

JHMC Board of Directors (Profile)

MGEN. ROMEO C. PRESTOZA (RET.)

Director, JHMC Board of Directors
Date of First Appointment: 06 May 2024

Age: 70
Citizenship: Filipino
NOT holding more than five (5) positions in GOCCs and publicly-listed companies

Major General Romeo C. Prestoza (Ret.) was appointed to the Board of Directors of the John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC) on 06 May 2024. With a distinguished military and civilian career spanning over four decades, he brings to the JHMC Board unparalleled experience in leadership, national security, operations management, and governance.

General Prestoza is a proud alumnus of the Philippine Military Academy, having graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Science in 1978. He completed further military education through the Air Force Officers' School, where he was named Most Outstanding Student, and the Command and General Staff Course. His intelligence training includes courses with the Special Intelligence Training School and the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS).

His extensive military service culminated in his appointment as Chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP) from 2008 until his retirement in 2010. Prior to this, he served as Commander of the Presidential Security Group (PSG) from 2006 to 2008 under the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. His notable international assignments include serving as Air Attaché to the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. and Philippine Force Representative to the United Nations Command (Rear) in Tokyo, Japan.

From 2018 to 2019, General Prestoza served as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Philippine House of Representatives, further expanding his experience in legislative and institutional security.

In the private sector, he is currently the President of Basic Holdings Corporation and Fortune Tobacco Corporation, and Head of Security for the Lucio Tan Group of Companies and Affiliates. He also serves as a security consultant for Feedmix Specialist Inc. II.

Throughout his military career, General Prestoza held numerous key intelligence and leadership roles, including Commander of ISAFP's various Military Intelligence Groups (MIGs), and Chief of Operations and Intelligence Division. He also served as Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander of the Philippine Air Force Flying School in Lipa City.

His outstanding service has earned him 87 military and civil awards, including the Order of Lakandula (Maringal na Pinuno), Presidential Merit Medal from the United States Secretary of Defense, the Outstanding Achievement Medal, Distinguished Service Star Medals, Bronze Cross Medals, Silver Wing Medal, and United Nations Service Medal.

He is an active member of several civic and alumni organizations, including the Association of Generals and Flag Officers, the Knights of Columbus, and is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the PMA Makatarungan Class of 1978.

General Prestoza's steadfast commitment to national service, organizational excellence, and institutional security makes him a vital contributor to JHMC's mission and leadership.