

Indefatigable Teacher and Mentor, a Leader and Healer

RAUL D. JARA, MD FPCP, FPCC

The officials, faculty, alumni, support staff, students, and other members of the UP community extend their condolences and sympathies to the family of Raul Diaz Jara, MD, UP College of Medicine Class 1975, who passed away on March 24, 2020 due to Covid-19.

He exemplified the holistic physician who is passionate about the art and science of medicine. He devoted his whole life to constant learning and teaching and molding and inspiring future doctors and other health workers. He believed in his students and regarded them as his children and the hope of future generations. He emboldened his trainees to aim for excellence in all their undertakings and develop their full potentials. He was the ever generous consultant and colleague in many ways.

Dr Jara is regarded as one of the pillars of cardiology in the country and served as president of the Philippine Heart Association. He was a leader very early in his career and later on headed various organisations and fulfilled important assignments especially in the field of training. He was a recipient of countless awards as outstanding teacher and leader, but he will be most remembered by friends, patients, and colleagues as a caring healer with a sweet smile. He was not only a much loved cardiologist by his patients but was also a singer, writer, and poet. He was a model husband and father who always put his family first. He is survived by his wife Eleonor, five children and their spouses, and 10 grandchildren.

