



RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOUNDATION

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The Ramon Magsaysay Award was created in 1957, the year the Philippines lost in a plane crash a President who was well-loved for his leadership and moral courage, his simplicity and humility, his passion for justice, particularly for the poor, and his advancement of human dignity. Among the many friends and admirers of the late President around the world were the Rockefeller brothers. With the concurrence of the Philippine government, the trustees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) established the Award to honor his memory and perpetuate his example of integrity in public service and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society.

Supported with an endowment from the RBF, the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) was organized in Manila in May 1957, with seven prominent Filipinos as founding members of the foundation's board of trustees. The Foundation has since implemented the Magsaysay Award program, pursuing the mission of "honoring greatness of spirit in selfless service to the peoples of Asia." The first Ramon Magsaysay Awards were given on August 31, 1958 to five outstanding individuals working in India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Republic of China (Taiwan) and Sri Lanka, and to a Philippine-based organization.

Today, the Ramon Magsaysay Award program is managed by the RMAF board of trustees, composed of nine trustees serving staggered four-year terms. An appointed president oversees the full-time administration of the program. Annually, the RMAF solicits award nominations from a wide-ranging pool of international nominators. Nominations are carefully investigated and the awardees are determined after rigorous evaluation by the Foundation's board of trustees. Magsaysay laureates receive their Awards at formal Presentation Ceremonies held annually in Manila on 31 August, the birth anniversary of the late President.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award is given to persons – regardless of race, nationality, creed or gender – who address issues of human development in Asia with courage and creativity, and in doing so have made contributions which have transformed their societies for the better. Up to 2008, the Award has been given in six categories: government service; public service; community leadership; journalism, literature and creative communication arts; peace and international understanding; and emergent leadership. The Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership seeks to inspire young people to apply their talents and energies to selfless and innovative service in Asia; created in 2000 with support from a Ford Foundation grant, this award category honors greatness of spirit among men and women forty years old and below. Except for Emergent Leadership, the Awards are no longer given in any predefined category.

Collectively, the Awardees' lives and work paint a portrait of remarkable change and achievement in areas as diverse as rural and urban development, poverty reduction, public health, the environment, governance, science and technology, education, business and the economy, human rights, political reform, culture, and the arts. In the five decades of the Ramon Magsaysay Award's existence, Asia has made great progress, some nations more than others. Yet the region continues to grapple with problems of poverty, malnutrition, disease, marginalization, and violence – as well as with newer problems that have come with economic progress itself.

In continuing to recognize individuals and organizations who address these issues with extraordinary vigor, integrity and selflessness, the RMAF seeks to honor the legacy of President Ramon Magsaysay and to place living examples of transformative leadership and inspiring service before the public. From the Magsaysay laureates, present and future generations may draw courage, challenge, and hope.

Statistical Data on Magsaysay Awardees 1958 - 2012

This tabulation reflects the country where an awardee worked at the time of his/her award, NOT the awardee's nationality.

Figure 1

Distribution by Country (Individuals)

Country	No. of Awardees																			
Afghanistan	1																			
Bangladesh																				11
Burma			4																	
Cambodia				5																
China																				16
East Timor	1																			
Hong Kong																				7
India																				51
Indonesia																				22
Japan																				24
Laos			2																	
Malaysia																				11
Nepal			4																	
Pakistan																				11
Philippines																				43
Singapore			2																	
Sri Lanka																				9
South Korea																				19
Taiwan																				9
Thailand																				22
Tibet	1																			
Vietnam			3																	

Figure 2

Distribution by Country (Organizations)

Name of Organization	Country
1. Asian Institute of Management	<i>Philippines</i>
2. Asian Institute of Technology	<i>Thailand</i>
3. Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	<i>Indonesia-based</i>
4. Bayanihan Folk Arts Center	<i>Philippines</i>
5. College of Agriculture, UP at Los Banos	<i>Philippines</i>
6. Committee for Coordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin	<i>Cambodia-based</i>
7. Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere	<i>US-based</i>
8. International Institute of Rural Reconstruction	<i>Philippines-based</i>
9. International Rice Research Institute	<i>Philippines-based</i>
10. Operation Brotherhood (defunct)	<i>Philippines</i>
11. Press Foundation of Asia	<i>Philippines-based</i>
12. Radio Veritas	<i>Philippines</i>
13. The Royal Project of Thailand	<i>Thailand</i>
14. Summer Institute of Linguistics	<i>US-based</i>
15. United States Peace Corps in Asia	<i>US-based</i>
16. Gawad Kalinga Community Development Foundation	<i>Philippines</i>
17. Center for Agriculture and Rural Development Mutually Reinforcing Institution (CARD MRI)	<i>Philippines</i>
18. Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation, Inc. (AIDFI)	<i>Philippines</i>

Figure 3

Distribution by Age (When Award was presented)	
Age Group	No. of Awardees
20 -30	4
31 - 40	24
41 - 50	63
51 - 60	73
61 - 70	68
71 - 80	34
81 - 90	10
91 - 100	2
TOTAL	278*

*excludes 18 organizations

Figure 4

Distribution by Sex			
	Living	Deceased	Subtotal
Male	113	103	216
Female	44	18	62
TOTAL	157	121	278*

* Individuals only

Figure 5

Distribution by Category of Awards	
Category	No. of Awardees
Government Service ¹	50
Public Service ¹	57
Community Leadership ¹	58
Journalism, Literature, & Creative Communication Arts ¹	50
Peace and International Understanding ¹	46
Emergent Leadership ²	13
2009 Awardees ³	5
2010 Awardees ³	7
2011 Awardees ³	5
2012 Awardees ³	5
TOTAL	296

Note ¹ : From 1958 until 2008, the Awards were given in these five categories
 Note ² : Since 2001, the Award has been given to outstanding individuals 40 years old and below, in this category
 Note ³ : Awardees are no longer classified into pre-defined award categories



Ramon Magsaysay Awardees (1958-2012)

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

1959 Aguilar, Jose V. ♦, *Filipino*
 1971 Ali Sadikin ♦, *Indonesian*
 1982 Alcaraz, Arturo P. ♦, *Filipino*
 1997 Anand Panyarachun, *Thai*
 1962 Aquino, Francisca R. ♦, *Filipino*
 1994 Bedi, Kiran Peshawaria, *Indian*
 1991 Bengzon, Alfredo R. A., *Filipino*
 1992 Chamlong Srimuang, *Thai*
 1958 Chiang Mon-Lin ♦, *Chinese*
 2002 Davide, Hilario G., Jr., *Filipino*
 1959 Deshmukh, Chintaman D. ♦, *Indian*
 2006 Ek Sonn Chan, *Cambodian*
 1977 Galstaun, Benjamin ♦, *Indonesian*
 1972 Goh Keng Swee ♦, *Singaporean*
 1987 Hanafiah, Dato' Haji Ahmad, *Malaysian*
 1995 Hiramatsu, Morihiko, *Japanese*
 1969 Hsu Shih-chu ♦, *Chinese*
 2005 Jon Ungphakorn, *Thai*
 1963 Khan, Akhter Hameed ♦, *Pakistani*
 1961 Kodijat, Raden ♦, *Indonesian*
 1974 Kuroki, Hiroshi ♦, *Japanese*
 1968 Li Kwoh-ting ♦, *Taiwanese*
 2003 Lyngdoh, James Michael, *Indian*
 1986 Mboi, Aloysius Benedictus, *Indonesian*
 1986 Mboi, Nafsiah Walinono, *Indonesian*
 1964 Miki, Yukiharu ♦, *Japanese*
 1980 Muhammad Alias, Raja, *Malaysian*
 1985 Noordin, Tan Sri Ahmad ♦, *Malaysian*
 2008 Padaca, Grace, *Filipino*
 1966 Phon Sangsingkeo ♦, *Thai*
 1981 Prawase Wasi, *Thai*
 1965 Puey Ungphakorn ♦, *Thai*
 1998 Rizvi, Syed Adibul Hasan, *Pakistani*
 2000 Robredo, Jesse M., *Filipino*
 2007 Salonga, Jovito R., *Filipino*
 1988 Santiago, Miriam D., *Filipino*
 1973 Sekhar, Tan Sri Balachandra C. ♦, *Malaysian*
 1996 Seshan, Tirunellai N., *Indian*
 1978 Shahrum, Dato' bin Yub, *Malaysian*
 1999 Siddiqui, Tasneem Ahmad, *Pakistani*
 1983 Su Nan-cheng, *Taiwanese*
 1975 Suffian, Tun Mohamed ♦, *Malaysian*
 1976 Tu, Elsie Elliott, *British*
 1967 Viphakone, Keo ♦, *Lao*
 1979 Wasito, Raden ♦, *Indonesian*
 1984 Wu Ta-you ♦, *Taiwanese*
 1993 Xuan, Vo Tong, *Vietnamese*
 2004 Yorac, Haydee B. ♦, *Filipino*
 2001 Yuan Longping, *Chinese*
 1989 Zakiah Hanum, Dato', *Malaysian*

PUBLIC SERVICE

1992 Alcalá, Angel C., *Filipino*
 1985 Amte, Murlidhar Devidas ♦, *Indian*
 2008 Center for Agriculture & Rural Dev't.
 Mutually Reinforcing Institution,
Philippines
 1975 Chamroon Parnchand, Phra ♦, *Thai*
 1979 Chang Kee-ryo ♦, *Korean*
 1993 Coyaji, Banoo Jehangir ♦, *Indian*
 1977 Del Mundo, Fe V. ♦, *Filipino*
 1982 Desai, Manibhai B. ♦, *Indian*
 1986 Edhi, Abdul Sattar, *Pakistani*
 1986 Edhi, Bilqis Bano, *Pakistani*
 1976 Fernandez, Hermenegild J. ♦, *French*
 1973 Fortich, Antonio Y. ♦, *Filipino*
 1983 Fua Harihitak ♦, *Thai*
 1988 Fukuoka, Masanobu ♦, *Japanese*
 2003 Gao Yaojie, *Chinese*
 1973 Gaston, Benjamin C. ♦, *Filipino*
 1972 Guidote-Alvarez, Cecile R., *Filipino*
 1964 Hoa, Augustine Nguyen Lac ♦, *Chinese*
 1960 Holland, Sir Henry ♦, *British*
 1960 Holland, Ronald ♦, *British*
 1995 Jahangir, Asma, *Pakistani*
 1989 Jain, Lakshmi Chand ♦, *Indian*
 1987 Jassin, Hans Bague ♦, *Indonesian*
 2004 Jiang Yanyong, *Chinese*
 1972 Kabayao, Gilopez, *Filipino*
 1962 Kadoorie, Horace ♦, *British*
 1962 Kadoorie, Sir Lawrence ♦, *British*
 1963 Kim, Helen ♦, *Korean*
 1969 Kim Hyung-seo, *Korean*
 2007 Kim Sun-tae, *Korean*
 1966 Kim Yong-ki ♦, *Korean*
 2000 Liang Congjie ♦, *Chinese*
 1959 Luce, Tee Tee ♦, *Burmese*
 1994 Mechai Viravaidya, *Thai*
 1997 Mehta, Mahesh Chander, *Indian*
 1965 Narayan, Jayaprakash ♦, *Indian*
 1981 Nasution, Johanna S. ♦, *Indonesian*
 1961 Nilawan Pintong, *Thai*
 1996 Oh, John Woong-jin, *Korean*
 1980 Ohm Dae-sup ♦, *Korean*
 1971 Orata, Pedro T. ♦, *Filipino*
 2006 Park Won-soon, *Korean*
 2002 Pfau, Ruth, *German-Pakistani*
 1978 Prateep Ungsongtham-Hata, *Thai*
 1999 Rosal, Rosa, *Filipino*
 1958 Rutnam, Mary H. ♦, *Sri Lankan*
 2005 Shanta, V., *Indian*
 1991 Sirindhorn, Princess Maha Chakri, *Thai*
 1967 Sithiporn Kridakara ♦, *Thai*
 1998 Sophon Suphamong, *Thai*
 1974 Subbulakshmi, M. S. ♦, *Indian*
 2005 Teten Masduki, *Indonesian*
 2008 Therdchai Jivacate, *Thai*
 1984 Thongbai Thongpao ♦, *Thai*
 1968 Tobata, Seiichi ♦, *Japanese*
 1959 Vilallonga, Joaquin ♦, *Spanish*
 2001 Wu Qing, *Chinese*

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

1960 Abdul Rahman, Tunku ♦, *Malaysian*
 1967 Abdul Razak, Tun ♦, *Malaysian*
 1978 Abdullah, Tahrunessa A., *Bangladeshi*
 1993 Abdurrahman Wahid ♦, *Indonesian*
 1980 Abed, Fazole Hasan, *British*
 2008 Amte, Mandakini, *Indian*
 2008 Amte, Prakash, *Indian*
 1987 Aree Valyasevi, *Thai*
 1969 Ariyaratne, Ahangamage T., *Sri Lankan*
 1979 Arole, Mabelle R. ♦, *Indian*
 1979 Arole, Rajanikant S. ♦, *Indian*
 1996 Athavale, Pandurang S. ♦, *Indian*
 1982 Bhatt, Chandni Prasad, *Indian*
 1977 Bhatt, Ela Ramesh, *Indian*
 1958 Bhave, Vinoba ♦, *Indian*
 1961 Borgeest, Gus ♦, *British*
 1966 Chattopadhyay, Kamaladevi ♦, *Indian*
 1991 Cheng-yen, Shih, *Taiwanese*
 1985 Chowdhury, Zafrullah, *Bangladeshi*
 1959 Dalai Lama, *Tibetan*
 1986 Daly, John Vincent, *American*
 1968 Encarnacion, Rosario ♦, *Filipino*
 1968 Encarnacion, Silvino L. ♦, *Filipino*
 1994 Fei Xiaotong ♦, *Chinese*
 2006 Gawad Kalinga Community Development
 Foundation, *Philippines*
 1999 Gomes, Angela, *Bangladeshi*
 1995 Ho Ming-teh ♦, *Taiwanese*
 1974 Ichikawa, Fusaye ♦, *Japanese*
 1986 Jei, Paul Jeong-gu ♦, *Korean*
 1992 Khan, Shoaib Sultan, *Pakistani*
 1963 Khurody, Dara N. ♦, *Indian*
 1989 Kim Im-soon, *Korean*
 1973 Krasae Chanawongse, *Thai*
 1963 Kurien, Verghese, *Indian*
 1975 Lee Tai-young ♦, *Korean*
 1965 Lim Kim San ♦, *Singaporean*
 1997 Maamo, Eva Fidela C., *Filipino*
 2002 Maung, Cynthia, *Burmese*
 2006 Meloto, Antonio P., *Filipino*
 1962 Narayanan, Palayil P. ♦, *Malaysian*
 1998 Nuon Phaly, *Cambodian*
 1963 Patel, Tribhuvandas K. ♦, *Indian*
 1962 Poeradiredja, Harley Koesna, *Indonesian*
 2004 Prayong Ronnarong, *Thai*
 2007 Pun, Mahabir, *Nepalese*
 2000 Roy, Aruna, *Indian*
 1994 Samar, Sima, *Afghan*
 1981 Sethi, Pramod Karan ♦, *Indian*
 2001 Singh, Rajendra, *Indian*
 2003 Sinha, Shantha, *Indian*
 1983 Soedjarwo, Anton, *Indonesian*
 2005 Somphone, Sombath, *Lao*
 1971 Swaminathan, Moncompu S., *Indian*
 1964 Tapia, Pablo T. ♦, *Filipino*
 1976 Wakatsuki, Toshikazu ♦, *Japanese*
 1972 Westenberg, Hans ♦, *Indonesian*
 1988 Yeasin, Mohammad ♦, *Bangladeshi*
 1984 Yunus, Muhammad, *Bangladeshi*

JOURNALISM, LITERATURE, AND CREATIVE COMMUNICATION ARTS

- 2001 Amaradeva, W. D., *Sri Lankan*
 2006 Apostol, Eugenia D., *Filipino*
 2000 Atmakusumah Astraatmadja, *Indonesian*
 1985 Brocka, Lino ❖, *Filipino*
 1962 Chang Chun-ha ❖, *Korean*
 1961 Chowdhury, Amitabha, *Indian*
 2003 Coronel, Sheila S., *Filipino*
 1997 Devi, Mahasweta, *Indian*
 1958 Dick, Robert McCulloch ❖, *British*
 1981 Ghosh, Gour Kishore ❖, *Indian*
 1972 Hanamori, Yasuji ❖, *Japanese*
 1973 Ishimure, Michiko, *Japanese*
 2008 Ishii, Akio, *Japanese*
 1983 Jayakody, Marcelline ❖, *Sri Lankan*
 1996 Joaquin, Nick ❖, *Filipino*
 1980 Jose, Francisco Sionil, *Filipino*
 2002 Koirala, Bharat, *Nepalese*
 1965 Kurosawa, Akira ❖, *Japanese*
 1959 Law Yone, Edward ❖, *Burmese*
 1984 Laxman, Rasipuram K., *Indian*
 1999 Lin Hwai-min, *Taiwanese*
 1999 Locsin, Raul L. ❖, *Filipino*
 1958 Lubis, Mochtar ❖, *Indonesian*
 1993 Lumbera, Bienvenido M., *Filipino*
 1979 Manjusri, L. T. P. ❖, *Sri Lankan*
 1976 Mitra, Sombhu ❖, *Indian*
 1969 Nishimoto, Mitoji ❖, *Japanese*
 1995 Pramoedya Ananta Toer ❖, *Indonesian*
 1971 Prayoon Chanyavongs ❖, *Thai*
 1986 Radio Veritas, *Philippines*
 2005 Rahman, Matiur, *Bangladeshi*
 1967 Ray, Satyajit ❖, *Indian*
 1977 Regmi, Mahesh Chandra ❖, *Nepalese*
 1969 Reuter, James B., *American*
 2007 Sainath, Palagummi, *Indian*
 1994 Samad Ismail, Abdul ❖, *Malaysian*
 1988 Sarachchandra, V. E. ❖, *Sri Lankan*
 1974 Sarian, Zacarias B., *Filipino*
 2004 Sayeed, Abdullah Abu, *Bangladeshi*
 1992 Shankar, Ravi, *Indian*
 1982 Shourie, Arun, *Indian*
 1991 Subbanna, K. V. ❖, *Indian*
 1964 Sung, Kayser W. ❖, *Chinese*
 1968 Ton That Thien, *Vietnamese*
 1975 Verghese, B. George, *Indian*
 1959 Vittachi, Tarzie ❖, *Sri Lankan*
 1964 Wilson, Richard G., *British*
 1987 Ying, Diane (Yun-peng), *Taiwanese*
 1998 Ying Ruocheng ❖, *Chinese*
 1978 Yoon Suk-joong ❖, *Korean*

PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

- 2008 Ahmad Syafii Maarif, *Indonesian*
 1994 Anzorena, Eduardo Jorge, *Argentinian*
 1998 Aquino, Corazon C. ❖, *Filipino*
 2000 Arputham, Jockin, *Indian*
 1995 Asian Institute of Management (AIM), *Philippine-based*
 1989 Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), *Thailand-based*
 1979 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), *Indonesia-based*
 1965 Bayanihan Folk Arts Center, *Philippines*
 1961 Caulfield, Genevieve ❖, *American*
 1977 College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines
 Los Baños (UPLB), *Philippines*
 1966 Committee for Coordination of Investigations of the
 Lower Mekong Basin (Mekong Committee), *Cambodia-based*
 1968 Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere (CARE), *US-based*
 1964 Fisher, Welthy Honsinger ❖, *American*
 2001 Hirayama, Ikuo ❖, *Japanese*
 1976 Holck-Larsen, Henning ❖, *Danish*
 1986 International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), *Philippine-based*
 1969 International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), *Philippine-based*
 1993 Iwamura, Noboru ❖, *Japanese*
 1981 Kang, Augustine Jung-ryul, *Korean*
 1984 Kawakita, Jiro ❖, *Japanese*
 1974 Masterson, William F. ❖, *American*
 1980 Matsumoto, Shigeharu ❖, *Japanese*
 1975 McGlinchey, Patrick James, *Irish*
 2003 Nakamura, Tetsu, *Japanese*
 1967 Nasu, Shiroshi ❖, *Japanese*
 1997 Ogata, Sadako, *Japanese*
 1971 Okita, Saburo ❖, *Japanese*
 1958 Operation Brotherhood ●, *Philippines*
 1991 Press Foundation of Asia (PFA), *Philippine-based*
 2004 Ramdas, Laxminarayan, *Indian*
 2004 Rehman, Ibn Abdur, *Pakistani*
 1988 Royal Project, *Thai*
 2006 Ruit, Sanduk, *Nepalese*
 1983 Schwartz, Aloysius ❖, *American*
 1978 Soedjatmoko ❖, *Indonesian*
 1973 Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), *US-based*
 2002 Sunim, Pomnyun, *Korean*
 1992 SyCip, Washington Z., *American*
 1996 Takami, Toshihiro, *Japanese*
 2007 Tang Xiyang, *Chinese*
 1962 Teresa, Mother ❖, *Yugoslav-born Indian*
 1987 Timm, Richard William, *American*
 2003 Toyama, Seiei ❖, *Japanese*
 1963 United States Peace Corps in Asia, *US-based*
 1985 Watson, Harold Ray, *American*
 1960 Yen, Y. C. James ❖, *Chinese*

EMERGENT LEADERSHIP

2004 Abadiano, Benjamin, *Filipino*
2012 Ambrosius Ruwindrijarto, *Indonesian*
2007 Chen Guangcheng, *Chinese*
2007 Chung To, *Chinese*
2001 Dita Indah Sari, *Indonesian*
2008 Galappatti, Ananda, *Sri Lankan*
2009 Ka Hsaw Wa, *Burmese*
2006 Kejriwal, Arvind, *Indian*
2003 Lopes, Aniceto Guterres, *Timorese*
2011 Mishra, Nileema, *Indian*
2001 Oung Chanthol, *Cambodian*
2002 Pandey, Sandeep, *Indian*
2005 Yoon Hye-ran, *Korean*

2009 MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES

Joshi, Deep, *Indian*
Krisana Kraisintu, *Thai*
Ma Jun, *Chinese*
Oposa, Antonio Jr., *Filipino*
Yu Xiaogang, *Chinese*

2010 MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES

Akiba, Tadatoshi, *Japanese*
Bernido, Christopher, *Filipino*
Bernido, Maria Victoria, *Filipino*
Fu Qiping, *Chinese*
Huo Daishan, *Chinese*
Khan, A.H.M. Noman, *Bangladeshi*
Pan Yue, *Chinese*

2011 MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES

Alternative Indigenous Development
Foundation, Inc. (AIDFI), *Philippines*
Hande, Harish, *Indian*
Hasanain Juaini, *Indonesian*
Koul Panha, *Cambodian*
Tri Mumpuni, *Indonesian*

2012 MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES

Chen Shu-chu, *Taiwanese*
Davide, Romulo, *Filipino*
Francis, Kulandei, *Indian*
Hasan, Syeda Rizwana, *Bangladeshi*
Koma, Yang Saing, *Cambodian*

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The chair of the RMAF Board of Trustees is currently commissioner in the Commission on Higher Education and professor of Sociology at the University of the Philippines. She has assumed other leadership roles in academe: as dean, UP College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, executive director, UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies, and co-chair, CHED Technical Panel for the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Communications. Dr. Bautista's professional involvements include chairing the Executive Committees of the Philippine Social Science Council, the Human Development Network, and the Philippine advisory board of the Ford Foundation International Fellowship Program. She has also served as trustee of the Philippine Institute of Development Studies, Pulse Asia, the National University of Singapore's Asian Research Institute and the Asian Scholarship Foundation, among others. A multi-awarded social scientist, Dr. Bautista has been involved in international research on agrarian transformation, migration, the Asian middle classes, and other social development concerns. She earned her doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

JUAN B. SANTOS

The vice-chair of the RMAF Board of Trustees is a highly-respected management leader in both the private and public sectors in the Philippines. A long-time executive, then president, and subsequently, chairman of Nestle Philippines, he also served for several years as chief executive officer of the Nestle Group of Companies in Thailand and Singapore. Active in both business and social concerns, he has chaired the Philippine Business for the Environment, the Foundation for Rural Electrification for Economic Development, and the Philippine Swiss-Business Council, and served as trustee of St. Luke's Medical Center and the Philippine Business for Social Progress. Currently the chairman of the Social Security System of the Philippines, he earlier served the government as secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry of the Philippines, and as a key member of various policy-making bodies. In 1994, his outstanding business leadership was recognized when he was acclaimed the Management Man of the Year.

ROBINA GOKONGWEI-PE

The treasurer of the RMAF Board of Trustees is a successful business person and publisher, who oversees an extensive set of commercial enterprises spanning three different industries in the Philippines – real estate, air transport, and retail services. As president and chief operating officer of Robinsons Retail Group, she heads a diverse set of seven retail businesses nationwide, yet finds time to serve on nonprofit boards as well. Her social involvements include serving as trustee on the boards of The Children's Hour, Cardinal Patient Foundation, Immaculate Conception Academy Scholarship Fund, and the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation. Trained in journalism, she was president, for ten years, of the Manila Times, a major Philippine daily.

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CARMENCITA T. ABELLA

The RMAF president is a leading specialist in adult education and training, management development, strategic planning and organizational change management. She has served as consultant to various government agencies, business organizations, international development agencies and non-government organizations in the Philippines and throughout Asia. Before joining the Foundation, Ms. Abella was president of the Development Academy of the Philippines, a pioneering resource institution and think tank in the country providing training and consultancy services, program innovation and research services in organizational change, human resource development, governance, local development, and quality improvement. Currently, she is also active in the NGO community in the Philippines, serving as vice-chair of the Peace and Equity Foundation, chair of the Philippine Council for NGO Certification, trustee of the Association of Foundations and of NORFIL Foundation. She is a key adviser on board governance and development to nonprofit organizations throughout the country.

DELIA D. ALBERT

Amb. Delia Albert is the first woman Secretary Minister of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, serving in that post during the period 2003-2004. A seasoned career diplomat, she has represented the country in various capacities in Switzerland, Hungary, Romania, the ASEAN, and has served as Philippine Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany. She has likewise carried the portfolios of Presidential Adviser for Multilateral Cooperation and Development, and Presidential Envoy for Mining. In June 2004, she chaired the UN Security Council during the presidency of the Philippines. Amb. Albert completed advanced studies in political science, government, and diplomacy in different academic and professional institutions in Europe and the US. She continues to be active in promoting Philippine development as Senior Advisor in SGV& Co./Ernst & Young.

MARIANNE G. QUEBRAL

Ms. Quebral is a recognized specialist in resource mobilization for nonprofit organizations, and has pioneered in professionalizing fundraising in the Philippines, Asia, and elsewhere in the developing world. As executive director and co-founder of Venture for Fund Raising, she has built up this organization which provides consulting, training, research and public information services exclusively for nonprofit organizations to help them attain financial sustainability. An experienced fundraiser herself, she once managed the largest nonprofit direct mail campaign in the Philippines, raising a record level of individual giving. Ms. Quebral is a sought-after senior trainer and consultant, developing institution-specific resource development capacities as well as strategic fundraising programs for a wide range of nonprofit organizations.

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MONCOMPU SAMBASIVAN SWAMINATHAN

M.S. Swaminathan has been acclaimed by TIME magazine as one of the twenty most influential Asians of the 20th century, along with two others from India -- Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore. A plant geneticist by training, Dr. Swaminathan's contributions to the agricultural renaissance of India have led to his being widely referred to as the scientific leader of the green revolution movement. His advocacy of sustainable agriculture has further made him an acknowledged world leader in the field of sustainable food security. He has held numerous leadership positions in both Indian and international research and policy institutions, including independent chairman of the FAO Council, president of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, chairman of the National Farmers Commission, and director general of the International Rice Research Institute. More recently, he served as president of the Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs from 2002 to 2007. He has led a host of different scientific government bodies; presently he is a member of the Parliament of India (Rajya Sabha) and a member of the National Advisory Council. Much-honored with numerous honorary doctorate degrees from universities around the world, Dr. Swaminathan has received some of the most prestigious international awards, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in 1971, and the first World Food Prize in 1987. He is founder and chair of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai (Madras), India.

FR. JOSE RAMON T. VILLARIN, S.J.

Fr. Villarín, “Fr. Jett” to many, is the President of the Ateneo de Manila University. Trained as a physicist, he has been recognized internationally for his outstanding work on issues of global warming, which has been his academic interest and passion since the early 1990s. In 2000, he was awarded National Outstanding Young Scientist by the National Academy of Science and Technology and, in 2001, he edited the award-winning book “Disturbing Climate.” Because of his work on greenhouse gas emissions, Fr. Jett became part of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an international team of climate scientists that won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize together with Al Gore. Currently, he is on the advisory board of the Philippine government’s Climate Change Commission; internationally he is lead reviewer of the UN Convention on Climate Change, and has worked with the UN Consultative Group of Experts for Developing Countries. Fr. Jett has previously headed another Jesuit university, Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro, as its president for six years.

MECHAI VIRAVAIIDYA

Khun Mechai Viravaiidya is the founder and chairman of the Population and Community Development Association (PDA), one of Thailand's largest and most successful nonprofit development organizations. Since 1974, PDA has initiated community-based family planning services, innovative poverty reduction and rural education programs, large-scale rural development and environmental programs, as well as groundbreaking HIV/AIDS prevention activities, throughout the country. Fondly dubbed by many as the “Condom King”, he played a pivotal role in Thailand’s immensely successful family planning program, which saw one of the most rapid fertility declines in modern times. He is acknowledged as the pioneer and champion of many of Thailand’s social mobilization and community development efforts that have since been widely replicated. Khun Mechai has also served in the Thai government as a senator, as a member of the cabinet; recently he served as the chief architect of Thailand’s comprehensive national HIV/AIDS prevention policy and program, which has helped save 7.7 million lives and billions of dollars in treatment costs alone. His involvement in the private sector has been as Chairman of some of the largest Thai companies. Khun Mechai’s development work and leadership contributions have been much acclaimed in major international awards and recognized by the conferment of honorary doctorate degrees. In 1994, he received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service. In 2009, he received his latest international honor, the Prince Mahidol Award for Public Health.