

The Bayi Centennial Awardees



AIDA F. SANTOS

A feminist, human rights advocate, researcher, educator, trainer, and mentor

Palanca award- winning literary writer

Founder of KALAYAAN, 1983

Founding member of the Gender Resource Network (GRN)

Founding member of Women's Education, Development, Productivity and Research Organization (WeDpro)

A moving force behind WeDpro's gender responsive development programs, projects and activities
moving force behind the feminist collective's gender responsive development programs, projects and activities



ANA MARIA "Princess" NEMENZO

An indefatigable Socialist-Feminist

Organizer and Founder of ABATING MAKABAYAN, the Women's Bureau of the Kabataang Makabayan

Member, KALAYAAN

A pioneer champion of reproductive health and reproductive rights

Founder of WomanHealth, a member of the Steering Committee of DOH for the development of the concept of Women's Health and Safe Motherhood, and Health Partners Group of the Department of Health

President of the Freedom from Debt Coalition in 2007-2008

International Convenor of the NGO Forum on ADB in Southeast Asia

The first Vice-Chairperson for the basic sector of the National Anti-Poverty Commission in 1999; member of the Coordinating Committee of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)- Philippines



MARGARITA "Maita" GOMEZ

A feminist activist, researcher, writer, professor

Principal Organizer and Secretary-General of WOMB

Founding Member and Chairperson of its Metro Manila Council of GABRIELA

Principal Organizer and Secretary-General of KAIBA, the first women's political party in the Philippine

Senior Policy Analyst, Trustee and Member of the Management Collective of Action for Economic Reforms (AER)

Coordinator, BANTAY KITA, a national network advocating transparency in the mining industry.



DR. CAROLYN ISRAEL SOBRITCHEA, PhD

Director of the University of the Philippines' Center for Women's Studies from 2000-2007 and Deputy Director for Training and Extension Service from 1991-1999.

Helped establish the women's/gender studies programs of the various universities in the country and some Asian countries; and, headed a project of the UP Center for Women's Studies on the establishment of women's/gender resource centers in seven regions of the country.

She currently serves in the advisory board of the Asian Women's Studies Association and country convenor of the Women's Gender Studies Network in Asia.

Authored and edited several books, journal articles, policy papers and advocacy materials on women's issues.



DR. JUNICE D. MELGAR, MD

A medical doctor- activist dedicated to transforming health policies and programs for women based on social justice, women's empowerment and participatory democracy

A community-based health program practitioner and advocate for over 25 years, author/co-author of articles and policy papers on reproductive health and reproductive rights, and health system reforms

Co-founder and Executive Director of Likhaan Center for Women's Health since 1995
Secretary-General of Reproductive Health Advocacy Network (RHAN)



MARIANTITA "Girlie" VILLARIBA

A feminist that possess the conscience and consciousness of a babaylan

A woman that is a "work-in-progress", a lifelong learner

Babaylan Psychologist and Bodytalk health system practitioner, 2000-2011

Co- Founder, Treasurer, Resident Senior Trainor, Gender Specialist

of Marikina-Antipolo Watershed Initiative, 2010 -2011

Coordinator-Member, Technical Working Group of EcoAcademy Governing Board Member, 2009-2011

Executive Director of ISIS Manila International, 1994 - 1998

Founding Executive Director of Center for Women's Resources (CWR), 1982 - 1985

Co- Founding Organizer of GABRIELA (General Assembly Binding women for Reforms, Integrity, Equality, Leadership, and Action), WOMB and SAMAKANA, women's pioneer formations during the martial law period



DR. HELENA Z. BENITEZ, PhD

Educator, Civil Society Leader, Women's Advocate, Legislator, Stateswoman, Diplomat, Environmental Pioneer

Chairperson, Board of Trustees, The Philippine Women's University System, the first university for women in Asia founded by Asian.

Founder and Chairperson of Development Institute for Women for Women in Asia and BAYANIHAN, the Philippine National Folk Dance Company.

First Filipina chair of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (1969)

Senator, 1968-1973

First Filipina and first woman president of the Governing Council of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP, 1975)

First Filipina and 1st woman member of the Board of the International Association of Universities



DR. LETICIA RAMOS-SHAHANI, PhD

A legislator for women

She introduced the mandatory annual budget allocation of 5% for gender and development from every department and agency.

Authored the Republic Acts 6725 or an "Act Strengthening the Prohibition of Discrimination Against Women in the Workplace, Amending the Labor Code of the Philippines"

District Representative, 8th and 9th Congress,

Senator, 10th Congress

Commissioner, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, 1974 to 1976

Assistant Secretary for United Nations and International Organizations, 1969 to 1975

Dean, College of International, Humanitarian & Development Studies, Miriam College, 2008-present



NELIA SANCHO

Chairperson, GABRIELA, the coalition

National Coordinator, *Lolas Kampanyera*, a Filipino "Comfort Women" survivors group

President and Executive Director, Streetchildren and Child Workers Support Center



HON. SANTANINA TILLAH RASUL

The Philippine's first Muslim woman senator

Co-author of the RA 7192 or the Women in Development and Nation-Building Act of 1995. Sponsor of RA 6949, the law declaring March 8 of every year as National Women's Day in the Philippines

Before elected Senator, she was a public school teacher, a barangay councilor, a provincial board member, a Commissioner representing Muslim and other indigenous peoples, a member of the Board at Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports

Honorary Ambassador of UNESCO during the International Literacy year of 1990