat ng mga taong nagpunta," Pacquiao said on stage as soon as he arrived, coming from sparring and another fans' event at the Wild Card Gym in Hollywood where he trains.

The fans that flocked to the supermarket, some as early as 12noon, got a little anxious when at 6:00pm, Pacquiao still hasn't arrived. But everyone agreed that it was worth the wait. Pacman, as always did not disappoint.

"Nanggaling pa akong Rancho (Cucamonga) pero sulit ang drive at paghihintay kasi nakita ko si idol," said Agapito Flores.

"Akala ko appearance lang, pero kumanta pa. Parang mini-concert. Ang galing," said Mercy Labalen.

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"Paborito talaga namin ang Island. Kaya dito lang kami bumibili ng pinapakain naming kay Manny. Sariwa, mura, malinis at ang babait pa ng mga tao. Kaya sabi ko talaga kay Manny, kailangan naming dumaan dito," said Buboy Fernandez, Pacquiao's cutman and old-time friend who also revealed his talent in hosting as he made people laugh and dance at the said event.

"Nung una, marami pa ang nagtatanong kung totoong pupunta si Pacquiao sa Island. Marami din ang hindi makapaniwala. Pero totoong totoo. Punung-puno kami ngayon. Tuwang-tuwa ang mga tao," said Jessie Chong of Island Pacific Supermarket. "Kahit pagod kami sa dagdag na trabaho, masaya din kami kasi marami kaming napasaya."

In these times of economic hardships which cause people to lose their homes, their jobs, and ultimately their American dream, there are only a few things that can make people happy and forget their problems, if only temporarily - - - two of those are Manny Pacquiao who fights with all his might to give pride to every kababayan in the whole world; and Island Pacific Supermarket who strives to keep their prices affordable, their service unparalleled, and their community outreach sincere.

There are plans to have another Pacman Meet and Greet at Island Pacific Supermarket, this time in West Covina. But before then, in Island Pacific desires to be of service to the Filipino community and help kababayans in time of need, a FREE loan modification seminar will be held on Saturday, April 11th. The husband and wife team of Atty. Michael Juaregui and Alex Tieu-Juaregui will be explaining the options people have in order to make sound real estate decisions. More details to follow.

