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Ms. Michelle GIMBLETT
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Dear Ms. Gimblett

I was very impressed by the work of Operation Restore Hope when I visited President Diosdado Macapagal Memorial Medical Center at the end of April.

The quality care for the children is remarkable and it is wonderful that this relatively simple procedure can transform a child's opportunities in life so dramatically. Operation Restore Hope's philosophy of working with the communities ensures the effectiveness of the treatment programme.

I was also impressed by the emphasis that Operation Restore Hope places on transferring skills to Filipino medical staff. Both by the direct impact on the patients, and by developing local medical capacity, your organisation is making a strong contribution to development in the Philippines.

I wish you every success and look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely yours,

David Pine
New Zealand Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines