

## DOST chief leads 2014 UPAA Distinguished Alumni Awardees

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MANILA, Philippines—The University of the Philippines Alumni Association (UPAA) has announced the choices for this year's UPAA Distinguished Alumni Awardees. The outstanding graduates will be recognized at the U.P. General Alumni-Faculty Homecoming & Reunion on June 21, 2014, 4 p.m., at Luciano E. Salazar Hall, Ang Bahay ng Alumni, UP Diliman Campus, Quezon City.

The UPAA Distinguished Alumni Awards are conferred on alumni who have demonstrated in their chosen fields of endeavor extraordinary achievements and excellent contributions that bring about substantial benefits to society and distinct honor to the University. Recognition is given for achievements and contributions that impact the community in which the alumni are or have been active, whether this is at the local, national or international level.

This year's UPAA Most Distinguished Alumnus is Department of Science and Technology Secretary (DOST) Mario G. Montejo, BSME'74. Secretary Montejo is a gifted multi-awarded engineer and inventor with a long list of technological innovations. Under his leadership, DOST, in partnership with colleges and universities and other organizations, has reshaped its policies and programs to address national problems, develop appropriate technologies, improve industry competitiveness and enhance delivery of social services.

Three alumni are being recognized for Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Manuel S. Alba, AA'55 (with honors); BSBA'57 cl; Engr. Claudio B. Altura, BSCE'57; and Dr. Jesusa Bagan-Lara, BSN'54 cl

"As what we have been doing the past few years, the UPAA makes a special effort to identify unsung alumni achievers — those whose accomplishments in little-known corners of the country are remarkable but have remained unheralded and unrecognized," said Ponciano Rivera, UPAA President.

The other alumni awardees for outstanding achievement in various fields are:

Prof. Yvonne T. Chua, AB'81 mcl; MPMgt'10; Dr. Susanah Lily L. Mendoza, AB'75; MA'85; Ms. Ma. Regina E. Reyes, AB'00 (for Communication); Dr. Ma. Amihan Bonifacio-Ramolete, AB'89 cl; MA'96; MA'09; PhD'13; Dr. Jose Y. Dalisay, Jr., AB'84 cl; Mr. Carlos L. Esguerra, BSBA'62; and Mr. Ivan Anthony S. Henares, AB'02; MBA'06; DipURP'08 (for Culture and the Arts); Dr. Alfredo Mahar Francisco A. Lagmay, BSGeo'87; MS'93 (for Disaster Mitigation);

Dr. Luis Maria R. Calingo, BSIE'76; MURP'78; Prof. Rolando S. dela Cruz, AB'86 mcl; Dr. Mariechel Jamias-Navarro, BSDC'77; MS'83; PhD'92; and Dr. Jonathan C. Malicsi, AB'66; MA'74; PhD'81; BM'84 (for Educational Innovation); Mr. Roberto N. del Rosario, AB'72; and Mr. Nazario S. Racoma, BSA'68; MBA'72 (for Entrepreneurship and Employment Creation); Dr. Carmelita Garcia-Hansel, BS'68; MS'75; Dr. William S. Gruezo, ROTC'72; BSF'72; MS'79; and Dr. Daisy J. Serrano, BSChem'64; DPubAd'05 (for Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development);

Atty. Rowena V. Guanzon, AB'79; LLB'84 (for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment); Rep. Isagani S. Amatong, AB'64; MBA'70; and Arch. Gerardo A.I. Esquivel, BSArch'82 (for Good Governance); Dr. Carmencita David-Padilla, BS'76 cl; MD'81; MAHPS'05 (for Health Education); Solicitor General Francis H. Jardeleza, AB'69; LLB'74 cl (for Law and Judiciary); Dr. Fernando Basilio F. Piedad, BS'58; MD'60 (for Medicine); Gen. Emmanuel T. Bautista, MBA'85 (for Peace and Social Cohesion); Mrs. Ma. Victoria E. Añonuevo, BSBA'71 cl; MBA'75; and Sr. Marita C. Berbano, BSN'65 (for Poverty Alleviation and Human Development);

Dr. Abundio A. Balgos, BS'76; MD'80; MHA'05 (for Public Health Promotion); Atty. Teresita J. Herbosa, AB'72 cl; LLB'77 cl; Atty. Daisy Catherine L. Mandap, AB'79; LLB'85; and Amb. Virgilio A. Reyes, Jr., MA'78 (for Public Service); Dr. Porfirio M. Aliño, BS'78; MS'83; Dr. Alonzo A. Gabriel, BSFT'02; MS'07; and Prof. Meliton U. Ordillas, Jr., BSME'58; ME'64 (for Science and Technology).

The three UPAA Distinguished Service Awardees are the [U.P. SINGING AMBASSADORS](#), founded and conducted by Prof. Edgardo L. Manguiat, BSHRA'83; Dr. Mimosa Cortez-Ocampo, BSHT'67; MS'76; Dr. Eric S.M. Talens, BS'81; MD'85; MSEpi'01; and.

The UPAA Hong Kong Chapter will receive this year's UPAA Distinguished Service Award for An Alumni Chapter.

The eight families who will receive the UPAA Multi-Generation UP Alumni Family Awards are Fernando S. Algas Family, Basil H. Jajurie Family, Cayetano-Lardizabal Family, Germar Family, Jose P. Laurel Family, Generoso-Jocson Family, Tillah-Rasul-Bernardo Family, and Jose Jesus A. Vergara Family.

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