

"10th Anniversary of School Establishment" Ceremony Held at Vocational School for Auto Mechanics in the
Philippines
(ISUZU HEART & SMILE PROJECT)

Since November 2008, Isuzu has conducted an educational program focused on disadvantaged children at a vocational school for auto mechanics under the Philippine Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA*) in Tacloban City on the island of Leyte, the Philippines.

On August 19 and 20, a ceremony to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the school's establishment was held there, and many graduates, current students, and new students participated.

The 231 graduates of the school up to this point are actively working as mechanics at automobile sales companies and maintenance facilities in the Philippines, as well as in many other countries.

The graduates wanted to hold a reunion in Tacloban since it was the starting point of their current lifestyles, so this year to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the school's establishment, people who have been involved with the school in the past and 115 graduates from within the Philippines and from overseas participated in the reunion, and were able to strengthen their personal connections and relationships.

The reunion included events to which the local residents were invited and charity events for underprivileged children, all filled with the spirit of gratitude, making it an important ceremony with the aim of creating harmony with the local community.

Also, after the reunion, an entrance ceremony for 36 new students in the 17th class and a graduation ceremony for 17 students from the 14th class were held under the proud observation of many of their seniors.

※TESDA : Technical Education and Skills Development Authority





Graduates assembled at their nostalgic alma mater from within and outside of the Philippines.



Graduates strengthened their close friendships at a "Family Day" held at their alma mater.



All 17 graduates of the 14th class acquired the NC4 qualification (highest national qualification for automobile mechanics in the Philippines).



The 36 new students in the 17th class performed songs and dances.