


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RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HISTORIAN AMBETH OCAMPO FOR
BEING CHOSEN AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2016 FUKUOKA ACADEMIC PRIZE
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ASIAN STUDIES,
CONTRIBUTING TO THE WORLD'S UNDERSTANDING OF ASIA

WHEREAS, Historian Ambeth Ocampo has been chosen to receive Japan's Fukuoka Academic Prize 2016 for his outstanding achievements in the field of Asian studies, contributing to the world's understanding of Asia;

WHEREAS, Ocampo's award citation reads, "As an outstanding historian and intellectual, Dr. Ambeth R. Ocampo has made a great contribution to academic, cultural and social progress in the Philippines, through his university teaching, his writing for newspapers and magazines, and his service in historic and cultural administration";

WHEREAS, the citation adds, "In all his works, he provides his readers with a clear insight into the actual thoughts and actions of the heroes and notables of history. By describing these luminaries as real people, with real feelings and emotions, and by effectively including into his writing the details of their lives, the atmosphere of the time and even a distinctive cultural fragrance, he presents history as a compelling narrative. This enables many people of all ages to feel history as something closer to them, and encourages them to maintain an interest in their country's past. [...] For his achievement in reclaiming history as the property of ordinary citizens, for his contribution to promote an open-minded nationalism and global sensibility in the Philippines, and for his great service to international cultural exchange, Dr. Ambeth R. Ocampo is a truly worthy recipient of the Academic Prize of the Fukuoka Prize";

WHEREAS, from 2002 to 2010, Ocampo served as chairman of the National Historical Institute, which was later reorganized as the National Historical Commission of the Philippines and where he served as chairman from 2010 to 2011. He is an Associate Professor at the Department of History in Ateneo de Manila University, where he also served as the department chairman from 2010 to 2012. He is a newspaper columnist and has published more than 20 books;


WHEREAS, joining Ocampo are Indian musician A. R. Rahman—known for the original song and music scoring of "Slumdog Millionaire"—who will receive the Fukuoka Grand Prize, and Pakistani architect Yasmeeen Lari, who will receive the Arts and Culture Prize. The laureates will be awarded on September 16 at the ACROS Fukuoka in Fukuoka City, Japan where the three will give a public lecture from September 17 to 18. As the Academic Prize winner, Ocampo will receive ¥ 3 million or approximately P1.39 million cash prize;

WHEREAS, the Fukuoka Prize is given to individuals or groups who have made "outstanding contributions to the preservation and creation of Asian culture and have

exhibited the significance of Asian culture to the world through the internationality, universality, popularity and/or creativity of their work”;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend historian Ambeth Ocampo for being chosen as the recipient of the 2016 Fukuoka Academic Prize for his outstanding achievements in the field of Asian studies, contributing to the world's understanding of Asia.

Adopted.



SONNY ANGARA