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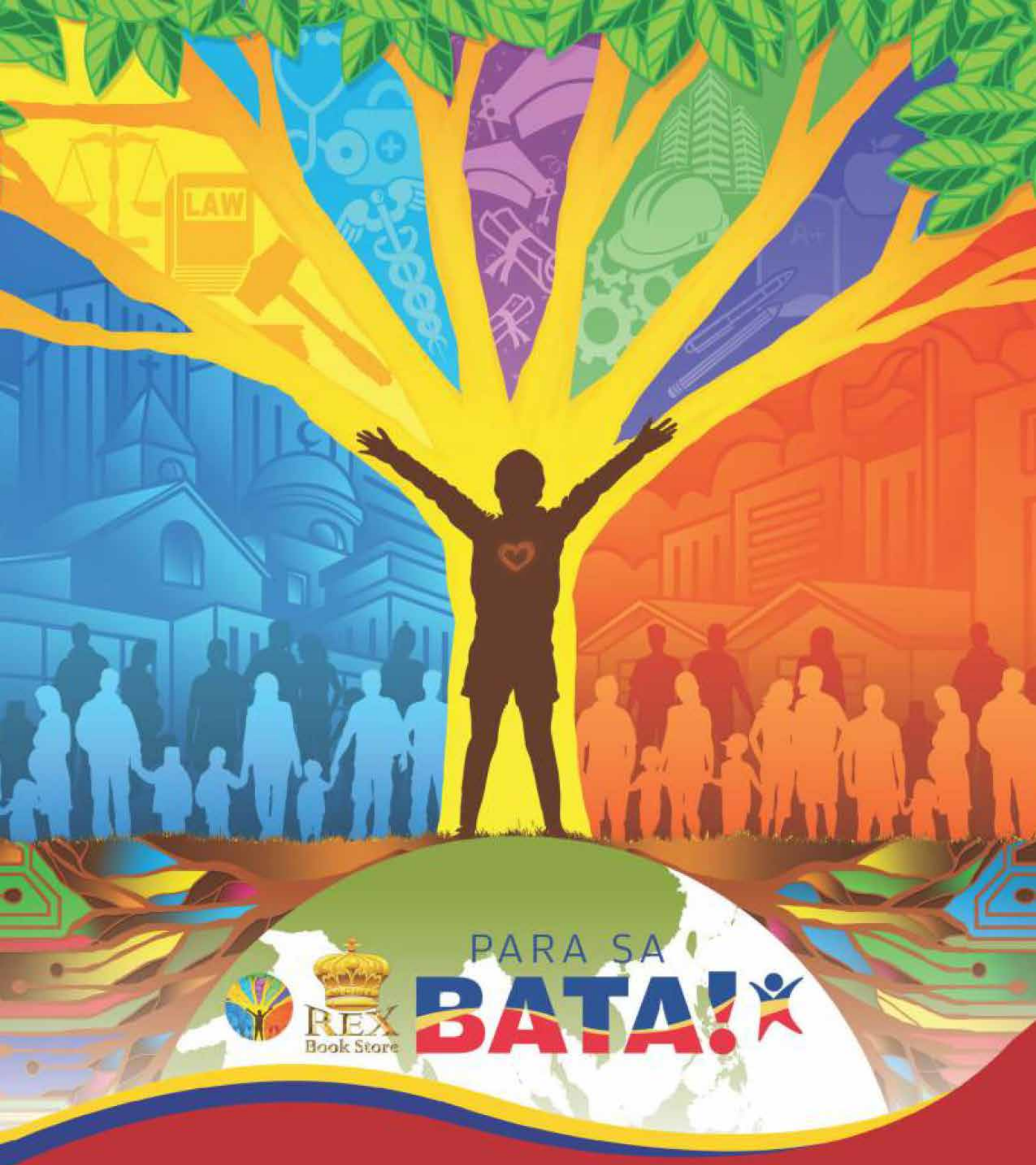


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EDITOR'S Greetings

Dr. Joffre M. Alajar
(GS '72, HS '76, CAS '80)

Due to some constraints on budget, time and worthy news, The Bedan Alumnus publication since it was resurrected in 2002, comes out only every semester. However, this Academic Year 2016-17, it is most likely that The Bedan Alumnus magazine will be produced more frequently considering the many exciting and relevant news about the SBC Alumni Association and the many Bedans here and abroad, including many anticipated developments in our very own San Beda as we move towards university-hood.

It was only last June 2016, when **The Bedan Alumnus** publication dedicated a special issue on the 92nd Season of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) with San Beda serving as host school. After a month, the Editorial Board thought it fitting to release another milestone issue dedicated to the first-ever Bedan President of the Republic of the Philippines **Rodrigo Roa Duterte** (Law Class of 1972).

As we go to the press for the printing of this news magazine, Change is continuously being felt in our country day by day since Bedan President Duterte took over the leadership of the land. Finally, we do not only have our first Bedan President, but we now also have a leader whom the masa, the Great Majority, the poor and oppressed, the faceless and the nameless would find hope. We pray that he would be given all the opportunities to succeed, not because he is a Bedan, but because we, Filipinos have to succeed for our country and our future.

We join hands with each and every member of the Bedan family in expressing jubilation and sincere wishes, believing much that it takes a Bedan to conquer the odds, and make the Filipino nation great again.

Have a fruitful and hope-filled reading!

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Atty. Dominador D. Buhain, Jr.

I am honored to be elected anew as President of the SBC Alumni Association. It is always a privilege to lead this prestigious Bedan organization which through the years has been doing an incredible job, serving as an important partner of San Beda in the latter's mission of Bedan education. Congratulations too, to my fellow officers, namely: **Atty. Jonas L. Cabochan**, Vice President, **Atty. Alexander G. Flores**, Secretary, **Professor Michael John Y. Rubio**, Treasurer, and the other board trustees.



Cabochan



Flores



Rubio



The next six years will surely be colourful and exciting for the entire Bedan community as we have our first Bedan President leading the country in the coming years. The jam packed Club Filipino last July 14, 2016 is a preview of things to come for our Bedan family. I was honoured to be seated at the presidential table during the Testimonial Dinner Reception for President Rody, and truly he is an amazing Bedan who is committed to bring

real change in our country.

I am equally proud of the four Bedans in the Duterte cabinet, namely: **Atty. Salvador Medialdea** Executive Secretary; **Atty. Vitaliano Aguirre**, Secretary, Department of Justice; **Atty. Arthur P. Tugade**, Secretary, Department of Transportation, and **Atty. Rodolfo Salalima**, Secretary, Department of Information and Communications Technology.



Atty. Medialdea



Atty. Tugade



Atty. Salalima



Atty. Aguirre R

Not to be forgotten in the Duterte government is our first Bedan **Vice President Leni Robredo**. Not everybody knows that she was a student of our Graduate School of Law in 2013 prior to becoming a Representative of 3rd District Camarines Sur. We are confident she will do equally well serving our country especially in the alleviation of our poor people's living condition.



Vice President Leni Robredo

Our beloved outstanding Bedan **Leila De Lima** continuously makes us proud as she takes on a new role as Senator of the Philippines. She did a great job as Justice Secretary, and we are confident she will perform equally well as a lawmaker. Hats off to Senator Leila!



Sen. Leila De Lima

San Beda Law Alumni Association honors President Rody Duterte

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar



A plaque of honor is presented to President Duterte by SBLAA Chairman Atty. Avelino Cruz, SBC Rector President Fr. Aloysius Maranan, SBLAA President Justice Francisco Acosta and SBLAA Board of Trustees

For somebody who has been organizing a number of alumni homecomings, testimonial receptions, and other Bedan gatherings, the July 14, 2016 Testimonial Dinner Reception for President Rodrigo Duterte held at Club Filipino was the most exciting and most anticipated. As expected, the Kalayaan Hall was jam-packed with Bedans and friends as they all await their first close encounter with the first Bedan President.

While the San Beda Law Alumni Association (SBLAA) was already planning to hold a victory

dinner for its first Bedan President immediately after his inauguration, it was only last July 11, when the SBLAA got a confirmation from the Office of the President through Executive Secretary Atty. Salvador Medialdea (Law Class '76) about the President's attendance in the said testimonial dinner. Thanks to the Presidential Management Staff led by Ms. Jocelyn "Bubbles" Villegas, Maribel Montana and Evelyn Villacorte for facilitating the preparations for the testimonial reception given the limited time.

As early as 12:30nn of July 14, the Club Filipino



Bedans welcome President Rody

community for supporting and making him the first Bedan President of the country.

During his speech, Duterte narrated his odyssey from his presidency. He said that he was reluctant to run for the highest government post until he saw the need to have a president from Mindanao. He talked on his hurdles while campaigning since PDP-Laban was experiencing financial difficulties.

The President expressed his abhorrence towards corruption and stressed that the government should not oppress its own people.

He also reiterated the peril of illegal drugs in the Philippines and warned that if these illicit drug businesses will not be prohibited, the country will become a narco-politics.

"We are the only country in the world kungsaan and shabu ay nilulutasamismong national penitentiary... Tatapusinkoito even at the cost of my honor, my life, and the presidency," he said.

Furthermore, he emphasized his firm stand to improve government services and simplify



President Rody with SBLAA Board of Trustees and Fr. Rector at the holding room before the Testimonial Program

was already filled with television station vans for their respective coverage of President Duterte's date with his fellow Bedans. However, the media people were denied entry into the hall since the affair was exclusively San Beda's. Nonetheless, the media was allowed to access the testimonial reception proceedings through RTVM Channel 4.

The President arrived on time at 6pm, and proceeded to the Chuidian Room, the designated holding area for President Duterte. At the holding room, the President had a private talk with the SBLAA officers led by Atty. Avelino Cruz, Chairman; Justice Francisco Acosta, President; Atty. Roberto De Leon, Vice President; Atty. Jeremy Parulan, Treasurer; and other trustees, namely: Atty. Boy Manzano, Atty. Jonas Cabochan, Atty. Edna Herrera-Batacan, Mrs. Helen Cruz and Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, Rector-President.

The two-hour testimonial program started with a touching invocation delivered by Fr. Maranan. Atty. Cruz welcomed all guests to this special gathering, and introduced the President. In his speech, President Duterte thanked the entire San Beda



(l-r) Dr. Jaime Galvez-Tan, Levi Laus, Atty. Banjo Navarro, Roman Felipe Reyes, Sec. Arthur Tugade and Geoffrey Go



SBCAA President Atty. Jimmy Buhain at the Presidential Table

requirements.

"Let the Filipino taste what is government... I do not want to see the Filipinos queuing outside. Ayawko 'yan. Especially 'yung mahihirap. It might be a pretended sentiment basta ayawko. Lalo na 'yung mgataga-probinsya... ayawkomg magbalik-balikang tao. I would like to stress it again. Ayawkopahirapanang Pilipino," he underscored.

President Duterte recounted some of his good memories while studying in San Beda and said that graduating from this school was one of the events in his life that made him proud. He even vowed to run the country with the San Beda faithfulness that he learned.

Present during the testimonial dinner were Former President Fidel V. Ramos and the San Beda alumni comprising President Duterte's Cabinet namely, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II, Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade, and Communications and technology Secretary Rodolfo Salalima; and Atty. Fred Lim who was recently appointed as CEO and President of PAGCOR. Also seen in the event were Atty. Sixto Brillantes, Atty. Rudy Robles, Atty. Salvador Panelo, SBC Alumni Association President Atty. Dominador Buhain, Mr. Roman Felipe Reyes and a host of other Bedans.

Hosting the program are Atty. Jonas Cabochan, Atty. Jicky Andres, Atty. Edna Herrera-Batacan, and Atty. Cheska Seña. Supreme Court Associate Justices Jose Mendoza and Bienvenido Reyes Jr. and Sandiganbayan Presiding Justice Amparo Cabotaje-Tang, also graced the affair.

Indeed, it was a night to remember and a historical Bedan event to be treasured forever. After all, the long drought of having a Bedan President is now over.



(l-r) President Rody, DOJ Secretary Vit Aguirre, and Mrs. Helen Cruz



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's Speech during the San Beda Law Alumni Association Testimonial Reception Club Filipino, San Juan City, 14 July 2016

Kindly sit down. Salamat po. May I ask somebody to remove the prompter? Hindi ho... hindi ako nag-aano, hindi ako nagsasalita nang nagbabasa. Hindi sanay. Wala sa amin 'yan sa probinsya.

President Ramos; Atty. Avelino Cruz; Justice Acosta; very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan; the citizens of the San Beda Republic; valued guests; ladies and gentlemen. Well, naka-tsamba tayo. Kung baga sa bisaya, 'yung naka— sa sabong, naka— (inaudible). Well, actually, I'd like to tell you the odyssey of my presidency.

Alam mo, wala talaga akong balak maging presidente. But early on, President Ramos went to Davao and sought an audience with me, together with Paul Dominguez and Jesus Dureza. And it was there, he said that it is high time that Mindanao would have its president ever. I was giving him excuses. Alam mo naman si Presidente and he would just say: "Shut up. You listen to me." And another offering of apology: "Sir, hindi mo talaga ako pwede diyan... Small time na mayor lang tayo." And he would just say: "I came here to Davao to talk to you, not to talk to me. So you listen." So well, time passed and was a lot of movement, maliliit lang, galing sa Cebu, but mostly Visayan and a little bit of following sa Manila, Luzon.

Alam mo, wala talaga akong makinarya. I would not want to belittle PDP. But it was a moribund party, until I came. Wala namang... ang —wala masyadong tao and we had to revive it. But I said going back earlier — alam mo, since the time nag-usap kami ni Presidente, up to the time when they were presenting their platforms of government — 'yung tatlong kandidato pagka-presidente, never talked or mentioned anything about Mindanao. Eh, sabi ko ang pinaka-problema ng Pilipinas, hindi nga itong droga e. Eh ito, 24 oras patayin mo lahat, tapos na 'yan. Eh ang Mindanao, because it has fierce territory. And you know, the president is the president. Alam niya, kaya pumunta siya sa akin.



What's going to happen to Mindanao? There's a war going on. There might be a lull kasi huminto tayo. We're talking to Murad and backchanneling kami ni Presidente kay Nur Misuari. We have the number of Nur. We can get to talk to him. Pero, walang... sa tatlo na may platform about Mindanao.

Remember that Murad said: I will go to war if there is no BBL. Pakahirap 'yan.

And true enough, wala talagang BBL. But, sabi ko early on, delikado 'to... Trying to find out kung ano bang mangyari sa Pilipinas. But still during the filing of the certificate of candidacy, I did not file anything. It was not until after I was substituted sa deadline, last day pa. Because there were really the urgings now of what will happen to the country.

Alam mo, ang mahirap kasi sa Moro, you might want to know— Ang lola ko Maranao e. But my grandfather, Chinese. Talagang galing Xiamen. Mahirap itong ano na mapahiya. Siguro pag mapahiya ito, hihirit ito. Napahiya nga, so we have to talk to him repeatedly and Jaafar na "hang on, 'wag muna, do not try to steam a violence which you might not be able to stop on time."

Sabi ko: Ako, kung ako manalo ng presidente, mag-patayan tayo? It's either I shoot you or you shoot me or saan ako pupunta? Isang linya ng pamilya ko puro Moro. Kasi 'yung mga apo ko, marami akong apo na puro Moro. Ito pa. So if there is anybody as much as interested really sa Mindanao, ako. Kaya that prompted me to reconsider and you know 'yung baraha ko. But I did not have the money. But PDP rin talaga ako, ever since. I never changed parties, ever since. PDP lang



(l-r) Atty. Rudy Robles, DOJ Secretary Vit Aguirre and Former SC Chief Justice Art Panganiban



SBLAA Vice President Atty. Obet de Leon and Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB

ako. Ako, pang-local lang kami because alam mo, suffering from a financial hiatus itong PDP. Walang mga backer e.

So, 'nong tumakbo ako, I decided to run, I just prayed to God. You know guys, we have to talk. We cannot ignore the BBL and Nur Misuari.

Let me remind you that the Magellan landed in the Philippines in 1521 bringing with him Christianity, no offense intended. Katoliko ako. When he brought in the religion — Christianity — ang Islam was ahead by about mga 80 years, according to the archives ng Malaysia. Binabasa lang.

So they started to conquer the island. Naturally, they met the stiffest resistance sa Mindanao kasi may poste na doon. Nakapasok na ang Islam. And the Spaniards want to conquer the island and subjugated people there sa Christianity. 'Yung iba, nanalo sila. But most of the Maranao, 'yung the early fighters doon, lumaban talaga. It resulted in so many killings and massacre. Yan ang naka-diperensya. So it is historical that unless we address the historical injustice committed against the Moro people, there will never be peace in Mindanao. Ang last card diyan is pumayag na lang sila. Kung wala ng iba, federal.

That is why I ran, ang centerpiece ko talaga was federalism. 'Yan ang hinihingi ni Misuari, parang pinaka-areglo na lang. Kung hindi pa 'yan lulusot sa six years ko, believe me,

mahirapan na kayo.

Hindi ko naman sinasabi na because may dugo akong Maranao. I could just do that anytime and I can enter Mindanao. Eh kung... through the back door or the front gate. Because I have the good will. And the, you know, the filial, feelings of the people there. 'Yan ang — Walang kandidatong... Kaya ako natatakot, sabi ko, pagka ka

pumutok 'to, another round of violence.

Ang problema, sabi ko sa Moro: Bakit kayo magalit sa mga taong Mindanao, na ang Maynila ang gumagawa ng batas, ng BBL, pati 'yung mga batas to enable it to be implemented? Why are you bombing the island itself? Kung gusto ninyo, ikarga natin 'yung mga amas natin, 'yung mga mortar na hindi pumutok ng Army, ilalagay lang... ginagawa nilang fuse eh. "Kung magtatayo ng Maynila, paputukin natin 'yung Congress pati 'yung Malacañang." Bakit mo patayin 'yung kapwa mo tao dito? Lahat naman kami may gusto e.

So, doon ang... Then the next was really, the corruption. And ang drugs. My God. 'tong corruption in my time, during my watch, there will be no corruption, period.

Kaya yesterday, I was reading the Inquirer or isa pa, Daily Bulletin... 'yung letters to the editor. Meron doon babae that she was given the go around, she had to kept on going back to the — Sinabi ko sa staff: Hanapin ninyo ito. Kung anong opisina 'to. Sabihin ninyo pinatawag ko sila dito. Kakasabi ko lang sa inaugural speech ko: You are paid to do your work. Kung gusto mo ng... hindi



(L-R) SBLAA Treasurer-Trustee Atty. Jerry Parulan, Mayor Oscar Moreno and Insurance Commission Deputy Commissioner Atty. Dennis Funa



mo kaya ng gobyerno magbayad, e maghanap ka ng iba. Punta ka kay Ayala o kay Gokongwei. They'll give you a better salary. But you know kung sa gobyerno pumasok ka, hanggang diyan ka lang talaga and you must know that. When you, you know, you enter into government service, you must realize na hanggang diyan ka lang and that is very important.

E, corruption. Left and right. Pati 'yung mga bala... Why is this government oppressing its own people? Answer me that. Sabi ko: Bakit? E kung wala... Sabi ko: So it has to stop. Lahat. From the Office of the President down.

I would maybe distribute the circular. Sabi ko 'yung Cabinet... 30 days — whatever department — 30 days, reduce the signing authority. I do not give a — kung sa anong gustong mo. Three to five signatures, one month, labas 'yan. 'Wag kayong mag-follow up. That is mandatory at magagalit talaga ako.

Now, if you cannot comply with it, then sorry. We part ways. That's the only way to do it. Just like in Davao. You asked for a permit...Electrical, engineering or 'yung business, three days. It's by 72 hours. Pag hindi mo nabalik... do not release it to the guy. Sabihin ko: Ibigay mo sa akin after three days,bakit?... Tanungin kita: Bakit itong papel na ito tumagal sa—? Ganon ang mag-disiplina.

Eh kung sabihin mo na ayaw ko ng droga, umalis kayo kasi ako na ang



mayor. Eh nandiyan pa rin kayo, sinabi ko na. Tapos bibili ako sa iyo ngayon. Tapos bibili uli ako sa kinabukasan. Tapos sabihin ko sa pulis, bumili ka ng pangatlo.

Pagkatapos ng delivery, patayin mo. Look, we cannot build a country by killing our own people. That is admitted. Pero, alam mo, 'pag ka pinasukan tayo ng iba't-ibang klaseng tribo, and from other sources outside of our country, at lulutuin mo lang 'yung shabu diyan sa mga barko. Itatapon ninyo, lagyan ninyo ng GPS. May GPS pa ang mga ulol.

And we are the only country — I think in the world, except South America — na doon 'yung shabu niluluto mismo sa national penitentiary. Kaya ko nga

hinuli. Binuhay ko itong putang inang 'to. Para walang masabi si — 'yung babae diyan sige salita.

Give him a trial, a fair trial, judicial trial. O 'di okay. O pagkatapos ano? Kasi baliktad 'yan e. Kung taga roon ka, doon ka itatapon; kung taga-doon ka sa amin, dito ka, sa Muntinlupa ka. O, pagdating diyan, anong ginawa? Nagluto pa rin ng shabu. Eh, mas mabutang pinatay ko na lang, menos menor 'yung problema natin.

Kaya ako galit, kasi ang shabu, constant use of shabu, even by months, would destroy the human brain. It shrinks the (inaudible). Pati 'yung mismong utak. Actually, sabi ng forensic sa Mexico. Because they are just starting to do met, kasi mahal 'yung heroin ngayon, mura na nga dito e. Mabuti pa 'yung mga sa poppies, because marijuana, heroin, and cocaine, they're grown naturally. Wala masyadong chemicals. Itong shabu, ang tubig naluluto, tubig sa baterya ng sasakyan. Parang may starter diyan sa loob ng — Kaya naging loko-loko.

Remember, I am not defending the police. Nandiyan ako sa gitna. I'm just pushing for it kasi you are putting my country in peril. Eh kakabigay ko lang ng libro kay — loan Grillo. It's sold online. Bilhin ninyo. Pagkatapos ninyong mabili, basahin niyo at humarap kayo sa akin. Sabihin ko: Mali ako o tama? Four or seven years, if nobody interdicts, the drug business in the Philippines — we will be a narcopolitic. Kaya tatapusin, may



President Rody shares the Presidential Table with (l-r) Fr. Rector, SBCAA President Jimmy Buhain, Atty. Salvador Panelo, SC Associate Justice Bienvenido Reyes, Atty. Rudy Robles, Former SC Chief Justice Art Panganiban, and Atty. Avelino Cruz



magtatapos talaga nito. I have placed the burden upon myself. Tatapusin ko ito even at the cost of my honor, my life, and the presidency.

Kaya I have repeatedly stressed na hindi ako mamatay kung hindi ako ma-presidente. Anyway, nagkaroon kami ng ruckus sa media, boycottin niyo ako. Look, kayo, ayaw ninyo mag-boycott sa akin? Pag hindi niyo boycott sa akin, ako mag-boycott sa inyo. Wala akong...

I can let go of this presidency any time. 'Wag mo lang akong ganunin. Do not. Kasi hindi ako sanay nang ganon e. 'Yung basta bastusin ka na lang. Imagine being asked publicly: "How is your health?" "I'm fine." "So, where is your medical report?" Mabuti nandyan ang media, kung wala... bastusin ka ng... O 'di bastusin ko rin kayo. Wala akong... Hindi tayo magkaintindihan dito. For the things that I order the police and the military to do it, I am the one ultimately, legally responsible for it. Ako, 'wag sila.

'Wag mo idemanda ang pulis. Walang mangyari diyan. (inaudible) Naghanap ako sa Constitution, kasi San Bida tayo e. Siyempre...

Paano itong — a raid against us? Nakita mo naman dito, mas in love sila, I don't have to mention it. 'Yung due process, due process. Anong due process? Due process ulol. Kung nasa korte ka na... not given by the President, due process. Hindi ako korte. Why should I give you due

process? I can give you a lawyer. I cannot handle a proceeding or proceedings against you.

Tawagin ko kayo sa Malacañang. Murahin ko kayo doon. Tapos barilin ko kayo. 'Wag... Due process. Due process. Hingiin mo 'yan sa korte. And during the time, when you are in custody, being investigated maybe, but ako ang trabaho ko is I have this sworn, the sacred duty to tell the Filipino the state of things in this country and simply the truth, period.

Kaya lang— sinabi diyan: "Rodrigo Duterte, after naming several generals, who'd give them due process?" Nagkaroon ba ako? Maiksi yun ano mo... Sinabi ko na noon, wala pang kampanya: You might want to retire early. You guys who know that I know na ganon tayo. 'Di yan pang— Anong due process? Lahat ng kolumnista lahat kayo marunong eh kasi hindi ka taga-San Bida e.

Well, the two events in my life that made me simply proud: One is that I graduated from San Bida College, and the other one was the greatest compliment that I received to make me towards the presidency.

One day, Mendiola was really very dangerous at that time. The militant, 'yung mga estudyante, and the left, 'wag na natin mag-bolahan, sila 'yan e. Mga komunista. Kung baga, bakbakan diyan sa ano.

So kami doon sa loob, sa eskwelahan, nagsi-uwian na 'yung high school. Then, sabi ko: Siguro uwian na tayo nito. Nag-uwi na lahat. Kumain muna

tayo sandali. Kasi baka ma-trapik. Kung ma-trapik tayo nito, patay. So kain kami 'nong, 'yung sa barbecue-han. Tapos, I do not remember. I think it was [Cablitas?] was one of them. Palabas kami, so we were in the pedestrian platform, dumating si Justice Solidum. Pagpasok niya, nasa front seat lang 'yun nagda-drive, sabi ko sa kanya, 'yung Volkswagen niya garag-garag. Sabi niya, kilala niya kami: "Where are you going?"

Sabi ko: "Sir, it's dangerous outside." Sabi niya, "Never mind. You go back." Wala na masyadong estudyante. Siguro naabot doon 'yung nagdadaldal na hindi pa umuwi kaagad. So pumunta kami doon. May tinanong siya. (inaudible) Parang may narinig ako, 'di tumindig ako. Sabi ko: Sir, ang — Matanda na rin ako. 71 years old. Tapos sabi niya sa akin, dalawa kami. "Why are you standing?" "I thought, sir, that I heard my name called." "Ah, because you're always talking at the back." (inaudible) Pagdating ko doon sabi niya: (inaudible) "Sit down. You recite." Tindig ako. Tapos tiningnan kami. "So what?" "Sir, there is no question yet, sir."

"Duterte, do not, Duterte, do not scratch your... you're in the classroom and spread your dandruff. Keep it on your hand. Because it's the only one you have".

So you might want to say that, the "dandruff President". Tama kasi sabi ko... Mayabang ako. Nagalit lalo... Eh 'di nagkagulo. "Duterte, do not scratch.



Do not spread your dandruff in this room. Keep it on your head it's the only one you've got."

Well, that made me a lawyer. Actually, kaming sa batch namin, hindi naman tayo nang-ano sa iba, we are all, tayo-tayo lang naman.

Sa (inaudible) succession pati remedial law, talagang matataas, dumaan rin kay Justice, kay Secretary Puno and the others, our professors. Si Rudy naman, Robles, at that time, sir, he just topped the bar at the time, kami 'yung buena mano.

By the way, I was in Bohol campaigning for the presidency. I passed by Vic's house. Victor de la Serna. Minsan nagkita kami doon sa Bohol. Nandyan si Boy Brillantes. Pero 'yung nagbalik ako, medyo, matanda na si... Pero sabi niya na pagkatapos ng meeting, dumaan ka. So hindi na ako nakadaan so pinadala niya.

"Sir, this is my little help for you. This is really hard earned money." Tinago ko 'yun, pati 'yung pera. Hindi ko ginastos. Hindi ko naman alam. Hanggang ngayon nandoon sa envelope. Nilagyan ko lang ng rubber band. "Do something good for your country and if you find it hard because there are many 'yung ayaw, then if it is good, do it, declare Martial Law." Pakita ko sa inyo. You guys, if you go to Davao, it's in my safe. Ipapakita ko talaga sa inyo. Tawagan ninyo si Vic. "If you find it hard to do it because of... then declare



Martial Law."

Well, I will not do it. Far from it actually. We were there around during those times. Ang akin lang is 'yung... let the Filipino taste what is government. So kaya 'yung ano, the usual is if they go there... Plano ko kasi bigyan mo ng shopping list. I mean the requirements for that particular whatever then 'wag mo nang dagdagan, 'wag mong kunan. If he produces all those documents, bigay niya sa'yo, you have to have a journal. Receive the following application for whatever. You sign it. Do not do it in the... kasi ma-erase sa... And let him sign also. Bigyan mo ng stub then go to the computer. Ang laki ng gastos. Tapos 'di nagagamit. Then look at the workload. Then you say come back on this day, next month on this day at this hour. Bigyan mo ng stub. Pagbigay niya, kailangan nandyan na 'yan.

I do not want to see the Filipino queuing outside. Ayoko 'yan. Specially 'yung mahirap. It might be a pretended sentiment, whatever you call it to do the unbeliever, basta ayaw ko, lalo na 'yung mga taga-probinsya. Lalo na 'yung taga-probinsya na magastos pag pupunta rito tapos maubos na ang sweldo kabalik. You know it's always one trip dito e.

If you go down sa NAIA, you ask for a lodging there somewhere, makikitira. Tapos, pupunta doon, isang biyahe lang sa kalayo. Tapos, pabalik-balikin mo ng araw, kalokohan na 'yan, something has got to be there.

Kaya sabi ko kay Bebot Bello: "Find a space there". Lagyan mo ng kung saan 'yung opisina mo, gusto mong lumipat nang malaki, find a space there where you can place the satellites of, sa DFA, tapos sa National Bureau of Investigation, diyan na, one stop, same building. At least same vicinity. Malalakad siguro one hundred meters. Then that's it. Ayokong magbalik-balik

ang tao. I would like to stress it again. Ayaw ko pahirapan ang Pilipino, period. Ayaw ko.

So mandatory 'yan, including the Office of the President down to the barangay level. I will bind the local governments to strictly end it here... to what the essence of government service. Diyan tayo. diyan tayo. Mag-tiis lang kayo kasi sabagay six years lang naman 'to. Pero pag ka nagka-diperensya tayo dito, umatras ka... kasi talagang ayaw ko.

Davao is what Davao is today.

Sinabi ko, here are the rules. Umalis kayo. I would not pursue you beyond the boundaries of my city. Go out. Tapos kayong taga-gobyerno, ganito. If you cannot do it, tell me and I will give you your marching orders out. Pati police. I have the most behaved police force in the entire Philippines in Davao. I do not allow checkpoints.

Kaya dito ngayon, I will, one of these days, depending also on the advice of the military and the police. I would... Tanggalin ko lahat ng checkpoints. Ngayon, sa bukid sino ang mag-checkpoint? Eh 'di 'yung mga NPA. Anong trabaho ninyo? Nagdadala kayo ng armas, wala naman kayong... Eh nag-uusap tayo 'di ba? O, eh 'di slowdown muna kayo.

I will be asking the NDF to just really do that. Lahat... mabuti na lang goodwill ng MI and the rest of Mindanao, the Moro leaders are up against arms also against the drug mule. And it's good for our country. It's good for us. Just like China... War, it is not an option. So what did the others say? Peaceful talks. I cannot give you the wherewithal now. I have to consult many people, including President Ramos. He might also want to be one of the... but I would like to respectfully ask him to go to China and start the back talk. Ibigay natin. But we do not also want to offend the United States. Why? Because we have identified ourselves allied with the Western powers. So there's an interest which we should not forget: Our interest and the interest of our allies.

Now there are a lot of complications there. Because now that the Tribunal has ruled, 'yung arbitral decision states that... And if China would insist on a space domain, that you have to identify yourself before you can cross that vast



sea there, America will not like it. Although they insist it's the Philippine air space and, of course, the maritime security, it's just too narrow there. Alam mo 'pag nagsara 'yan, lahat tataas because even the insurance of the cargoes and the boats, and the ships there, tataas. So you do create another problem for our economy and somebody else's finances. So careful tayo diyan. So we have to navigate with courtesy. Hindi naman ito nadadala ng... Puro lang ito istorya talaga, your honor, your excellency, siges bow, bow.

Dito na ako sa trabaho na ito. Even here. Siguro, you get a lot of whispers. Nakita mo, left and right 'yan. Ako piskal ako, mag-bulong-bulungan sa akin diyan. But now you get a lot of whispers, including sa labas or state matter but I assure you that the run of this country would be like just what we are in our hearts. The San Beda faithfulness to our nation.

So... gambling has to stop, but in the meantime that I am focused on the drug menace. Why? Because kapag ka tinanggal mo 'yan, there is that apparatus of gambling. Iyong mga kumukolekta ng pusta and you suddenly mabakante 'yan, everybody stops. Ang magte-take over ng organization 'yan, pakilaman na 'yan ng droga. See? Doesn't mean to say that I like jueteng. Maa-ano tayo...I cannot (inaudible) So I called the military. Hindi naman lahat e. Just a thing there to help the police. But they have to undergo so many legal lectures about the law on arrest and seizure. Then the delivery of persons to the judicial authority, the number of hours; how to get a warrant for an arrest or to search a building. Marami. Even in the handling of 'yung drug cases.

(inaudible) But I remember at the time when I was a prosecutor, very early on sa 1970's. It was really a heartbreaking job. Alam mo, may kaso ka it's good, the affidavits are there. But pag-present ng evidence, some wise say that "we want to have an analysis of the... because your honor we've heard the stories that..." At totoo nga. Hawak-hawak ko. Sabi ko: In my time, do not do it to me. Huwag sa akin, sa iba na lang. Sa iba na lang. Huwag sa akin kasi medyo mapapasubo tayo nito na...

Well, anyway, I cannot detain you for a

longer time. If there's anything that you'd like me to answer, let us convert this thing into an open forum if you like. Okay ako. Pero basta ako iwas lang kayo diyan sa mga... Tsaka 'yung mga abugado na gusto...There are a lot...Ako abugado ako...Litigation, I mean sa courtroom. Huwag naman 'yang mga drug lord. Susmaryosep. Maraming kaso diyan na pakialam mo... Ibigay mo doon sa iba. Ibigay mo doon sa taga-U.P pati Ateneo. Baka madali ka pa. Kasi ang alam ko nagturo drug lord din e. Hindi abugado 'yun gago. Papuntahin mo sila sa korte. Bigay mo na sa iba. Marami diyan. Huwag lang San Beda kasi, mga kaibigan ko sa Davao noong mayor ako, iwas kaso sila.Mas (inaudible) iyong lawyer there. Ayaw nila kasi alam nila ayaw ko e. So 'yung mga abugado nila, sa labas. Nothing significant but that was the practice. 'Yung mga seduction, mga abduction with consent, sakit talaga ng Bedista 'yan. Okay 'yan. Adultery, okay 'yan. Concubinage. Yours truly, meron din eh. Hindi naman tayo mabubuhay diyan kung ano... That's why during the inauguration, two sets of pamilya. 'Di okay lang. First in history, first from Mindanao; first president to have two families present there. Ayaw mo ba 'yan? That is in keeping obedience of the torture that is there but has never accepted by anybody, but everybody is doing it.

Well, anyway I'd like to thank you for this moment with you. And if there's anything that I can do for you. If it's legal, if it's right, no problem. Wala akong problema... Kung wala kang — Siguro 'yung iba matanda na, walang trabaho, e 'di sabihin mo sa akin. Maraming... There are thousands actually, it's 1,600. 'Di ba nga sabi ko, hayaan mo na, kung wala lang naman ano diyan, walang, no corruption nothing. Huwag mo nang istorbohin 'yung nandyan na sa pwesto. Hayaan mo, okay na 'yan sa akin. Ako basta, it's competence and integrity, honesty, 'pag andiyan ka, we can work together. You can go to me anytime. Ang problema, pero nakakatawa nito, 'wag kayong mag-maong. Totoo 'yan. Tama naman 'yan. Hindi ka papasukin. You are there kapag naka-maong kasi medyo... Bawal ang maong. Bawal ito.

So ngayon punta ako 'hong... alam ko 'yan. Pero 'yung kasi 'yung panahon ni Estrada there was this incident that my



son, the vice mayor now Davao City, got into trouble with a security guard. Pinalo niya 'yung gate, nabali 'yung kamay ng security guard. Tapos, alam mo na, the media, as the media want to do. So interview na: "Paano mag-demanda ka?"

Sabi ng security guard, "hindi ako magdemanda kasi ang tatay congressman." So itong media tawagkaagad: "What can you say about the statement of the security guard?" Iyong nasaktan ayaw din niyang magdemanda. Sabi ko: "Madali 'yan". So right there and then, I tendered my resignation for Congress. It's on record. I am the only Congressman nag-tender ng resignation. Sabi ko: Because of the incident involving my son, tapos ganon blah blah blah. Then I submitted it to Villar. Sabi ni Villar... He said: "You know the agenda, the resignation of Duterte?" Sabi naman ni Joker, the late Joker Arroyo: "No, we are not allowed to aspect any resignation from any. We are not the employer of Duterte. We are not from his district. It is only the people of his district who can accept his resignation."

Ako for (inaudible) the reason of delicadeza, nag-resign na talaga ako. Sabi ko: "Alam mo, there will so be many elections in the future". 'Pag buhayin ako ng Panginoong Diyos. We're talking about God. I will end my talk here. Do you know and you review the tapes, do you know that I was the



(l-r) Former LITRB Chairman Atty. Winston Ginez, Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, and Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB

only one, the only candidate who invoked, who was invoking the name of God during the campaign? Alam ba ninyo 'yun? You review the tapes. Wala kang marinig ni isa mag-sabi. Ako every time: If the grace of God, God wills it. Babalik-balik 'yan. And the ultimate statement was I made sa Luneta during the miting de avance. I said that: "If God wants me to be president, I will be president of this country. If God does not want me president, he will give me the sign or maybe defeat," sabi ko.

And alam ko, maraming papasok sa atin sa pulitika, ako dead end na ako. I was elected in mayor in Davao in 1988. I coasted along for 23 years as mayor of Davao City; one term congressman; one term vice mayor ni Inday, 'yung anak ko, taga-San Beda din 'yun. 'Yung nambugbog ng pulis, nandito 'yunparent. Isa rin 'yun. Alam ninyo — except for Marcos, si Imee, and si Abet, Governor Abet sa Bataan — Alam mo ba even sa Mindanao, outside, wala akong mayor or governor. Even sa Mindanao. Wala akong ni isang barangay captain sa Luzon, Bicol, or Visayas.

Kaya nga I was so perplexed also after the result because during the campaign na-mesmerize ka sa mga crowd e. So you think that you are already formidable, tapos 'yung sa ano... Hindi ko talaga malaman paano ako nanalo. Wala akong ni isang

barangay captain dito sa Calabarzon pati Metro Manila wala. Except of course 'yung mga taga-San Beda. Napakarami na pala natin, akala ko ba bago lang 'tong San Beda. Biro mo, lahat ng taga-San Beda bumoto e 'di 'yun lang ang nagpanalo sa akin. Kagaya ni (inaudible), after ni President Ramos siya ang una kong pinuntahan kasi Bedista e... Tapos pagsabing "okay." "Saan ka?" Nandiyan 'yan. I offered him something, ayaw e, sa Cabinet. I offered him a Cabinet post. Lahat naman ito sila, puro magagaling. Kasi irregular ako e. Nadisgrasya ako sa kotse. I am hard hearing sa right ear, may fracture ako dito. Pero, Pero magagaling, Vit Aguirre, cum laude; Art Tugade; si Bingbong Medialdea, marami 'to San Beda. Marami sila. Sabi ko... Rudy Salalima.

Sabi nila, ito si Duterte walang kilala kung hindi San Beda o taga-Davao. Is that a riddle? I'll give you the answer. Probinsyano ako. Nag-aral ako ng Maynila. Along the way, wala naman akong nakilala na talagang naging... except my wife kasi stewardess e. Itong asawa ko,

German, si Zimmerman. Maganda 'yon. Pero ang kilala ko, taga Davao, far and wide in between the years — ang sabi sa akin: "Sino naman ang kilala ko?" "Well, except your wife...sa Maynila?" Dito naman sa dormitoryo lang ng YMCA, pati sa eskwelahan. So sino naman ang makilala ko na brilliant? Except si Sal because talagang outstanding, Sal Panelo, UP.

Wala akong ibang kilala na bright. I was not invented to the social. They didn't even recognize me, my name. Wala, except sa eskwelahan. So ang nakuha ko 'yung kilala ko na mga bright. Carlos Dominguez, the Finance. Kababata ko 'yun since Kindergarten. Valedictorian 'yan hanggang natapos 'yan sa... I don't know what school sa Amerika. So puro ang kilala ko — ang kilala ko lang na may... Si PAGCOR, si Andrea, she campaigned for me. 'Yun talagang... So 'yun lang ang kilala ko sa buhay ko, e 'di sila 'yung kinuha ko, 'yung mga... Kasi wala naman ibang nag-apply, sige ako hanap.

Iyan ang sikreto doon. Kasi wala akong kakilala. Ang kilala ko lang na mga bright. Puro mga... Vit Aguirre; Tugade, bright boy 'yan. Sonny Dominguez, valedictorian. Puro valedictorian. Ang presidente, 75 lang. Okay lang naman. Jess Dureza. Naging classmate ko 'yan, valedictorian.

Nakita ko nga 'yung grado niyan, general weighted average, pag-graduate namin, sabay kami kumuha ng card e. Sabi ko, pagtingin ko sa kanya: "Jess ilan 'yung iyo?" Sabi niya: "96, bay" 'Yung iyo?" Kuhako naman. Sabi ko: "Wala, wala. Kukunin ko pa." Tapos paglabas, 78.

By the way, Jess Dureza is working for me ha, so is Sonny Dominguez, Art Tugade and Vit. All brilliant working for ordinaryong Bedista lang. Salamat po!



(l-r) Vit Aguirre, Mrs. Helen Cruz, SC Associate Jose Mendoza, Atty. Avelino Cruz, Dr. Samuel Bernal



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A Prayer for President Rodrigo R. Duterte

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United in mind and heart God our Father, we come to you in prayer as our Bedan family gather together in faith, joy, renewed hope and celebration for our first-ever Bedan President of the Republic of the Philippines Rodrigo R. Duterte.

May you loving God continue to bless President Rody, his administration and the Filipino nation that we may prosper our initiatives for peace and progress, and protect us at all times from the evils of corruption, terrorism, drugs and other ills of society. We pray that his legacy of a changed Filipino society will remain one of the highest points in our history as a nation.

Fill us all with your Spirit Lord that we may be able to give witness to our Faith through the advent of a capable, principled and courageous leadership of President Rody, and eventually give glory to your name-

May this evening bestow upon President Rody the assurance of God's love and peace in a solid affirmation of his Bedan family celebrating with him.





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**Remarks delivered by Atty. Avelino V. Cruz
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Thursday, July 14, 2016, Kalayaan Hall, Club Filipino**

Thanks to all Bedan law alumni present tonight.
Greetings to the members of the Lex Talionis, Lambda
Rho, Lex Leonum and all all fraternities of the San Beda
Law united in fellowship in tonight's testimonial.

And now, I would like to ask you to rise and greet our
Outstanding Law Alumnus of San Beda for 2014, the
honoree of this testimonial and the first ever Bedan
Philippine President with the largest, massive presidential
mandate in Philippine history, President Rodrigo "Rody"
Duterte.

While surely, we must honor President Rody in tonight's
testimonial, we must also thank him profusely for doing
honor to several Law Alumni Board of Trustees and
Advisers appointed to top Cabinet positions, a feat that will
surely remain unmatched for years to come by any other
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Greetings to Executive Secretary Bingbong Medialdea,
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Aguirre (Class '71); Transportation Secretary Art Tugade
(Class '71); Information & Communication Secretary Rudy
Salalima (Class '73) and PAGCOR President Fred Lim (Class
'76).

May I also ask all the members of the SBLAA Board of
Trustees in the VIP table to rise and be recognized. By the
way, the consensus in the last Board meeting is that we
should make no further recommendation in behalf of
Alumni Board Members to the President. Nakakahiya na!
Except that as a last favor, we are recommending the
appointment of Atty. Boy Manzano as Cabinet Secretary
for Malacanang golf course so that Bedan golfers can play
with President Duterte, along with President Ramos in that
exclusive setting.

Greetings to Father Rector President Aloy Maranan, OSB, a
most ardent supporter of the SBLAA; our SBLAA President
Nick Acosta, Law Alumni Board Member and Club Filipino
President Obet de Leon and of course, special thanks to
Executive Director Joffre Alajar and his staff, who put



together tonight's testimonial.

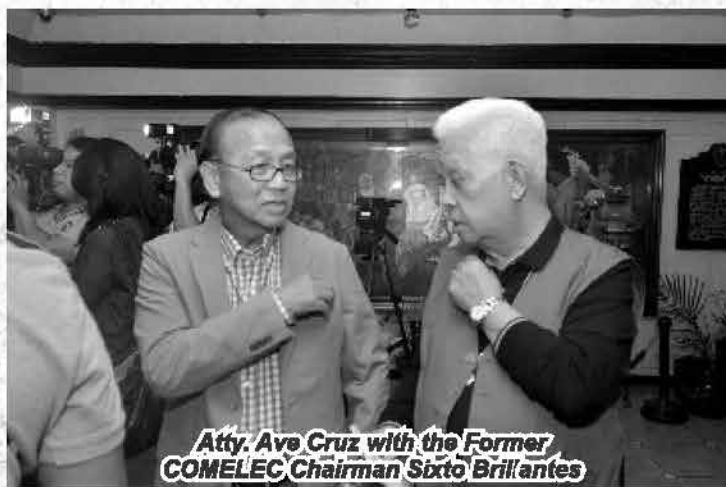
Greetings to our Honorary Bedan Law Alumnus who joined us here today, namely Former President Fidel Ramos (Class 2003) and (Ret.) Chief Justice Art Panganiban (Class 2006), incumbent Chairman of the ASEAN Law Association Philippine National Committee.

Special greetings to Atty. Mike Toledo, representing San Beda Board Chairman MVP, who is celebrating his birthday tonight.

Let me recall the chain of events. In the November 2014 awarding of "Most Outstanding Law Alumnus" to then Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, I commented first that the Bedan Law Alumni who run for President - Mon Mitra ('53) and Raul Roco ('64) failed in their quest to which we should add Roy Seneres (Class '71), and that the law of averages should now be in our favor if our guest of honor decides to run. And as if foretelling the future, I further noted that the reigns of government should be next handed to those who will work with selfless discipline, competence and transparency, as are the norms in Davao City.

Months later, as late as October 2015, after the COMELEC deadline has passed, we cornered Bingbong Medialdea at our Board Meeting in Dusit, to declare whether the Mayor was running or not, and you know what, he said he himself does not know the answer. Then, finally on Fred Lim's birthday party at his house on November 22, 2015, then Mayor Duterte was pressed to finally declare his candidacy. He did so on November 27, by officially filing his COC with COMELEC. Our Board then moved to network its members to unite behind the Bedan candidate. By April 2016, a Manifesto was published calling all Alumni "to unite behind Rody Duterte in his quest to answer the call for national leadership and change". Then in a Daily Inquirer interview headlined "Lawyers for Duterte", I referred to that Manifesto which also run in social media.

The Manifesto was carefully crafted after a long discussion among Board members. Prof. Edna Batacan, I recall, even had a phone call to Mr. Bong Go, now Presidential Executive Assistant, and the candidate himself. Thereafter, in a meeting at the house of the then Mayor's friend, Melo Santiago, I personally had a legal strategy collaboration with now Chief Presidential Legal Adviser, Sal Panelo who I would like to greet tonight, who defended the candidate against harassment in his BPI records. Thanks to the help of our Board member Mon Hermosura (of Ayala Corporation), that opponent's dirty trick fizzled



Atty. Ave Cruz with the Former COMELEC Chairman Sixto Brillantes



SBCAF President Dr. Jaime Galvez-Tan with DOJ Sec. Atty. Vit Aguirre



Atty. Jicky Andres and Atty. Jonas Cabochan served as program emcees

out. Thereafter, there was this Miting de Avance at the Luneta on May 16, 2016 where all Bedan Alumni of all shapes and sizes appeared as one, in a red sea of supporters that flooded the Manila Hotel and Luneta grounds. The rest, of course, is history. All in all thank you, President Rody, it was an exciting ride for all of us.

Fast forward to today. Two weeks into the new administration, its leadership must now confront criminality, corruption, cronyism, and the horrible inequalities between the elite and the impoverished

Snapshots with Bedan President Rody Duterte





masses. Even as we speak, government wrestles with criminal and drug syndicates threatening the very fabric of our society; so rampant, it seems nothing less than a national emergency almost like Mexico's long running campaign against drug syndicates. Fortunately, the Philippine Constitution empowers our President by himself and without need for Congressional action, to call out the Armed Forces to prevent or suppress lawless violence (Article VII, Section 18) as affirmed in the case of *Ampatuan vs. Puno* (G.R. 1902, June 7, 2011) and to avail of the General Welfare Clause to maintain peace and order and protect life, liberty and property (Article II, Section 5). We can only hope that God's Guiding Hand, fortified by Benedictine principles imbibed by all Bedan law students, will help President Rody preserve the delicate balance between wielding the necessary strong arm of the law while upholding his pledge to do justice to every man.

Among the many grave problems the President mentioned in his inaugural address, let me just bring out two: *"(1) erosion of trust in the capacity of our public servants; and (2) erosion of faith in our judicial system"*.

To meet the first challenge, the President directed heads of agencies to reduce the burden of red tapes and redundant requirements on the citizenry as well as in the restructuring and processing time of all applications. Do you know that today, it takes 39 signatures just to open a regular gas station? In this regard, is not San Beda College itself a victim of long drawn-out pendency of its application for university status? San Beda has long ago completed its autonomous status application which is the seal of excellence to be granted a university status by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). Suddenly, a new set of redundant criteria have inexplicably stalled our school's application since January this year. Processing has not moved. We trust that under the new policy of President Rody, San Beda would now receive expeditious action on reclassification to university status which it truly deserves.

Second, President Rody also highlighted the erosion of faith in our judicial system. I submit that a good start to restoring such faith would be to give priority to career Justices with professional experience to be promoted to the Supreme Court. Isn't that why government runs the Judicial Academy anyway? Why has the previous administration ignored career judicial service candidates particularly those serving in the Court of Appeals for elevation to the Supreme Court? In fact, many able

Justices of the Court of Appeals, among them Bedan alumni, have missed out, such as Mr. Justice Noel Tijam and Joel Reyes, and for that matter, the outstanding Presiding Justice of Court of Appeals himself, Andres Reyes, Jr., all of them many times shortlisted for promotion by the JBC but bypassed by the former President's appointing power. I submit the time has come to recognize rather than ignore those in the career judicial service. As in countries such as Thailand, such change would go a long way to restore the faith in the judicial system. Opportunities abound, as reportedly, the incumbent President will be appointing at least 12 Supreme Court Justices during his term.

In closing, as our Manifesto declared, let us all unite behind President Rody Duterte in his quest for what is good for our country and people. Let us not forget what one writer commented. Recalling the "last card" slogan of his campaign – this commentator warned "If Duterte fails, we all loose".

In the meantime, let us have an enjoyable evening of fellowship in this unique testimonial.

Thank you.



Atty. Salvador Pansio, Atty. Ave Cruz and Executive Secretary, Salvador Medialdea



Robbie Roco and Mrs. Sonia Roco

For the first time, we have a President who attended San Beda, **Rodrigo Roa "Digong" Duterte**, L.I.B'72. One of the last of the Rugged Individualists, it seems. Out-of-the-box thinker and doer. *(My campus contempo, Frankie Roa, GS'49; HS'53; AB,'57,)* whose command of English enchanted this promdi from Pasig and Mauban, says his "late father was a cousin of Soledad," Digong's admirable, courageous Ma.



BETTER. STRONGER. TOGETHER

by Rene Saguisag



And at the same time, we have today a bright dignified Vice President, who also attended San Beda *(my Mendiola grad law school stude, but she had to quit when she was elected Congresswoman, virtually a full-time job, in 2013; right focus and priority).*

The Beauty and the Best, we fantasize, who will give our people a better life.

Digong is not the fave of the small human rights community but we respect and accept the overwhelmingly clear popular verdict.

Digong acknowledged the immense help of his fraternity brods, which would not make it easier for the administration to ban frats and sororities. There are entertainable human and constitutional rights issues. *(After my class last July 30, I was introduced on campus to Nehemiah Curioso, L.I.B.'71, who had no idea who I was; he told me he helped form the frat of which Digong is a member.)*

Digong and Leni do us proud. And, if they succeed, with our help, to give the poor, obscure and powerless, a better life, much prouder we will be. Every creature's life matters. Dignity matters too.

I marched with Digong's courageous mother on the streets of Davao after another Bedan, **Ninoy Aquino**, HS'48 *(completing HS in three years)* was salvaged in 1983.

Ninoy was not the only Bedan whose eyes moistened when called Mr. President. **Monching Mitra**, HS'47, L.I.B.'53, **Raul Roco**, AB'60; L.I.B.'64, and others, like **Roy Señeres**, L.I.B.'71, may have aspired to be Prez but it wasn't their destiny. It was underestimated Digong's.

Last May, I voted for **Grace Poe**, the daughter of Bedan FPJ, GS'53, for Prez, whose middle name was Decency. I also voted for Leni, for Veep. OK, one out of two should do.

Digong is helped by **Veep Leni**, Executive Secretary **Bingbong Medialdea**, L.I.B.'77; Justice Sec **Vit Aguirre**, HS'67, L.I.B.'71; Transportation Sec **Art Tugade**, GS'59, HS'63; AB'67; L.I.B.'71; and DICT Sec **Rudy Salalima**, AB'69; L.I.B'73. *(I was out of the country from May 22, 1967 to Dec. 30, 1970, studying, working, marrying and gallivanting in the U.S., and did not have these guys as studes, nor doll Senator Leila de Lima, L.I.B'85; too busy fighting Marcos and Imelda from 1971 to 1986.)*



Veep Leni



Senator Leila de Lima and the President



Atty. Medialdea



Atty. Tugade



Atty. Salalima



Atty. Aguirre II

Anyway, vox populi vox Dei.
Better, Stronger, Together.
Prez Digong's success is our success.
Animo San Beda!
Mabuhay ang Pilipinas.

The MVP Leadership Legacy

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar

Some years back, I was privileged to conduct a research on the leadership style and management approach of Manuel V. Pangilinan. The academic paper became then a spring board for a continuing study on this outstanding Filipino businessman.

The study revealed that MVP's leadership style was developed primarily by his character, competence and core values. These three elements were honed by family, quality education and extensive professional experience. One thing notable about the character of MVP is his sense of mission for country, and his unwavering faith in the Filipino. All these are strongly manifested when MVP came back to the country and gave up the comfort of a first world environment in Hong Kong.

Living by the Filipino values

Other than love of country and belief in the Filipino, MVP lives by the Filipino values of hard work, financial and mental integrity, resiliency, compassion, and a deep and abiding faith in God. Such home grown values were molded by his family as well as the Catholic education he received. It is however, the culture of the foreign environments where MVP studied and worked that nourished his business finance and investment competence, work ethic, competitive spirit and passion to meeting world-class standards of excellence and professionalism. MVP however singled out three core values that are essential to great leadership: hard work; financial and mental integrity; and passion.

Transformational and Transactional Leadership

Drawn from the character and competence of MVP, his unique brand of leadership has emerged. MVP's dominant leadership style is transformational with a moderate touch of being transactional. MVP's transformational leadership

style is best described as being charismatic, visionary, high emotional intelligence, encourages personal development of his subordinates, supportive leadership value thinking, leading by example, higher moral reasoning and people empowerment.

MVP's leadership style has also a touch of being transactional. MVP is essentially a coach-mentor who plans guides, monitors, controls and most importantly, rewards generously good works and punishes undesired behaviors but always with a forgiving heart. Being an astute businessman, MVP is investment-and-profit driven that is why his leadership style demands that it be transactional as well. MVP has this knack to stack his corporate profile with quality people. He gets personally involved in selecting his top executives and placing them in the right positions. As such, MVP has been able to successfully maximize their full potentials, strengths and capabilities to meet organizational goals. This is also the reason why MVP managed to be chairman of the board, president and CEO in more than 20 top diversified corporations in the country.

His transformational leadership style however, has essentially two quality attributes, namely:

Visionary

MVP is one gifted with the ability to "see" the future, anticipate what the future will bring, and prepare well for its coming. MVP had a compelling vision when he took over the reins of PLDT, Maynilad, Meralco, Makati Medical Center, and a lot more companies under the First Pacific Group which he managed to steer and bring to ultimate success. MVP has become successful in making his vision a reality, rallying his executives and workforce to join him in the pursuit of his dreams for his corporate organizations.

Sense of Mission

MVP's sense of mission finds its way in every aspect of his leadership. This sense of mission – "to improve lives of Filipinos" and his prime belief in organization's with a sense of purpose beyond just the profit motive, made his leadership remarkable. This, he wanted all people in his organizations to share and embrace. The sense of mission he exhibited, found its expression in the virtues that he practices and the business decisions that he makes.

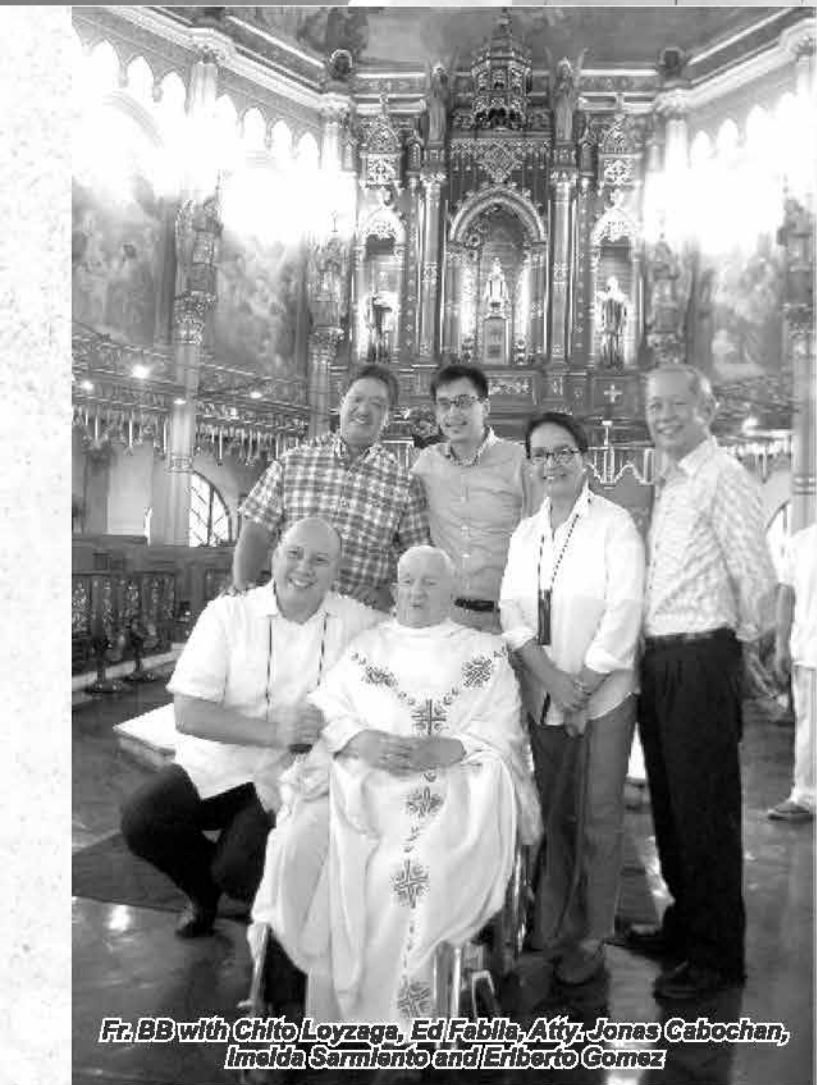
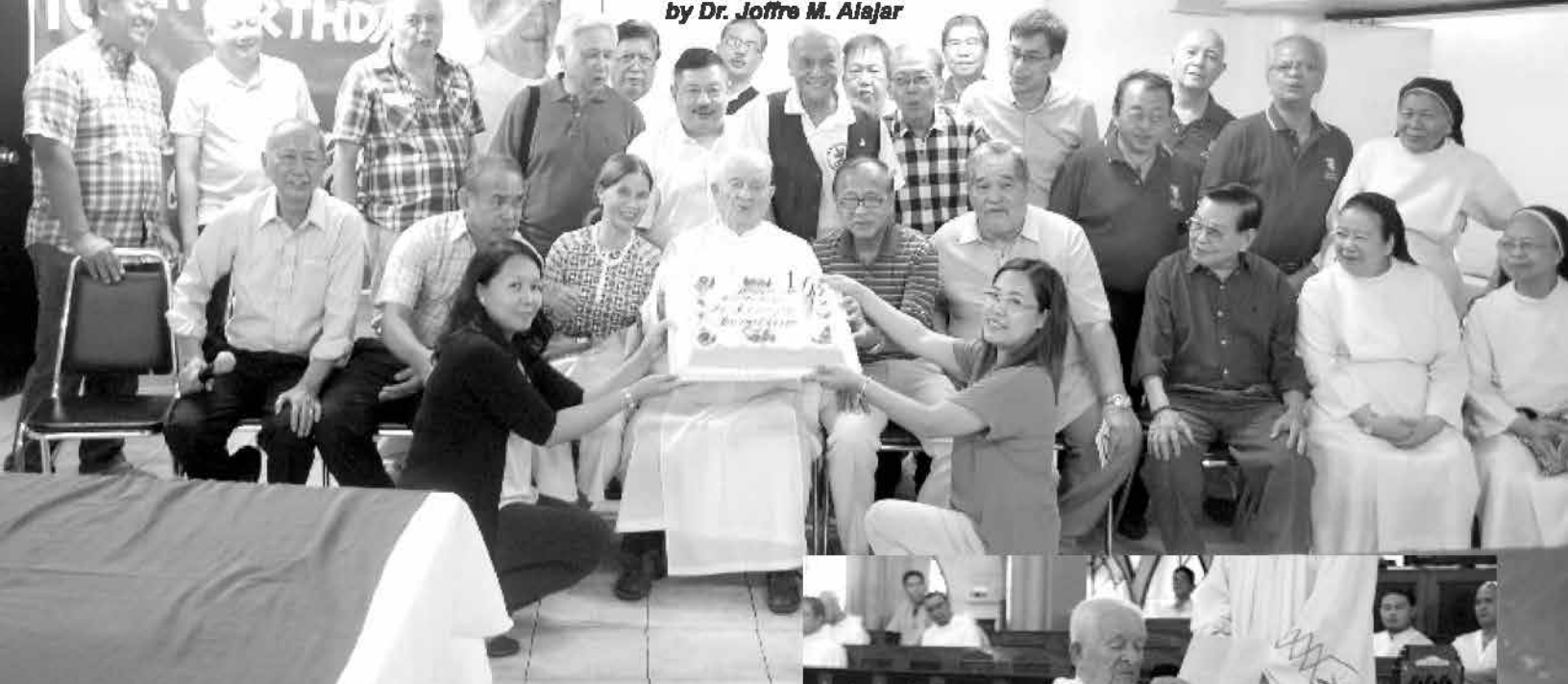
MVP's sense of mission- "to improve the lives of the Filipinos", his persuasion that "business especially in a developing country like the Philippines should play a unique part in enhancing over-all welfare," and his prime belief in organization's with a sense of purpose beyond just the profit-motive or other economic considerations made him turn-around a number of companies and enabled him to see a future where his corporate organizations will remain strong and enduring.

Today, MVP at 70, continues to bring to this country inspiration, greatness, and so much hope for a better Philippines.



REV. FR. BENIGNO BENABARRE, OSB A CENTURY PLUS A YEAR OLD

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar



Fr. BB with Atty. Jonas Cabochan, Archie Armelligas, Mrs. Helen Cruz, Wilma Abellanosa, Ed Fabila, Jovy Fabro, Imelda Sarmiento, Atty. Avelino Cruz, Atty. Rene Saguisag, and Jose Araullo

Fr. BB with Chito Loyzaga, Ed Fabila, Atty. Jonas Cabochan, Imelda Sarmiento and Eriberto Gomez

Amazing but true! Our beloved Rev. Fr. Benigno turned 101 years old last May 23, 2016. It was another big celebration in San Beda as Fr. BB turned another milestone page in his very colourful holy life as a Benedictine priest. While there may be a decline in his physical stamina, Fr. BB is as mentally sharp as he was during his younger days.



Fr. BB with Atty. Jonas Cabochan



Fr. BB celebrates his 101st birthday with a cake



Fr. BB with Alumni/guests



Fr. BB with Ed Favila



Fr. BB. with (l-r) Joe Araullo, Dr. Ray Duque, Consul Luis Ablaza, Tony Suarez, and Mr. Gonzales

To date, Fr. BB reports for work practically every day with his special nurse Leo or Kenneth. Since he had a bad fall in the school comfort room, Father Prior Rafaelito Alaras, OSB refuses to let him report for work without a nursing aide. At 101, Fr. BB has perfect blood chemistry and a blood pressure of 100/70. While he experiences intermittent body pain, he manages to attend selected alumni meetings and follow the daily monastique life.

Seeing him move around with the aid of a wheelchair inside the campus makes him an all-time inspiration to members of the Bedan community who simply respect him for his long and still productive life. How enriched San Beda College has become by Fr. Benigno's life of joyful service that brought smiles into the lives of people he continuously touches.

And as Fr. Benigno never gives up counting more years, he certainly never stops aspiring, learning and being a better soul.



At Your Service in St. Benedict



The entire Bedan community condoles with the family of our College nurse **Mrs. Elma Abengoza** whose son BJ had gone to eternal life at a young age of 29. BJ was a true full-blooded Bedan having spent his Grade School, High School and College of Nursing years in San Beda College. Gifted with a golden voice, BJ used to be a member of the Montserrat singers. Well-loved among Bedans, BJ will always be remembered for his being humble, respectful and friendly aura. May his young soul truly rest in peace.

We welcome with open Bedan arms the comeback of our well-admired **Atty. Jimmy Buhain** as President of the SBC Alumni Association. It will be recalled that in AY 2007-08, Atty. Jimmy served as president of our very dynamic Alumni organization. We especially welcome also **Mr. Rufino "Noni" Abad (HS'66, CAS'70)** as board trustee, hoping that he can contribute much to the success of the SBCAA.



Congratulations to the SBC Alumni Foundation for the five year accreditation status awarded to them by the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC). This is a reflection of the good governance and management of the entire SBCAF. More power to the SBCAF led by **Dr. Jimmy Galvez-Tan** and keep up the excellent work.



We pray for the success of the six-year term of Bedan **President Rodrigo Duterte** and Bedan Vice President **Leni Robredo**. Not to be forgotten are the others Bedans

in government service led by **Senator Leila De Lima**. This is the first time that a relatively huge number of Bedans are in various key government positions. May our great tribe increase.

We especially greet our SBC Chairman of the Board **Manny V. Pangilinan** as he celebrated his 70th birthday. MVP is well-loved in San Beda and by the Filipino people because of his great leadership style and superb management approach. May our Almighty Father continuously bless him with good health, peace of mind and more prosperity.



May Eternal Peace be Granted unto their Souls

- Rev. Fr. Pio Ma. A. Lomibao, OSB (CAS'60, AB English'62)
- Andrew L. Gotianun, Sr. (AA'49)
- Ramon L. Rastrollo (GS'49, HS'53)
- Ricardo V. Castro, Jr. (HS'46) – father of Mr. Bu Castro (GS'66, HS'70)
- Isidro Fernandez (GS'53)
- Atty. James B. Yee (Acctg. '87)
- Jose U. Ong (GS'45, HS'49, Law'54)
- Eduardo V. Quintos VIII (GS'72, HS'76)
- Rosaly Salalima – mother of Secretary Rudy Salalima (CAS'69, Law'73)
- Bernardo "BJ" Abengoza, Jr. (GS'99, HS'03, BSN'07)
- Ramon F. Pelaez (GS'54, HS'59, AB'64)
- Ramon C. Cartasano (HS'76, CAS'80)
- Feliciano "Jimmy" Jimenez, former head CIMC-MBO
- John Diego G. Calabig (CAS '86)

*Special prayers for the eternal
repose of their souls.*



SAN BEDA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S PERFORMANCE REPORT

for April 2014-15 to April 2015-16

In keeping with the tradition of chronicling the significant milestones of the San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA), I am pleased to report to the SBCAA Board, the programs and accomplishments of the SBCAA under my watch as president during the period AY 2014 to 2016.

A. CASH INCENTIVES TO NCAA CHAMPIONS

The SBCAA continued giving cash incentives to our NCAA champion teams amounting to Php10 thousand pesos for AY 2014-15 and 2015-16:

Team

Seniors and Juniors Basketball
Swimming (Senior Mens and Women's Division)
Taekwondo Senior and Junior (Men/Womens Div)
Table Tennis (Seniors/Juniors)
Chess
Lawn Tennis (Mens and Womens Division)

B. CASH INCENTIVES TO BAR / CPA / NURSING / MEDICINE BOARD EXAMS TOPNOTCHERS / PLACERS

In recognition of their exemplary performance in government examinations, the SBCAA awarded cash incentives to the following board/bar exam placers:

Name	Exams	Exam Date	Place	Amount
Maria Salve Reina C. Toledo	CPA Board Exams	July 2014	16th	5,000
Erica Mae C. Vista	CPA Board Exams	July 2014	12th	10,000
Adrian C. Enrique	CPA Board Exams	July 2014	10th	11,000
Dan Carlo A. Manzano	CPA Board Exams	July 2014	7th	14,000
Anjanette B. Santos	CPA Board exams	May 2015	11th	10,000
Dr. Grace Arviola	Physician Licensure Exams	August 2014	3rd	18,000
Julius Bryan C. Abesamis	Nursing Licensure Exams	May 2015	6th	15,000
Irene Mae B. Alcobilla	Bar Exams	October 2014	1st	20,000
Jose Angelo A. David	Bar Exams	October 2014	6th	15,000
Adrian F. Aumentado	Bar Exams	October 2014	7th	14,000
Darniel R. Bustamante	Bar Exams	November 2015	7th	14,000
Lara Carmela G. Fernando	Bar Exams	November 2015	10th	11,000
TOTAL				Php 157,000.00

C. SUPPORT TO THE VARIOUS CLASS PROJECTS

A number of classes have initiated and implemented worthwhile projects:

1. Scholarship grant from Class GS'61 HS'65, CAS'69 (**Domingo N. Cotoco**) for financially handicapped but deserving High School student awarded to **Elisa Domingo**.
2. Scholarship grant from SBC Alumni Association Southern California awarded to **Michelle Capiral**, 3rd year BS Accountancy
3. Scholarship grant of Php50,000 from Filipino American Assn. of CPAs (FAACPA) c/o **Jean Peirrer Iturralde** (GS'75, CAS'83) awarded to **Jessu Trinidad**, 3rd year BS Accountancy

4. The SBCAA administered the **Fr. Benigno Benabarre** student scholarship for financially challenged but deserving Accountancy and Senior High student
AY 2015-16
 - **Adrian Gabriel Santiago**, 4th year BS Accountancy
 - **Mary Jane Nacarlo**, 4th year BS Accountancy
 - **Stanley Arenas**, 3rd year BS Accountancy
 AY 2016-17
 - **Lyza Minette L. Acosta**, 2nd year BS Accountancy
 - **Maria Generose Olores**, Senior High
5. Scholarship grant from Tawid Aral Program (*Student Assistance Loan Program*) for graduating students and CPA reviewees as gathered by **Dr. Joffre Alajar** from his former accountancy students who are now successful CPAs and generous Accountancy Faculty.
6. The SBCAA assisted in the preparations for the Dark and Light Exhibit of HS Class'66 at Pamanang Bedista Heritage Center last February 2, 2016

D. VARIOUS FINANCIAL /ACADEMIC/SPORTS ASSISTANCE

The SBCAA extended financial assistance to the following:

•Particulars

- The investigation, prosecution and litigation of Bedan Christian Soriano (Acctg. '98) murder case
- The bereaved family of the late Prof. Francis Febre
- The San Beda Debate Society, joining the World Universities Debate championship in Malaysia last December 2014
- The San Beda Legal Aid Bureau
- The College of Medicine Board Operations
- UST & CCP 30th Sampung Mga Daliri ATBP Concert
- SBC Swimming, Table Tennis, Football and Volleyball team joining the 19th Philippine University Games (UNIGAMES) in Iloilo City from October 19-29, 2014
- The Junior basketball team representative for the STCAA meet in the Province of Rizal, February 9-14
- Bereaved family of Greco Mendoza (HS'08)
- Death of Alvin Jose's grandmother
- CAS Faculty Christmas Party
- Death of Renato Pahate, father of Atty. Maricris Pahate, Law faculty
- The summer medical mission in Bauko Mountain Province May 1-3, 2015 spearheaded by College of Nursing, Medicine, ICIC, SBCBEFI.
- The San Beda International Law Society, Kings College London UK last Oct. 27 to Nov. 4, 2015
- Medical assistance to Ramon Garcia (GS'66 HS'70)
- STCAA Meet in Cavite last February 8-13, 2016
- Beverly Faulma, table tennis player, attended seminar in Los Angeles USA, Jan. 16-30, 2016

E. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Particulars

The sick grandmother of Bedan Mark Anthony Sarmiento
 The sick wife of Jonjon Flores (CAS Staff)
 Prof. Febre for his heart bypass surgery
 Chiquito Tantuan (former SBC Security Guard)
 Alvin Jose (SBCAA staff) who met a motor accident
 Robert Soria of Registrar's Office for medical treatment
 Alex Lazo for his medical treatment
 Susan Samson of Registrar Office staff for her surgery

F. BARATILLO SALE IN THE MENDIOLA CAMPUS

The SBCAA organized anew the baratillo sale in SBC Mendiola, enabling students, faculty and non-teaching personnel to buy Jag-Lee/Addidas apparels, appliances, kitchen wares, shoes and bags at low prices. Credit purchases for SBC employees were allowed, enabling them to increase their purchasing power during these very challenging times.

G. THE ALUMNI AWARDS

The continuous recognition given to our outstanding alumni/ae especially those who have been forgotten, thus bringing them back to SBC. A more stringent criteria were however set, although admittedly, much have to be desired in the criteria in selecting the winners.

H. THE DUGONG BEDISTA AWARDS

The SBCAA continuously recognized non-Bedans who have exhibited exemplary service to SBC service for at least 25 years. Winners received a trophy and cash reward of Php5,000 each.

Year	Name of Awardees
2014-15	Lolita S. Peregrina Prof. Danilo H. Seguban Teresita A. Ukol
2015-16	Prof. Benjamin Faylona Gloria Melendres Noe Ysulat



I. A WELL-ATTENDED ALUMNI HOMECOMING

By meeting regularly with the officers of the Jubilarians, the alumni homecoming for the last two years year were well attended.

J. AN ORDERLY AND CREDITABLE ELECTION OF FIVE SBCAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Conscious of the importance of an honest, credible and clean elections, the SBCAA held another clean and orderly elections.

K. SBCAA WEBSITE (www.sanbedaalumni.org)

In its continuing effort to reach out to more Bedans all over the world, the SBCAA has continuously updated its website.

The SBCAA secretariat staff was tapped to update this website, with corresponding honoraria for extra service rendered by them.

L. MASS TRIBUTE FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF CARLOS LOYZAGA

The SBCAA organized a Mass tribute in honor of Caloy Loyzaga last March 20, 2016. A short luncheon program followed the Mass.

Mass for Bedans running in public office last May 8, 2016.

M. CONTINUOUS PUBLICATION OF THE BEDAN ALUMNUS

Despite the budget constraints, the SBCAA was able to release quarterly The Bedan Alumnus magazine, the official publication of the SBCAA. Thanks to the many valued donors who are one with us in ensuring that this publication should continue being an important vehicle to reach out to our alumni.

N. RECTOR'S NIGHT

The SBCAA in cooperation with Jun Bonifacio of Class GS'66 organized the Rector President's Night where Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB shared with the alumni the many plans and programs of San Beda for the next three years to include its application for University status.

O. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The SBCAA donated Php50,000 to Katimpuyon Zambales, Inc. as SBCAA's expression of support to the group's initiatives and efforts to protect turtles which now belong to the endangered species. This was SBCAA's small way of showing fidelity to the Benedictine value of stewardship of God's creation.

P. The SBCAA organized 11am Sunday Masses for the Alumni with sponsoring batches at the Abbey Church.

Q. SBCAA ANNUAL RECOLLECTION

The SBCAA had its annual recollection in Hiyas ng Kalikasan, San Narciso Zambales with Fr. Roque Villanueva as retreat master.

R. RED AND WHITE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The SBCAA has organized the Red & White Golf tournament in cooperation with HS Class'73 at the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club, Cavite. The SBCAA received a share of Php78,563.00

The SBCAA has organized the Red & White Golf tournament in cooperation with HS Class'80, at Wack-wack Golf & Country Club. The SBCAA received a share of Php258,256.00

S. CONTINUED THE PETRON VALUE CARD PROGRAM

By using the Petron Value Card, the SBCAA was able to earned Php36,852.26.

T. THE CONTINUES HOLDING OF THE RED AND WHITE BALL

To continuously celebrate Bedan achievement, the SBCAA spearheaded once again staging of the Red and White Ball. This annual gathering of Bedans would not have been made possible without the financial support of Manny V. Pangilinan. However, it was the SBCAA Secretariat which handled the logistics of the Red and White Ball.

U. A POLO JACK WHITE SHIRT CARRYING THE SBCAA LOGO TO BE WORN DURING OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS BY THE SBCAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The SBCAA Board of Trustees has now an official polo jack white shirt to be worn during official functions.

V. ADMINISTERED ALUMNI OATH TO NEW GRADUATES

Being President of the SBCAA, it is incumbent upon me to find time to administer the Alumni Oath to new graduates from the various academic departments of San Beda during graduation rites.



All these would not have been made possible without the whole-hearted and enthusiastic cooperation of my fellow directors and officers of the SBCAA, the San Beda College Administration under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB and the SBCAA Alumni office with Rev. Fr. Austin Cadiz, OSB, Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, Dr. Joffre Alajar, and staff Wilma Abellanosa, Juvy Fabro, Archie Armelligas and Alvin Jose.

As I end my year in office, I am grateful to everyone who have, in one way or another, made all these possible. With your tireless and generous support, I am confident that the future holds even greater promise for our San Beda College Alumni Association especially under the leadership of our new president Atty. Dominador Buhain and our beloved San Beda College or better yet the future San Beda University under the very able leadership of Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB.

SBCAA ANNUAL RECOLLECTION, “KAIROS” AND “AHA” MOMENT



March 5, 2016 was a paradigmatic day for the Board of Trustees of SBCAA.

Morning of March 5, 2016, the trustees (Rene V. Sarmiento, Jonas F. L. Cabochan, Cleveland Z. Buena, Alex G. Flores and Bryan S. Bustamante) Council of Elder Tini R. Imperial, the Office of the Alumni Secretariat (Wilma B. Abellanosa, Juvy B. Fabro and Archie A. Armelligas) and some of their family members attended the Annual Recollection of the SBCAA at Hiyas ng Kalikasan, a retreat center in the middle of several hundreds of trees, located at San Narciso, Zambales. Recollection master was Fr. Roque “Querox” Villanueva, parish priest of San Narciso, Zambales and seminary schoolmate of Cardinal Chito Tagle. He talked about the role the SBCAA could play in the school and society given the Benedictine motto of “That in all things God be glorified,” about the call of Moses and his take-off-your-sandal response (read: humble service) and about the virtue of forgiveness and its healing and therapeutic effect. He also said that in the life of every person there is a “kairos” and “aha”

moment when God, through events and situations, would touch his/her life. This is the transformative encounter between God and man. He laced his reflection with grassroots experiences culled from his diocesan pastoral work of thirty years in Zambales.

Lunch with Zambales flavor was served after the recollection, consisting of white and brown rice, two varieties of seaweed from the West Philippine Sea, shrimps, fish, ampalaya, eggplant, beef with broccoli, chicken tomato-onion salad with fish sauce, chicken bleau, sweet Zambales mangoes and bananas.

Past 2:00 p.m., the SBCAA family on board a convoy of four cars drove off to Casa San Miguel, Museum of Community Heritage in San Antonio, Zambales. The Museum features the rich heritage (ancient earthenware, old photographs of Aetas and artifacts) of Barangay San Miguel and the town of San Antonio. Casa San Miguel Foundation established by acclaimed concert violinist Alfonso “Coke” Bolipata in 1993, aims to “integrate culture and community development in Zambales and this foundation has undertaken several





young came when they were told to line-up for the release of about 100 baby pawikans. After a short prayer from trustee Bryan S. Bustamante (who was accompanied by wife Leonie), the trustees, the Secretariat and family members released gently the baby pawikans that slowly inched their way to the West Philippine Sea, guided by the sound and smell of the waves. After about 25 years, these baby pawikans will return to the place where they were hatched, this time as mothers ready to hatch. Of the one hundred baby turtles, only 10 per cent will survive because of predators like uncaring human beings, big fishes and birds.



Turtles keep the ocean clean and safe by eating jellyfishes and by trimming sea grasses that serve as food for the fish.

Till next year annual recollection and release of baby pawikans from October 2016 to April 2017.

Truly, the whole day March 5, 2016 recollection was a "kairos" and "aha" moment for the SBCCA!

programs and workshops to house and showcase artistry of local children. Seen at Casa San Miguel were children about ages 6-15 either studying violin or flute. Bolipata himself teaches violin.

After spending two hours at Casa San Miguel, the SBCCA family proceeded to Pawicare, the hatchery for turtles, located at Bgy. La Paz, San Narciso, Zambales. Pawicare faces West Philippine Sea and is one of the known turtle hatcheries in Luzon (one is in La Union, the other is in Morong, Bataan). In coordination with Katimpuyog Zambales, Inc. that helps Pawicare, the SBCCA family was given a briefing about turtles by fisherman-ranger Darwin G. Rivas and Katimpuyog officers Antonio Jun Foronda, Librato F. Ramos and La Rainne Abad-Sarmiento. This was followed by a turn-over ceremony where the SBCCA gave P50,000.00 check to Katimpuyog Zambales, Inc. as SBCCA's expression of support to the group's initiatives and efforts to protect turtles which now belong to the endangered species. This is SBCCA's small way of showing fidelity to the Benedictine value of stewardship of God's creation.

The moment of excitement for the SBCCA old and





SAN BEDA COLLEGE ALUMNI FOUNDATION ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016



Dr. Jaime Z. Galvez Tan | GS '62, HS '66

I am pleased to report to the SBCAF Board, the programs and accomplishments of the SBCAF under my watch as President during the period of AY 2015-16.

I. MILESTONES

1. The SBCAF was granted a five-year accreditation by the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) as a registered donee institution, subject of a communication letter signed by PCNC Executive Director Luis P. Morales last June 3, 2016. This five-year PCNC Accreditation is a testament of our good governance and management of our SBCAF through the past many years.



Luis P. Morales

2. Establishment of the Gregorio A. Concon-Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB Distinguished Professorial Chair in Macroeconomics, with a Php1million donation from Mr. Concon. (launch date is August 25, 2016, Thursday, 3pm.)
3. Establishment of the PLDT-Smart Foundation Scholarship program in the amount of Php4 million to be released one million a year beginning AY 2015-16.
4. The allocation of SBCAF funds in the amount of Php1,125,000 for the SBC Research /Professorial chairs in support of SBC's move towards becoming a University soon. The professorial chair holder shall receive Php100,000.
5. The continuous planting of Philippine native trees in various parts of the country, thus raising awareness of protecting the environment through this SBCAF advocacy undertaking.
6. The ability of our Students Scholarship Program to support potential topnotchers and future professionals. (i.e. **Angella Recio**, 6th place June 2016 Nursing Licensure Exams; new 2015 May

CPAs: **Rafaela Pecante**, **Charlito Malabanan** and **Monique de Arroz**.



Recio



Pecante



Malabanan



de Arroz

7. The increase in the Professorial Chair grant for each chair holder from Php60,000 to Php100,000 effective AY 2015-16 to encourage more faculty members to engage in scholarly works.
8. The release of the first-ever SBCAF magazine report and brochure about the many accomplishments of the SBCAF through the years.
9. The release of a full-page paid advertisement in the Philippine Daily Inquirer congratulating the first-ever Bedan President **Rodrigo R. Duterte**.



Finding True Pleasure in a Garden

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar

Gardens always fascinate me for God Almighty created it to be the purest of human pleasures. So when Bedan Reynaldo "Rey" Francisco (GS '71, HS '75, CAS '79), invited me to see his home garden, I immediately grabbed that opportunity. Located in the middle of the busy Cubao business center, one would not realize that a beautiful garden would emerge in such a busy crowded area. Rey's sprawling garden is a sight to behold and a great refresher to one's spirit. While his beautiful residential house is a marvelous handy work of the Francisco family, its surrounding garden is as equally marvelous as it has already reached a certain level of perfection.

Rey relates that it was his mother Dofia Luningning Abad Francisco who found joy and inner peace in maintaining such a garden in this old ancestral house. The "breath of plants is far sweeter in the air", says Rey who has taken over the difficult but fulfilling task of caretaking the Francisco garden for many years now after retiring from Allied Bank where he was occupying a key leadership position. More than fifty plant species made up the princely garden of the Francisco family, with miniature statues that added magnificence and true pleasure of this God's creation.

"If we have space, just plant", advises Rey to all lovers of plants, flowers and all of God's natural green creations.



JOSE UYENGCO ONG

(March 18, 1931 to May 29, 2016)

FOOTPRINTS OF A GOOD SOUL

by Joffre M. Alajar



Strange how some people come briefly in to our lives but leave behind deep and lasting impression. That is how **Atty. Joe Ong** has been to me. As I write this piece, his ashes had already been laid to rest at the crypt of Saint Jerome Emiliani and Sta. Susana Parish Church in Ayala Alabang after a week wake at the Funeraria Paz Manila Memorial Park Sucat, Parañaque City. He was 85. Fondly called “Joe” by friends and associates, and “daddy” to his four loving daughters (Ging, Lui, Gie and Nel), this former BIR Commissioner was a public servant, scholar, teacher, passionate advocate, a true leader, visionary and a good husband and father.

A giant in the history of the San Beda Law School and the Bureau of Internal Revenue, he steered the BIR during the transition years after the EDSA people power revolution. Surely, he left an indelible mark in the field of Taxation. And no less than the late President Corazon C. Aquino made this affirmation when she appointed Commissioner Joe Ong as BIR head.

Certainly, he was well equipped to provide the blueprint for a better tax collection system at the BIR. His hefty academic credentials and professional expertise honed at SyCip Gorres Velayo and Co. were worth emulating. His devotion to the rule of law and his integrity were both admirable and inspiring. Little wonder then that Commissioner Ong had earned the respect and adulation

of the Filipino nation.

His performance as a public servant was given such an utmost recognition by the Vatican. Pope John Paul II elevated him to the Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great in 1989.

The San Beda Law Alumni Association recognized him in 2014 for his distinguished service in the Government and to the Filipino nation thus, becoming a source of pride and inspiration to young Bedans to be great Filipinos; his exemplary professional achievement and commendable government service; his continuously building a fully human, wholly Christian and truly Filipino community striving to make the Kingdom of God a reality in this world and a faithful embodiment of the Benedictine ideals of peace, prayer and work.

To his loving family especially to wife Nelly, he was a bright light to find direction in their life journey together. He will surely be missed by people whose lives he had touched but his loving ways will forever remain in their heart of hearts.

With heads bowed in grief and respect, the entire Bedan community extends its deepest sympathies to the Ong family.



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