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## OPEN FORUM



By Senator Will Espero

**N**ext year I will be introducing a bill to prevent strip searches of students in school because of the invasive and traumatic experience it can be for young girls. That's a subject that the U.S. Supreme Court has had to wrestle with recently. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was visibly upset with the male justices' lack of empathy for a 13-year-old female student who was subjected to a strip search by school officials based on an unsubstantiated tip that the girl had Ibutrofen. None of the male Supreme Court justices seemed to understand Justice Ginsburg's concerns—that some actions by authorities can have deleterious effects on the persons on whom it is done.

That is one point that President Obama is making with his nomination of Sonia Sotomayor for the U.S. Supreme Court. "Issues like the degree to which an action by state authorities is traumatic or violate accepted social norms come up all the time, which is exactly why empathy is such an important quality in a Supreme Court justice," wrote Howard H. Schweber, a constitutional law and government & politics Professor. "[A] Supreme Court justice's ability to recognize harm being done to someone by an action of the state should not depend on his or her being personally acquainted (and aware that they are acquainted) with a member of the same group. That's what empathy—what Martha Nussbaum calls "narrative imagination"—is all about, the capacity to recognize the reality of others' situation."

Judge Sotomayor's nomination is not only a matter of representation of the Hispanic population in our court. Her being named as a justice also comes with the expectation that she will display a level of knowledge and understanding of social realities that would otherwise

not be available on the Supreme Court without her contributions to the debate in deciding cases. That's the real point of the argument about empathy, Schweber says.

That ability to decide cases with a full grasp of the social context in which they occur should be comforting to many of us in Hawaii. Judge Sotomayor's background, while from the other side of the country, still strikes familiar notes with many of us here. Her parents came to New York from Puerto Rico. Although Puerto Rico is a territory of the U.S., its Spanish language and culture makes her parents' move to multi-cultural New York akin to many of us second and third generation immigrants whose parents and grandparents arrived here in the islands to begin a life anew in our country.

Like many other first generation immigrants, Sotomayor's father did not speak English. Her parents took laborer jobs to support their children and raised them in working class neighborhoods. Sotomayor's father died at the age of 42 from heart problems when she was only nine years old. Her mother, Celina, then had the task of raising her children as a single parent. She put great emphasis on education, as many immigrant mothers have, and instilled in them the value of setting high goals, studying and doing well at school, hard work, and perseverance. Judge Sotomayor's younger brother is a physician and university professor.

Judge Sotomayor has been criticized by some for his comments regarding a "wise Latina woman" and older white men. In my opinion, her detractors need to step back and understand that she spoke from a perspective of hard-earned, well-deserved pride in her achievements and the confidence that it brings. As a wise Latina woman, she is just as qualified as anyone out there whether he be an older white male, a younger Asian man, or anyone for that matter. A mountain has certainly been made of a mole hill in these criticisms.

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# Judge Sonia Sotomayor: Justice With Empathy



US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Judge Sotomayor's academic qualifications have been as stellar as any white male. If not for her ethnic extraction, she would instead be lauded as extremely well-qualified and well suited for a place on the nation's highest court. She graduated as valedictorian from her Catholic primary school class with a near-perfect attendance record. She went on to graduate as valedictorian of her high school class as well, having been elected to its student government and being a member of its forensics team.

Sotomayor began Princeton University on a full scholarship,

at a time when there were few women and even fewer (about 20) Latino students. An accomplishment in itself, she said she felt like a visitor in an alien country, something to which many of us can relate. She tirelessly advocated for the recognition of Hispanic culture at Princeton, resulting in the first hiring of Latino faculty and introduction of courses in Hispanic history and politics. She ran an after-school program for local children and volunteered at the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital as an interpreter. Her senior thesis received an honorable mention for the Latin American Studies Thesis prize. A history major, Sotomayor earned a near-perfect "A" average in her junior and senior years. She won the Pyne Prize, the top award for Princeton undergraduates for her strong grades and extracurricular activities, and graduated summa cum laude.

Sotomayor then entered Yale Law School, again a place with very few Latinos. She earned the law school's highest honors as editor of the Yale Law Journal and managing editor of what is now the Yale Journal of International Law. After graduating, she worked as an assistant district attorney in New York

where she earned a reputation for being smart, dedicated, fearless and effective. She left government work for a private firm where she specialized in international law, arbitration, and intellectual property litigation, where much of her time was spent tracking down and suing counterfeiters of Fendi merchandise. President George H.W. Bush selected Sotomayor to be a federal judge for the District Court for the Southern District of New York, a post she held from 1992 to 1998. President Bill Clinton then nominated her as an appellate judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, where she has served since 1998 to the present.

When Judge Sonia Sotomayor is confirmed by the full Senate, she will take her place as the 111th justice, only the third female justice, and the first Hispanic justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. This will spell a great moment in history as the point where even the highest political and judicial offices became open to all races. It harmonizes with the election of Hawaii-born Barack Obama to the White House, and marks a new era where America continues to prove itself to indeed be the land of opportunity for all.



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## COVER STORY

# Philippines Under GMA: A Review

By Gregory Bren Garcia



GMA needs a lot of praying. They trusted her then (EDSA 2001), hated her now.

**A**lmost nine years after the EDSA II Revolution, the non-violent uprising which first swept Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo into power, and five years after the controversial 2004 presidential elections which saw the defeat of popular candidate Fernando Poe Jr., the current president remains steadfastly in power.

Beleaguered from all sides by opponents for issues which include alleged human rights violations, election rigging and anomalous government transactions among others, the president has so far weathered all storms and aims to stay in office until her term ends in 2010. As Arroyo enters the twilight of her presidency, Filipinos are thinking in retrospect—has she been able to aid the country in its march towards progress or will her term end up being a lost decade for the Philippines?

## Philippine economy: The good picture

In her July 27, 2009 State of the Nation Address, President Arroyo highlighted the

country's strong economy as one of her administration's landmark achievements.

"Our reforms gave us the resources to protect the people, our financial system and our economy from the worst of shocks that the best in the west failed to anticipate," she says.

Indeed, some observers give her positive scores for steering the Philippine economy away from the global financial crisis. Two international investment and credit evaluation firms have recognized the government's economic policies. Moody's Investors' Service upgraded the Philippines' credit rating in July 2009 for remaining "resilient in the face of the global financial and economic crisis."

Another firm, Standard & Poor and Fitch, confirmed in May 2009 that the outlook for Philippine's long-term investment ratings remain stable, enabling the country to balance its external sector strength against the fiscal weaknesses brought about by the global financial crisis.

Some of the country's top corporate personalities also remain positive about the Philippines' economic performance. James Dy, president emeritus of the Filipino-Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Inc. said in a report posted on the official Philippine government website that the president instituted reforms that bailed the country out of the economic downturn.

"This is a world recession. However, in the Philippines, we still can survive. The climate is still alright compared to other countries," he says.

The audit and advisory firm, Isla Lapina & Co., a member of PricewaterhouseCoopers professional services, also reports that many of the country's

top movers and shakers remain upbeat. This is because of "good government policies" that have created an environment conducive to both local and foreign investors and because the private sector continues to invest more money into their businesses.

The study was published in the book entitled "Philippine Resiliency: A Gem Uncovered," a project of Isla Lapina & Co., which endeavours to boost investor confidence in the country. The firm interviewed 21 top corporate executives, four government officials, three presidents of non-government organizations and an economics professor.

The book noted that the so-called "bitter pill" policy of the Arroyo administration, the Expanded Value Added Tax Law, aided the government in funding some of its projects, including important infrastructure facilities. The private sector, on the other hand, helped by taking over and rehabilitating some of the government's assets. According to the book, these moderate advances were achieved despite the low gross domestic product (GDP) domestic of 4.6 percent in 2008 and the paltry 0.4 percent GDP growth in the first quarter of 2009.

## The Other State of the Nation

Critics of Arroyo's economic policies, however, point out that the diminishing growth in the country's GDP is symptomatic of the government's poor economic management, particularly its mistake of depending on remittances from overseas Filipino workers to effect genuine development.

Independent think-tank Ibon Foundation's Research Chief Jose Enrique Africa noted that the growth in private consumption, which accounts for

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73 percent of the country's GDP, slowed down to just 0.8 percent in the first quarter of 2009—the slowest since 1986. He says that a major factor for the reduced growth in consumption is the remittance-centric economic strategy of the government and consequently the slowdown in remittances in the first quarter of 2009.

"The global downturn has caused growth in remittances to slow to just 2.7 percent in the first quarter of 2009 from 13.2 percent growth in the same period last year and 24 percent in 2007," he explains in a report published by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.

Some observers have also criticized the government for using GDP figures to corroborate improved standards of living among Filipinos. In particular, the government has often flagged the 2007 GDP rate of 7.3 percent, the highest in three decades, as one of its achievements. Critics scolded the figure, declaring it hardly indicative of Filipinos' real situation.

Kristine Tang, an executive of a multinational corporation, says that Filipinos belonging to the poorest of the poor have found life to be harder.

"Because I'm in marketing, I interview socio-economic class D and E Filipinos at least once a month. During the past year, the general sentiment was how month-on-month, commodities have become more expensive and jobs more scarce. Real GDP growth sounds good on paper but it doesn't mean anything to the common man," she says.

The Social Weather Station (SWS), a private, non-profit social research institution, also reports that its February 2009 survey on self-rated poverty among Filipinos was still high at 47 percent (8.7 million families). While there has been a downward trend on self-rated poverty since mid-2008, which declined from 59 percent in June 2008 to 47 percent in February 2009, another survey showed that many Filipinos are still experiencing involuntary hunger. A June 2009 survey on hunger shows that the proportion of families experiencing involuntary hunger at least once in the past three months rose to 20.3 percent (3.7 million families) from 15.5 percent (2.9 million families) in the previous quarter.

### Unresolved Controversies

In her recent State of the

Nation Address, President Arroyo proudly enumerated her other achievements, including those in infrastructure, housing, livelihood and healthcare.

These achievements include vital infrastructures like the building of the Subic-Clark-Tarlac and South Luzon Expressways, the rehabilitation of the Philippine National Railway system and the construction of three new world-class airports and 164 seaports, all aimed to improve mobility within the fragmented island nation.

Other important accomplishments include the development of the business process outsourcing industry, which in 2008 employed some 600,000 people and had revenues of \$6 billion. Tourism too has more than doubled in the last four years and is now a \$5 billion industry. The government has also helped some 7 million entrepreneurs with its \$3.5 billion microfinance efforts.

In addition to these, the government also achieved modest advances in health care. Health insurance now covers 86 percent of the population and the Cheaper Medicine Law also resulted in the halving of the market price of 16 important drugs.

Observers, however, note that the administration's achievements are being overshadowed by the many unresolved scandals and charges of corruption involving the president. These include the fertilizer fund scam controversy, in which \$15.5 million is said to have been used to fund Arroyo's 2004 election campaign, the suspected rigging of the 2004 presidential elections, the allegedly anomalous Philippine National Broadband Network deal in 2007 and the alleged extra-judicial killings of suspected communists by the military, among many others.

"I feel that the government is too silent on the many controversies the president was involved with. My impression is that at every major controversy, the government stays silent in the hope that another bigger, non-government related news will be sensationalized and overshadow the previous controversy," says Tang.

In fact, according to research conducted by the Philippine Daily Inquirer, President Arroyo's performance and trust ratings have been on a downhill slide after 2004. The report notes that her performance and trust ratings have deteriorated



The Arroyo administration proudly asserts that one of its achievements is having created a strong Philippine economy that was able to weather the global financial and economic crisis. Critics think otherwise and point to the number of people still living in poverty as proof of the administration's failure in creating sound economic policies. (Photo by Andrea Castro Adajar)

after allegations that she cheated in 2004 through Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano.

Her net satisfaction rating—the difference between those who approve and disapprove of her performance—has also been negative since June 2005, dipping as low as negative 38 percent (22 percent satisfied and 60 percent dissatisfied) in a June 2008 survey.

### History Will Judge

A number of senators were quick to criticize GMA after her address to the nation. As reported in the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero called it a "glass half-filled speech with scant mention of the glass half-empty" part of the picture" because it failed to address the issue of corruption and the human rights situation in the Philippines.

Sen. Pia Cayetano, on the other hand, noted that the president was careful not to categorically state that she wouldn't extend her term past 2010. Critics believe that the administration is pushing for charter change or the current govern-

ment possibly to parliamentary form so GMA can continue serving as prime minister.

Tang shares the sentiment of being left hanging as far as the issue of charter change is concerned.

"As long as the current government is pushing for it, there's no likelihood that it will be for the advantage of the common man," she says.

Others, like Press Secretary Cerge Remonde, say that the president's legacy is yet to unfold.

"After the passion of the moment, history will be the bet-

ter judge," he said during a recent radio interview.

At the end of the day, it's important to note that despite having a number of major accomplishments under her belt, Arroyo has failed to address the colossal issues that overshadow anything she has ever achieved. Whether her political and economic policies will prove to have been of benefit to the country is yet to be arbitrated by history. At the moment, it is of great importance that the president be able to put a closure on the questions still hounding her presidency.

In addition, the president has failed to elucidate her political plans after 2010. Her nationwide address was a wasted opportunity to declare what the majority of Filipinos wanted her to affirm—that she won't seek to remain in power beyond her term of office.

In traditional Chinese philosophy, it is said that heaven blesses a just and righteous ruler and wins the Mandate of Heaven. In Gloria Macapagal's Arroyo's case, she may not only have lost heaven's favor, but the mandate of the people as well.

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# A Eulogy to CORY

By Gladys Evangelista Gajelonia

**1** *t is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.*  
I am reminded of this beautiful quote by Dumble-

dore in the best-selling children's book "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" with the passing of Maria Corazon Cojuangco Aquino, more popularly known to the Filipino nation as "Cory."

She was the first woman President not only in the Philippines, but in the whole of Asia. That alone counts for something. And yet what she had given our nation and the world transcends a feminist role in an otherwise male-dominated society.

Cory was catapulted into the presidency in 1986 via the peaceful People Power revolution. I was only 8 years old at that time and too young to truly understand the struggles that plagued our country. In truth, my naive self was a Marcos loyalist, coming from a family of pure Ilocanos.

My uncle served as a soldier for the Marcoses during the tumultuous period of political unrest. We would get from him Marcos stickers, banners and paraphernalia and these were enough for me to believe that the incumbent president was a good man. He was merely a victim of politicking, rather than the perpetrator of unjust doings.



Of course, I never really knew about the martial law, the dictatorship and the corruption in his government that gradually eroded the foundation of our society. Needless to say, I was blinded by false loyalty.

Years later, I would fully comprehend what Cory meant to the Filipinos and what she had done for the country. She was the driving force of the People Power movement even if she didn't seem to be the most qualified person to do so. After all, she was first and foremost a wife to Ninoy Aquino (a political prisoner himself and the arch nemesis of Marcos) and a mother to five children. But even then, she showed her character

by being a pillar of strength to her husband when she could have asked Ninoy to cease his political inclination in exchange for a quiet family life. Instead, she gave him her unwavering support even after his death.

When she was called to run for the presidency in a snap election, she embraced the challenge of topping the 20-year dictator, not for personal glory but because she knew it was the right thing to do. She could have opted for the easy road out, gone back to the U.S. with her children and sought political asylum but she chose otherwise. In the midst of the chaos and threats, she chose to be the brave leader and a beacon of hope for a people willing to fight and die for freedom. And this made all the difference. History tells us that it was this fearless choice that restored our democracy.

Cory was the president of the Philippines from 1986-

1992. When she stepped down from the seat, she once again showed us the person that she was. She was not gobbled up by power and fame, unlike many politicians and celebrities. She remained the humble, unassuming, honorable lady that she was before she was elected to the highest office of the land. She chose to uphold the constitution and more importantly, to give the people their inalienable right to vote in a free election. The last state of the nation address of Cory as President is a testament to the choices she made for the sake of democracy:

*"...I could have done all those things that win wide acclaim, exiting as grandly as any president could wish. But while my power as President ends in 1992, my responsibility as a Filipino for the well-being of my country goes beyond it to my grave. A great part of that re-*

*sponsibility is to do the best I can today, according to my best lights, while I have the power to do it..."*

It's so easy to take for granted the democracy and freedom that we are now enjoying. But I hope that Cory's death will serve as a reminder for us to value these things even more. It's the most we can do to show our eternal gratitude to Cory Aquino and because this gift of freedom enables us to make our own choices that ultimately define who we are.

Rest in peace, Madam President.

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## LEGAL MATTERS

# Blond, Beautiful, Blindfolded Lady vs. Wise Latina Woman



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

**"L**ess talk, less mistake. No talk, no mistake. —Filipino senatorial candidate Genaro Magsaysay tells *talk about issues and won anyway.*



judge empathize with the other adulterer and say "I know the feeling" and let him go?

"Empathy" has no place in administering justice. It is contrary to "Equal Justice Under Law" emblazoned on the pedestal of the Supreme Court building.

"Judges are like umpires. Umpires don't make the rules; they apply them... it's my job to call balls and strikes and not to pitch or bat," says our favorite Supreme Court Justice, Chief Justice John Roberts before whom we were sworn in and admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court the other year.

Using "empathy" to render justice violates the oath of office of a Justice:

"I, (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as (title) under the Constitution and laws of the United States. So help me God."

### Bible commands impartial justice

"Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person

of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor." Leviticus 19:15

"You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike." Deuteronomy 1:17

### Rhetorical flourish as defense

To allay suspicions that her infamous statement indicates she might be a "reverse racist," she now characterizes her statement as "rhetorical flourish that fell flat."

But as a commentator on Politico Live noted: "Is there anyone with two brain cells that connect that actually believes her comments? I'd be more impressed if he had just said—yes, that is what I believe." Tell the truth."

Dahlia Lithwick in Newsweek, August 3, 2009 said that Justice Sotomayor "expressly disavowed President Obama's view that 'empathy' is the most important quality a judge brings to the bench."

Is "rhetorical flourish" a meritorious defense whenever one says something indicating prejudice?

Would it be a meritorious defense for the University of Hawaii's million dollar football coach, the state's highest paid employee, to dismiss as "rhetorical flourish" his remarks about

the Notre Dame players who "get up and they do this little cheer... this little faggot dance?" <http://ninp.c.com/player.php?w=25g9f&w=3>. (To see such a dance, log on to <http://fjshpublic.com/2009/07/30/notr-e-dance-faggot-dance/>)

### Not isolated utterance

The internet, however, discloses that the "wise Latina" comment was used in 1994, 1999, 2002, 2004 and 2001 speeches.

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/06/05/sotomayor.speeches/>

"It was a poor choice of words," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California, said in defense of the Justice.

"If it was a bad choice of words, it was a bad choice of words repeatedly... leading one to believe that it probably wasn't just an isolated statement but a core belief," riposted Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, D-Kentucky. Words reveal your inner self. Lumalabas lang ang natural. (Nature is simply rearing its head).

### Actions speaks louder than voice

The best way to determine a person's true being is to see what such person does? In the case of a Justice, by his/her decisions.

In a recent case, the City of New Haven (now predominantly black, although not so during our student days at Yale) set aside the examination results for firefighters simply because all black

candidates failed. City authorities claimed they might be sued by the failing candidates for discrimination if they did not do that. The white examinees who passed the exams filed charges of reverse discrimination against New Haven and responsible (irresponsible?) officials. The case came before the Court of Appeals of which Justice Sotomayor is a member. She ruled against the white examinees. The U.S. Supreme Court reversed, holding that New Haven discriminated against the white examinees. Ricci v. DeStefano, No. 07-1428, June 29, 2009. Q.E.D. (quod erat demonstrandum) -- "a fact or situation demonstrates the truth of one's theory or claim."

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The symbol of justice is balanced scales held by a blond, beautiful, blindfolded lady.

According to Justice Sotomayor "... a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life." <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/15/us/politics/15judge.text.html?pagewanted=all>.

Does that mean that if her nomination to the Supreme Court is confirmed, the scales of justice will be held by a "wise Latina woman"?

By selecting her, President Obama has hit three birds with one stone -- the Latino vote, the women's vote, and the empathy vote.

### Empathy and Sympathy against equal justice

"Empathy," which is Obama's main qualification for a Justiceship, "is the capability to share and understand another's emotions and feelings. It is often characterized as the ability to 'put oneself into another's shoes.'" So, if the judge is an adulterer and another adulterer appears for judgment, will the

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## Hawaii's Filipinos Remember Cory Aquino at Requiem Mass

By Carlota Ader

A requiem mass to celebrate the passing of former Philippine president Corazon "Cory" Aquino was held August 1, 2009 at the Philippine Consulate. She was remembered by friends, community leaders and organizations headed by the new Consul General Leoncio Cardenas.

Aquino was the seventh and the first woman president of the Republic of the Philippines. Her six year term began on February 25, 1986 and lasted until June 30, 1991.

The celebration started with the singing of the national anthem followed by one of the late president's favorite songs "Tie a Yellow Ribbon." Consul Paul Cortes also sang the "Impossible Dream."

Rev. Sunny Ner of St. Joseph's church, together with their choir, performed the holy celebration. Consul General Cardenas opened the testimon-



Consul General Leoncio "Jun" Cardenas, Chronicle Community Parade coordinator Carlota Ader and Dr. Belinda Aquino were among attendees at the requiem mass held at the Philippine Consulate for former president Corazon Aquino.

nials, which were followed by inspirational messages from Dr. Belinda Aquino, professor of Political Science and Dean of the Philippine Studies at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, and Eddie Agas, President of the United Filipino Council of Hawaii.

A slide presentation of the late president Corazon Aquino's accomplishments as president

was one of the highlights of the celebration.

A community singing of "Bayan Ko" was followed by light refreshments, which were donated by community leaders and coordinated by Maggie Domingo, newly-elected chair of the Philippine Cultural Foundation of Hawaii, and staff from the Philippine Consulate.

## Arroyo Honors Hawaii Senators Akaka, Inouye



Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo congratulates Sen. Daniel Akaka (left) and Sen. Daniel Inouye (middle) for their support of Filipino WWII veterans."

Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo presented U.S. Senators Daniel K. Akaka and Daniel K. Inouye with a Presidential citation expressing appreciation for their work for Filipino World War II veterans.

The framed citation signed by President Arroyo stated: "For dedication and commitment to the passage of a bill containing provisions that recognized the service of, and grants benefits to, Filipino veterans of the Second World War."

"Filipinos fought side-by-side with American soldiers during World War II," says Sen. Akaka. "Their contributions and sacrifices were tremendous. The

formal Congressional recognition of their service that Senator Inouye and I fought for came more than six decades late, but the honor will last forever as it should.

Both senators had a cordial meeting in which the Philippine president conveyed her nation's gratitude to the U.S. Congress for the Filipino Veterans Bill.

"Senator Akaka and I appreciated that," says Sen. Inouye. "We want to apologize to them, especially those veterans who passed away, for taking so long to recognize their service, their heroism and their sacrifices."

The meeting took place in the Presidential suite of the historic Willard Hotel near the White House in Washington, D.C.

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## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

# Leoncio Cardenas Assumes Post as Philippine Consul General in Honolulu

The Philippine Consulate General in Honolulu has announced the arrival of the Honorable Leoncio R. Cardenas as the new Consul General of the Philippines to Hawaii.

A native of Badoc, Ilocos Norte, Cardenas describes himself as a "balikbayan," having been assigned to Hawaii in 1984 as a young Foreign Service Officer from the Philippine Embassy in Washington.

His main priorities as consul general will be to further improve the Consulate's services and continue its good relationship with Hawaii's Filipino community.

Cardenas arrived in Honolulu on July 29, 2009 from Dili, East Timor where he was posted since 2008 as Philippine Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. The Philippines is a founding member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) and a major supporter of East Timor as a newly-established, free and democratic nation in the region.

A well-respected and experienced senior diplomat of the Philippine Foreign Service, Cardenas' previous foreign as-



signments include posts at the Philippine Embassies in Washington D.C., Ottawa, Canada, and Brasilia, Brazil and at the Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco. At the Department of Foreign Affairs, he last served as Assistant Secretary of the Office of American Affairs.

Cardenas replaces former Consul General Ariel Y. Abadilla, who officially ended his three-and-a-half year tour of duty in Hawaii on June 22, 2009. Abadilla's new post is as the Philippines' new and first ever ambassador to the Republic of Ireland. (DFA)

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"We are very excited about offering this program and serving the needs of both employers and the Hawaii community," says Danelia Newman, principal of Newman Consulting. "Employers are experiencing challenges finding skilled employees, while individuals who desire advancement in their employment opportunities are experiencing challenges securing these types of positions due to their lack of skills. Our program addresses both these areas."

The Career Education Business Program is an 8-week (220 hours) training course that covers Microsoft Office skills, basic accounting skills, administrative office procedures, customer service skills and more. The course also includes an internship/apprenticeship program that combines on-the-job training and in-class instruction. The program provides a campus-based learning format with small classes and personalized attention from the instructors. Assistance with job placement is also available at no additional cost for all participants upon completion of the program.

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## PHILIPPINE NEWS

## GMA Arrives in D.C., Meets with Obama

Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo arrived in Washington, D.C. on July 29, 2009 for an eight-day working visit to the U.S. aimed at enhancing economic, trade and bilateral agreement between the two countries.

She was accompanied by First Gentleman Atty. Jose Miguel Arroyo and a delegation of legislators and cabinet members. She was welcomed upon her arrival by embassy officials and members of the Filipino community. Arroyo is the first leader from Southeast Asia invited to the White House by the Obama administration. Her visit is the fourth since she assumed office eight years ago.

The two heads of state met for the first time following day. Foremost on the agenda was peace, security and the



importance of joining hands against terrorism.

"We discussed how to strengthen regional cooperation on anti-terrorism, how to advance the peace process in Mindanao and how the U.S. military is helping us upgrade the professionalism and effectiveness of our soldiers," she says. "As-

sistance by the U.S. has gone a long way in helping us in the peace process on Mindanao and also in our fight against terrorism."

Arroyo says the Philippines will stand behind the U.S. in two crucial issues in the region: Burma and North Korea. She also thanked the U.S. for its

help in regard to climate change and the grant of benefits for Filipino World War II veterans.

During a radio interview, she thanked Obama for inviting her to the White House and reiterated the Philippines' support to issues America is pursuing in the region.

Malacañang officials described Arroyo's historic meeting with Obama as a "great success" and that it brought pride and triumph for the entire Philippines. The 45-minute meeting cemented relations between two allies and was described as cordial and constructive. Economic and enhanced trade between the Philippines and the U.S. was also discussed.

Arroyo was accompanied by Philippine Ambassador to the U.S. Wily Gaa, Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo,

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, House Speaker Prospero Nograles, presidential adviser on climate change Heherson Alvarez and Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita.

During the meeting, Obama mentioned the contributions of Filipinos to the U.S. economy and society. He noted that the U.S. is home to four million persons of Filipino ancestry and that Filipinos fought alongside American soldiers on behalf of freedom during World War II. These factors have helped to strengthen Philippine-U.S. relations.

While he commended Arroyo for the progress in Mindanao and the Philippines' strong voice in issues concerning the South East Asian region, Obama says much work still needs to be done to reduce the threat of nuclear weapons, improve multilateral partnerships in Asia and create greater security and prosperity. (DFA)

## 'GMA Faces Upheaval from Awakened Public with Cory's Death'

By Jose Rodel Clapano /  
Thursday, August 6, 2009

MANILA, Philippines — Makati City Mayor Jejomar Binay yesterday said President Arroyo should take the massive outpouring of grief over the death of former President Corazon Aquino as a warning that the government faces a "political upheaval" should it push through with alleged plans to cling to power beyond 2010.

Binay, president of the United Opposition (UNO), said Aquino's death has led to the political awakening of a new generation of Filipinos.

"Cory's death has awakened the people. She has bridged the generation that took part in EDSA 1 with the younger generation who are now aware that the freedom they enjoy was earned through struggle against a dictatorship," he said.

Binay said Cory's spirit will rally the people to oppose Charter change (Cha-cha) through a constituent assembly (con-ass).

"I am certain that if Mrs. Arroyo pushes through with her selfish agenda, the spirit of Cory Aquino will rally the people. Mrs. Arroyo faces a political upheaval if she goes through with

her plans," he said.

The Makati mayor said Cory Aquino stood up against the martial law regime, fought for clean and honest elections, and stood for morality and transparency in government when she became president.

"The younger generation got a crash course in contemporary history. In a span of four days, they learned how difficult life was under a dictatorship, and how our freedom was earned with the sacrifice of so many lives, among them Cory's husband Ninoy Aquino," he said.

Moves are pending in Congress to amend the Constitution through a con-ass and there are persistent reports of a plan to declare a state of emergency and even martial law.

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San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito, on the other hand, said President Arroyo and her allies in the House of Representatives should follow the example of Mrs. Aquino.

"Our country needs honest leaders and good governance. There are more capable leaders who do not seek glory or power, but find satisfaction in serving the people. Why not leave gracefully after their term and pass the positions on to those fitting for the job? It would be a good way

to honor Mrs. Aquino," Ejercito said.

He said the volume of people, mostly in yellow and flashing the "Laban" sign, escorting Aquino's funeral cortege is an indication that the fight for democracy is far from over.

"The number of people mourning for Mrs. Aquino should serve as a warning to GMA. The time has come for Mrs. Arroyo to be afraid, be very afraid," Ejercito said.

Meanwhile, a group of doctors said the united front dis-

played by Filipinos over the death of former President Aquino should not end with her burial.

"Now that President Aquino has been buried, we hope that we won't just go back to live our own life, unmindful of others.

We should continue to clamor and work for a change for the sake of the future generation of Filipinos," said Health Alliance for Democracy (HEAD) president Dr. Gene Nisperos. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

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By Grace Fong, Ed.D. and Sylvia Yuen, Ph.D.

# Raising a School-Ready Child: Building a Family and School Partnership

**A**s a parent, your involvement in your child's education, from the time he enters kindergarten through his high school years, contributes to his achievement and success in school. Building a positive relationship with your child's teachers and school is an important part of being involved. Here are some ways to do this. ▼



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- Make sure to keep the school updated on any changes in your contact information: addresses, phone numbers, and emergency contacts.
- Promptly respond to inquiries from the teacher or school; return requested forms.

- An introduction through an orientation meeting, a note or letter, or a phone call.
- Information on how to contact the school or teacher if you have questions or concerns.
- A timely response to your inquiries.
- Timely contact about issues or concerns regarding your child.
- Information about school policies, e.g., absences, homework, tardiness, testing.

- Consider yourself and your child's teacher as partners in your child's education—explore ways that you can work together to support your child.
- Keep in mind that every child develops at his own rate. Recognize that assessments help the teacher identify your child's strengths and needs.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences; discuss your child's positive accomplishments as well as concerns about his performance in school.

- Suggestions on how you can support your child's learning.
- Classroom instruction that builds on your child's strengths and meets his needs, based on assessments conducted at the beginning of and throughout the school year.

- Be informed about what's going on at the school; read school newsletters or other materials from the school.
- Join the Parent-Teacher Organization and participate in its meetings.
- Offer to volunteer in your child's classroom or assist the teacher or school in other ways.
- Participate in the school's decision making process regarding curriculum, policies, and school reform.

- Information about your child's progress—areas of positive growth as well as those needing improvement.
- Information about upcoming events such as parent-teacher conferences and Parent-Teacher Organization meetings through flyers, notes, and/or phone calls.
- A variety of opportunities to assist with or participate in school and community events.
- Opportunities to participate in the school's decision making process.

- Ask about resources and services that can benefit your child, such as:
  - (a) free or reduced-cost breakfast and lunch;
  - (b) after school programs;
  - (c) ELL—English Language Learner programs;
  - (d) tutoring assistance;
  - (e) parent education classes;
  - (f) assistance for homeless children;
  - (g) transportation services;
  - (h) special education programs;
  - (i) programs for gifted and talented students; and
  - (j) other services.

- Information and application forms for services to families, and assistance with completing the forms, if necessary.
- Follow up to ensure that the child is receiving appropriate supportive services.

- Discuss any special needs that may affect your child's learning with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

- Information about developmental assessments and special-needs services available to your child, if needed.

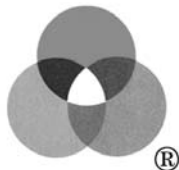
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## LEGAL NOTES

## Green Card for Investors



By Reuben S. Seguritan

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A foreign national is eligible to file for a green card under this category if he/she has invested or actively in the process of investing the required amount of capital into a new commercial enterprise. The said investment must benefit the U.S. economy and create full-time jobs.

The investor must create an original business or purchase an existing business and restructure or reorganize it so that a new enterprise evolves or he/she may expand an existing venture.

The investment must be at least \$1,000,000.00 or \$500,000.00 if it is located in a designated rural area or a "tar-

geted employment area" where the unemployment rate is 150% of the national average.

At least ten (10) full-time jobs must be created. If the investment is made in a "troubled business" which has existed for at least two (2) years and had lost 20% of its net worth, the number of employers existing before the investor took over must at least be maintained.

Another option under the EB-5 category is to invest in a regional center designated by the USCIS. A regional center is an entity that focuses on specific geographic areas and seeks to promote economic growth. The capital investment is about \$500,000 or higher. This is a pilot program created in 1993 and which has been extended

several times.

The current program is set to expire on September 30, 2009 but a bill to extend it is currently pending in Congress. There are 45 designated regional centers at present.

About 10,000 visa numbers are allocated annually to the EB-5 category with 3,000 going to investors in rural or high unemployment areas and 3,000 reserved for investors in regional centers.

The immigration process under this category starts with the filing of Form I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur. The petition must be supported by documents establishing the new business, investing the required capital, demonstrating that the capital

came from a lawful source and creating the required full-time jobs.

The required number of jobs must be created by the end of two years that starts six months after the adjudication of the Form I-526. The USCIS will accept certain economic models as proof of job creation and amount of capital needed.

Approval of the Form I-526 entitles the investor and his/her dependents to a conditional green card. To remove the condition, the investor must file Form I-829 Petition to Remove Condition within 90 days before the second anniversary of the investor's admission as conditional resident.

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**T**he United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has recently clarified certain issues in the adjudication of applications under the employment-based Immigrant Investor Program (EB-5). The new guidance memo relates to the timing of job creation and the meaning of full-time jobs.

The EB-5 is a fast route to a green card for foreign nationals and their dependents, who are

## PHILIPPINE NEWS

## RP Losing P300 Billion a Year on Poor Tax Administration

By Iris C. Gonzales /  
Wednesday, August 5, 2009

**M**ANILA, Philippines - The government is losing P300 billion a year through poor tax administration in the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the Bureau of Customs (BOC), opposition Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero said yesterday.

He said that from the BIR alone, the government is losing roughly P200 billion a year because of poor tax administration while from the BOC, the government is losing P100 billion a year.

Because of these revenue loopholes, Escudero said the government should not even consider increasing taxes. He said that by doing so, the government is cutting corners instead of addressing the issue properly.

"I do not agree in increasing taxes in any shape, size or form," Escudero said during the Economic Agenda of the 2010 Presidencibles forum of the Economic Journalists Association of the Philippines (EJAP).

He said the government should first address rampant corruption in the country before considering raising taxes.

"On the average, around P300 billion is lost through the

BIR and the BOC. Why? Officials or employees of these agencies exercise discretion. In my book, discretion in government offices is equal to corruption. Minimize discretion and you minimize corruption. Eliminate discretion and you eliminate corruption," Escudero said.

Escudero also said that according to the 2008-2009 Global Competitiveness Report, corruption has been identified as the most problematic factor for doing business in the country.

The lawmaker said the Arroyo administration has been plagued by corruption scandals and controversies, making the country one of the most corrupt nations in the world.

At the EJAP forum yesterday, Escudero also laid down his six-point socio-economic agenda which emphasized agriculture self-sufficiency, lower costs of doing business, investments in education, and infrastructure development.

"The goal is the creation of millions of new jobs and livelihood opportunities. This would necessitate being able to successfully attract much greater amounts of direct investments, especially foreign investments," Escudero said.

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## RP's Image as Investment Site Affected by NBN Deal - Chinese Official

By Rainer Allan Ronda /  
Wednesday, August 5, 2009

**B**EIJING, China - A senior People's Republic of China (PRC) official said here yesterday that the cancellation of the national broadband network (NBN) project bagged by Chinese telecommunications firm ZTE Corp. has affected the Philippines' image as a potential investment destination among Chinese companies.

Liang Wen-tao, deputy director general of the Department of Asian Affairs of China's Ministry of Commerce, said that Chinese investors would take into account the cancellation of the NBN-ZTE project with the Philippines and think twice about investing.

"The incident did have some impact on the economic cooperation between the two countries," Liang told ASEAN journalists in a briefing at the Ministry of Commerce office in Beijing the other day.

Liang said that in view of the "incident," Chinese firms would be more cautious in undertaking projects with the Philippines.

"They will naturally become more cautious in looking at making investments in the Philippines," Liang said.

"Naturally, there is an impact to potential investments," Liang said.

He said that China was spearheading a call for mutual investments between Chinese and ASEAN countries and their private enterprises as a strategy to help them weather the current

global economic difficulties.

Liang said that China was giving priority to its ASEAN neighbors in allocating foreign investments.

"China will look at its neighbors, the countries of ASEAN, when it decides on foreign investments," Liang said.

Last year, President Arroyo cancelled the \$329-million contract with ZTE Corp. amid allegations of bribery and corruption involving First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo.

Mrs. Arroyo also cancelled other government projects funded by Chinese overseas development assistance (ODA) loans, including the more than P24-billion Cyber Education Project of the Department of Education (DepEd) bagged by Chinese firm Tsinghua.

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## MAINLAND NEWS

## Filipina Runner on Schedule to Run Across America

Filipina runner Joy Rojas is on schedule to finish her "Takbong Pangarap" across the continental U.S. Her goal is to reach the Philippine Consulate in New York City by September 8, 2009.

At a stopover in Denver, Colorado, the 44-year-old Rojas was greeted by hundreds of people. She was touched by the festive event, which included a rondalla band and tinkling dancers, and described it as warm and uplifting.

She wakes up at 6 a.m. and runs 30 to 35 miles a day since beginning her cross country trek at the Eagle Rock plaza in Los Angeles, California on

May 10. She is well on her way to reaching her final

So far, Rojas has run for more than 40 days, crossed five states, completed over 1,000 miles, and touched the lives of many people who see the two running on highways and streets across America.

While passing through Arizona, a couple saw Rojas invited she and her partner to dinner after finding out the reason for her run.

The same thing happened in Colorado. A Filipino man introduced himself to Rojas and the following day went to her hotel to cook a dinner consisting of elk and deer that he hunted.

"Can you believe how all of these strangers have been so kind and generous?" Rojas says. "I'm a vegetarian but when he asked if I ever ate elk and deer, I said 'for you, I will.' You have to be a gracious guest."

The run through Colorado hasn't been exactly easy. The high altitude and steep roads have required her to stop and walk at times but she continues to persevere. Luckily, the going should be smoother after Colorado when she reaches the flat plains of Kansas.



Filipina runner Joy Rojas

A survivor of tuberculosis, Rojas will donate proceeds from her cross-continental run to two Philippine-based charities: the Anti-Tuberculosis Program of the Inner Wheel Club of Quezon City District 738 and

the Social Services Division of the Philippine Heart Center.

To follow her progress or donate to the cause, visit [www.thepoc.net/index.php/Takbong-Pangarap/](http://www.thepoc.net/index.php/Takbong-Pangarap/). (Good News Pilipinas)

## Filipina Talent Stars in Hit ABC-TV Series

Filipino-American Nicole Anderson is making waves in Hollywood starring in Disney Channel's newest television series the Jonas Brothers.

Anderson—who who is part Filipino, Spanish and Caucasian—stars as Macy Misa, a classmate of the Jonas brothers Nick, Joe and Kevin.

Her career in entertainment began when she joined her first beauty pageant. She won a scholarship to modeling school. She trained hard, was discovered and signed with an agent. She moved to Los Angeles.

Her hard work has since paid off, as she has now a long



Nicole Anderson

list of credentials in film and television in her young and fledgling career.

In the movies, she starred in the "Dark Side of Nowhere" and "Princess."

On television, Anderson has starred in the ABC Family

series "Make It or Break It." With Disney, she has appeared in "Imagination Movers," "Sunday Sunday!" and "Hannah Montana." For Nickelodeon, she has been in "Zoey 101" and "Unfabulous."

Anderson is not only an accomplished good actress, but also a champion gymnast. As a youngster, she was a national champion state at age 8 and won three state championships in Georgia.

A visit to the Philippines is in the works, hopefully in the summer of 2010—schedule permitting.

"I would love to go to my Mom's province in Negros Occidental and see where she grew up and lived," she says. (Good News Pilipinas)

## GLOBAL NEWS

## Philippine Company Develops Top iPhone Game

Turbo Subs, one of the top games for Apple's popular iPhone, was developed by Philippine-based company Anino Games.

Turbo Subs is the company's first foray into the iPhone platform. To date, the game is one of the 10 most downloaded from the Apple App Store.

Turbo Subs was published for the iPhone by I-play, a division of Oberon Media. Turbo Subs is essentially a time management game wherein players have to feed guests in sandwich shops around New York City. It follows the same concept as the popular online casual game Diner Dash.

Anino Games CEO Niel Dagonдон says the company is developing two other games for



the iPhone and the iPod Touch.

"The iPhone is a great platform to develop for," Dagonдон says. "It has moderate graphical and processing capabilities. Our developers were up and running only after three days of research. To develop for the iPhone platform, we only needed a Macintosh com-

puter and an iPhone."

But the ease of developing for the iPhone is also its biggest challenge. Many applications developers churn out thousands of applications. Currently, there are about 70,000 applications available for the iPhone and iPod Touch. (Good News Pilipinas)

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