



**THE ASIA FORUM**  
**“Changing Asia: Forging Partnerships, Building Sustainability”**  
29-30 August 2008  
Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)  
Manila, Philippines

**PROGRAMME**

**DAY 1: 29 AUGUST 2008**

**8:00am**

**REGISTRATION**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

*Venue: Meeting Room 5*

**9:00am**

**Opening Remarks**

***Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II***  
*Chairman*  
*Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation*

**9:05am**

**Keynote Address**

***Kip Oebanda***  
*Founder*  
*Child Laborers and Advocates for Social Participation*

**9:20am**

**PLENARY SESSIONS**

*Venue: Meeting Room 5*

DAY 1: 29 AUGUST 2008

9:30am- 11:30am Plenary Session 1:

**“Resolving Asia’s Contradictions:  
Growth versus Inequities”**

Panelists:

**Anthony Banbury**  
Regional Director for Asia  
World Food Programme

**Ursula Schaefer-Preuss**  
Vice President for Knowledge Management and  
Sustainable Development  
Asian Development Bank

**Jesse Robredo**  
Mayor, City of Naga, Philippines  
2001 Magsaysay Awardee

**M.S. Swaminathan**  
Chairman  
M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation  
1971 Magsaysay Awardee

Moderator:

**Emily Abrera**  
Vice-Chair  
Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation

11:30am–1:00pm **LUNCH BREAK**  
Venue: Banquet Hall

1:00pm– 3:00pm Plenary Session II:

**“Multi-Stakeholder Perspectives on  
Building Sustainability in Asia”**

Panelists:

**Antonino Aquino**  
President, Manila Water Company Inc.

**Stephen Heintz**  
President  
Rockefeller Brothers Fund

**Arun Shourie**  
Independent Author  
1982 Magsaysay Awardee

**Mechai Viravaidya**  
Former Senator, Thailand  
Founder and Chairman, Population and Community  
Development Association (PDA)  
1994 Magsaysay Awardee

Moderator:

**Patricia B. Licuanan**  
President  
Miriam College

3:00pm-3:15 pm Breakout Session Overview

3:30pm – 5:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
(Simultaneous)

**Breakout Session 1:**

***Poverty and Inequality: Taking  
Action to the Next Level***

*Venue: Meeting Room 6*

Lead Discussants:

**Fazle Abed**

Founder and Chairperson  
Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee  
1980 Magsaysay Awardee

**Anthony Banbury**

Regional Director for Asia  
World Food Programme

**Nileema Noble**

Philippine Representative  
UNDP

**Mahabir Pun**

Chairman  
E-Network, Research and Development  
2007 Magsaysay Awardee

**Wu Qing**

Board Member  
Beijing Cultural Development for Rural Women  
2001 Magsaysay Awardee

Moderator:

**Federico Macaranas**

RMAF Trustee

**Breakout Session 2:**

***Poverty and Inequality: Taking  
Action to the Next Level***

*Venue: Meeting Room 7*

Lead Discussants:

**Colin Davis**

UNICEF Deputy Representative, Philippines

**Lakshmi Chand Jain**

India's Former Ambassador to South Africa  
1989 Magsaysay Awardee

**Rose Libongco**

Director  
Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila

**Sima Samar**

Chairperson  
Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission

1994 Magsaysay Awardee

**Suzanne Eloise Siskel**  
Director of Community and Resource Development  
Ford Foundation

**Dr. Prawase Wasi**  
Professor Emeritus of Medicine  
Mahidol University  
1981 Magsaysay Awardee

Moderator:  
**Dinky Soliman**  
Former Secretary of Social Welfare  
and Development, Philippines

**Breakout Session 3:**

**Environmental Partnership and  
Sustainability**

Venue: Summit Hall E

Lead Discussants:  
**Dr. Angel Alcala**  
Former Secretary of the Environment  
Philippines  
1992 Magsaysay Awardee

**Chandi Prasad Bhatt**  
Founder  
Dasholi Gram Swarajya Mandal  
1982 Magsaysay Awardee

**Ma. Antonia Yulo Loyzaga**  
Executive Director  
Manila Observatory

**Antonio Oposa, Jr.**  
President, Law of Nature Foundation  
UNEP Global 500 Roll of Honor Awardee

**Samuel West Stewart**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Philippine Bio-Science Co. Inc.

Moderator  
**Cecilia Lazaro**  
RMAF Trustee

**Breakout Session 4:**

**Environmental Partnership and  
Sustainability**

Venue: Summit Hall F

Lead Discussants:  
**Mahesh Chander Mehta**  
General Secretary  
Indian Council for Enviro-legal Action (ICLEA) 1997  
Magsaysay Awardee

**Chainarong Monthienvichienchai**  
Member, International Board of Director  
Habitat For Humanity

**Jose Ma. Lorenzo Tan**  
*Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees  
World Wildlife Fund, Philippines*

**Rajendra Singh**  
*Founder, Tarun Bharat Sangh  
Ramon Magsaysay Awardee 2001*

**Tang Xiyang**  
*Founder and President  
Green Camp  
2007 Magsaysay Awardee*

Moderator  
**Sheila Coronel**  
*RMAF Trustee*

**Breakout Session 5:**

***Cooperation in Diversity and  
Managing Social Conflicts***

*Venue: Meeting Room 8*

Lead Discussants:  
**A.T. Ariyaratne**  
*Founder and President  
Sarvodaya Movement  
1969 Magsaysay Awardee*

**Howard Dee**  
*Chairman, Assisi Development Foundation*

**Raymond Hall**  
*Regional Representative, UNHCR*

**Ahmad Syafii Maarif**  
*Former Chairman, Muhammadiyah*

**Irena Vojackova-Sollorano**  
*Regional Representative for Southeast Asia  
International Organization for Migration*

Moderator:  
**Maria Ressa**  
*Head, News and Public Affairs  
ABS-CBN*

**6:30pm**

**Reception**

Hosted by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation Board of Trustees

**DAY 2: 30 AUGUST 2008**

**9:00am-11:00am Continuation of Breakout Sessions:**

**Breakout Session 1: *Poverty and Inequality: Taking Action to the Next Level***

*Venue: Summit Hall E*

**Breakout Session 2: *Poverty and Inequality: Taking Action to the Next Level***

*Venue: Summit Hall F*

**Breakout Session 3: *Environmental Partnership and Sustainability***

*Venue: Meeting Room 7*

**Breakout Session 4: *Environmental Partnership and Sustainability***

*Venue: Meeting Room 8*

**Breakout Session 5: *Cooperation in Diversity***

*Venue: Meeting Room 6*

**11:00am-12:00 pm Networking and Discussions on Specific Projects/Initiatives**

*Venue: Delegates' Lounge*

**12:00pm-1:30pm LUNCH**

*Venue: Banquet Hall, PICC*

**1:30pm-3:00pm Plenary Session III:**

- **Presentation of Discussion Group Findings and Outcomes**
- **Synthesis of Key Issues, Challenges and Alternative Solutions**

*Moderator:*  
**Cynthia Rose Banzon-Bautista**  
*Professor*  
*University of the Philippines*

**3:00pm-3:30 pm Closing Session**

*Venue: Meeting Room 5*

**Closing Statement**

**Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II**  
*Chair*  
*Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation*

**4:00pm-6:00 pm**

**Seminar:**

**“The Changing Human Aspirations of Asia: 50 Years of Magsaysay Award”**

*Venue: Meeting Room 5*

**Cynthia Rose Banzon-Bautista**  
*Project Director, RM Award Impact Study*