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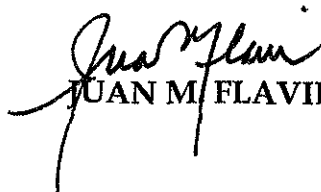
The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation was founded to administer the Ramon Magsaysay Award in fitting tribute to one of the country's most loved and respected public servant and statesman, the late President Ramon Magsaysay. The Ramon Magsaysay Award has earned a reputation as the Asian equivalent of the most prestigious Nobel Peace Prize. Some of its illustrious awardees include Saint Theresa of Calcutta, visionary Muhammad Yunus, the great spiritual leader the Dalai Lama, and other distinguished and noble Asians who made ultimate positive impact on the people of Asia.

All throughout its existence, the Foundation has survived partially through a support fund as a result of the proceeds of the Philippine government's land grant under Republic Act (R. A.) 2239. Some of the other sources of funds for the Awards program come from the generosity of philanthropists from all over the globe.

Nevertheless, the Foundation has, on most occasions in the past, had to exercise constraints in extending support to worthy projects of its awardees due to the scarcity of endowments from external sources. For this reason, the Foundation has sought the generosity and consent of the State so that it may be granted more elbow room to utilize the land grant under R. A. 2239. This in effect will allow the Foundation to enter into a more progressive development project with potential contributors as a way of raising needed funding support to propagate the Ramon Magsaysay Awards.


There is a need to continue the legacy of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation. There is a need to continue its legacy of inspiring the men and women of Asia to spread their nobility.

Passage of this bill is therefore earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 2 AND 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2239, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE
PHILIPPINES TO SELL A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PRIVATE
DOMAIN OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO THE RAMON
MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOUNDATION", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Section 1. – Section 2 of Republic Act No. 2239 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2. This conveyance is made for the [exclusive] purpose of enabling the Foundation to ALLOW THE construction on said land a permanent Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation Building [of its own].”

Section 2. – Section 3 of Republic Act No. 2239 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 3. The property [shall not leased but] OR any space in the building to be constructed therein may be leased OR SOLD: PROVIDED THAT ANY DEED OF CONVEYANCE EXECUTED BY THE FOUNDATION SHALL INCLUDE ITS PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHT TO REACQUIRE OR REPURCHASE THE PROPERTY FROM THE VENDEE; Provided FURTHER, That the proceeds for such lease OR SALE shall be utilized for purposes for which the Foundation has been established.”

Section 3. – The other pertinent provisions of Republic Act 2239, and other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this amendatory law are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 4. – This law shall take effect fifteen days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.