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Astronomy on Tap (AoT) is a worldwide network of events in which astronomers and related professionals & students give short presentations in pubs and cafes, allowing the public to connect with experts in a relaxed environment. Last March 2026, AoT Manila was launched, becoming the first AoT "satellite" in the Philippines and the sixth in Asia. AoT Manila is currently organized by the Philippine Society of Space and Astronomy Research (PSSAR) and student volunteers from various universities within Metro Manila. In this poster, we will share some of the lessons the organizers and volunteers have learned from organizing AoT Manila that differ from those in other AoT satellites, such as our "comedy" Astronomy on News segment, special sessions given by invited speakers, and experts who visit the Philippines that end up becoming speakers in our sessions. Finally, we will present some of the feedback that we have received from the audience. We hope to encourage other countries and cities without AoT yet to start their own AoT in their respective areas.

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