

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn158

Number of telescopes: 1 telescope for free, 1 SkyScout unit for free audio demo, and 1 green laser pointer for free constellation tutorial

Number of organisers: 4

Number of attendees: 300

Event photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/42258606@N02/>

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Event Report:

The planned three nights event for SBY Park of SM Mall of Asia Pasay City was greatly affected by a typhoon. Nevertheless, we were able to do the third night on October 24, 2009 with a relative clear sky marked only by thin haze which allowed the participants to see Jupiter and the Galilean satellites through our 66SD telescope. The crowd was given free views, free audio demo from our SkyScout personal planetarium hooked to a portable PAS, and a green laser was also used to point out the objects shown. People were ecstatic to learn that the brilliant white object they see after sunset is Jupiter and that they can see the Galilean satellites even with a small telescope. No live webcast done because of poor bandwidth of the WIFI facility in the SBY park. There was a planned to hook up the event live via mutual webcast with Indonesia but it was not possible with the poor internet WIFI bandwidth present at the site.