



Conference on Judicial Institution Building and Reforms

Ballroom II, New World Manila Bay Hotel, Pedro Gil St., Malate, Manila

November 21 – 22, 2017

PROGRAM

Day 1: November 21, 2017

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:30 Opening Program

Preliminaries

Welcome Remarks

DILG ASec. Jonathan Malaya

Executive Director, PDP Laban Federalism Institute

Dr. Amina Rasul – Bernardo, President,
Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID)

Mr. Phillip Gonzalez, Regional Director for Asia and
Australia, Forum of Federations

Opening Message

Hon. Pantaleon Alvarez

Speaker, House of Representatives
Republic of the Philippines

10:30 – 11:30 **Keynote Address**

Former Chief Justice Reynato Puno

Supreme Court of the Philippines

11:30 – 12:00 Open Forum

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:05 Session 1: **Revisiting the Selection Process of the Members of the Judiciary and the Organizational Structure of the Judicial Branch of Government**

Discussants: **Hon. Raul Villanueva**, Deputy Court Administrator
Supreme Court of the Philippines

Fr. Ranhilio Aquino, Dean, Graduate School of Law
San Beda College

Atty. Emmanuel S. Buenaventura, National Director
Integrated Bar of the Philippines

Hon. Ferdinand C. Baylon, Presiding Judge
Regional Trial Court Branch 77, Quezon City

Session Chair: **Atty. Salma Rasul**, Programs Director, PCID

2:05 – 2:30 Open Forum

2:30 – 2:45 Health Break

2:45 – 5:00 Session 2: **Proposed Establishment of a Constitutional Court in the Philippines**

The Cambodia Experience **Dr. Ratana Taing**, Under Secretary General,
Kingdom of Cambodia

The Australia Experience **Dr. Bertus Devilliers**
State Administrative Tribunal of Western
Australia

Panelists: **Atty. Michael Henry Li. Yusingco**, Non-Resident Research Fellow
Ateneo School of Government (ASoG)

Mr. Phillip Gonzalez, Regional Director for Asia and Australia
Forum of Federations

Atty. Albert Oxales, Federalism Study Group
PDP Laban Federalism Institute

Atty. Romeo Cabarde Jr., Former Director
Ateneo Public Interest and Legal Advocacy, Ateneo de Davao University

Session Chair: **Sec. Gary Olivar**, Fellow, Foundation for Economic Freedom (FEF)

5:00 – 5:30 Open Forum

5:30 – 6:00 Break

6:00 Dinner and Book Launching: ***The Quest for a Federal Republic: The PDP Laban Model of Philippine Federalism 1.0***

Message: **Hon. Lutgardo B. Barbo**, Secretary of the Senate
Senate of the Philippines

Guest of Honor: **Hon. Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III**
Senate President, Republic of the Philippines

Day 2: November 22, 2017

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:15 Recap of Day 1

10:15 – 11:20 Session 3: **Revisiting the Powers and Jurisdiction of the COMELEC**

Discussants: **Atty. Nasser Marohomsalic**, Former CHR Commissioner

Atty. Arnold Abejaron, Director, Ateneo Public Interest and
Legal Advocacy, Ateneo de Davao University

Prof. Ramon Casiple, Executive Director,
Institute for Political and Electoral Reform

Session Chair: **Prof. Edmund Tayao**, Executive Director, LOGODEF

11: 20 – 12:00	Open Forum
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:45	<p>Session 4: The Presidential, Senatorial and House Electoral Tribunals</p> <p>Lead Discussant: Atty. Liwayway Vinzons-Chato Former Representative, Lone District of Camarines Norte, House of Representatives</p> <p>Panelists: Atty. Magtangol Gunigundo I, Former Member, House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET)</p> <p> Atty. Rona Ann Caritos, Executive Director, Legal Network for Truthful Elections (LENTE)</p> <p> Dr. Bertus Devilliers State Administrative Tribunal of Western Australia</p> <p>Session Chair: Prof. Ramon Casiple, Executive Director, IPER</p>
2:45 – 3:15	Open Forum
3:15 – 3:30	<p>Closing Program</p> <p>Awarding of Certificates</p> <p>Closing Remarks Mr. Benedikt Seemann, Country Director Konrad Adenauer Stiftung- Philippine Office</p>