

Programme

Women Blazing New Trails in Politics and Governance
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Exemplary Women in Politics and Governance:
The Bayi Citation Awardees
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Women in Harmony
A Musical Performance by
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Women as Torch Bearers for Participatory Democracy
And Good Governance
Messages from the Awardees

Fellowship Luncheon

The **Bayi** Citation

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Barangay Bayan Governance Consortium

The Bayi Citation for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development Gender Mainstreaming in the Peasant Movement and Local Governance, Community Development and Participatory Governance and Democracy



FRANCISCA MORADA is awarded the Bayi citation for breathing life to community organization and development, women and gender, agrarian and asset reform advocacies in the province of Aurora.

The Bayi Citation for Peace and Development, Moro Women Organizing, Participatory Governance



ANGELINA LUDOVICE-KATOH is given the Bayi citation for her steadfast commitment to women and community organizing, and for genuine peace and development in Mindanao. She was a trade union activist who chose to become a community development and participatory governance practitioner, surviving all odds in pursuing peace and development for women and her community in Basilan. She would not lose heart over her lack of funds to pay for office space, instead she sells buko and all available goods and products to finance the projects and activities of ACORD, an NGO that she heads.

The Bayi Citation for Genuine Trade Unionism in the Public Sector, Public Service



MERCEDITA NALDOZA is awarded the Bayi citation for her unwavering dedication to civil service and to the struggles of public sector unions. As National Chairperson of the biggest government employees' union formation, the Confederation of Independent Unions in the Public Sector, she has embodied not only self-less service but also the spirit of activism among her ranks.

TRANSFORMATIVE POWER:

Women challenging their exclusion and redefining their identity and consciousness

Because women are generally excluded from development and political processes, the Barangay-Bayan Governance Consortium (a.k.a. BATMAN Consortium) locates women as co-partners in democratization and development. The Women in Politics and Governance Program of the consortium highlights the need for an effective strategy for women's political participation in local development and governance. The consortium will intensify its efforts to develop women political leaders who will contest elective posts at the local levels with comprehensive platforms that address issues on patriarchy manifested in how local governments think and act, such as budget priorities and infrastructure projects that are not gender responsive. Women's political education is an equally integral component of the Consortium's governance intervention. The goal is to develop more community-based women leaders who are elected into office based on merits rather than political family and clan affiliation or by traditional politics and governance.

Political participation of women into mainstream electoral and political processes is a daunting task in a country which political life is patrimonial and dominated by entrenched oligarchic business class that extracts privilege from a largely incoherent bureaucracy.¹ An elite democracy based on patronage politics, along with a greatly patriarchal society extremely reinforce the existing socio-economic inequalities and gender biases. The gender dynamics found in local politics clearly reflects the gender power relation observed in the private sphere, or the family, where women have been constantly relegated to secondary roles and sidelined in decision-making processes.

The still very few community-based women leaders who have emerged to actively and continuously pave the way for women's inclusion in mainstream political processes need to be supported by giving them recognition and inspiration. Through the *BAYI*, the Barangay-Bayan Governance Consortium draws inspiration from women who have demonstrated exemplary practices in politics and governance at the national and local levels. Their experiences in generating power and democratic spaces to deconstruct the prevailing gender relation, gender biases, and in redefining their identity and roles as they institute political and democratic reforms will greatly inspire community-based women leaders to aggressively seek power and position in government for more substantial participation and intervention in participative democracy and governance, and sustainable and inclusive development.

¹Paul Hutchcroft in "Transformative Power: Case Studies on Political Participation of Community Women Leaders,"

The Bayi Citation Honor Roll Exemplary Women in Politics and Governance

The Bayi Citation for Political and electoral reforms, fight against graft and corruption, peace, and search for truth and justice; public service of exceptional integrity and rigor



HAYDEE YORAC is given the Bayi citation for her track record in political and electoral reforms, fight against graft and corruption, peace, and search for truth and justice. Her abhorrence to dishonesty and exceptional integrity lends credibility and confidence in government. Her choice to bestow her vow to serve and protect the public deserves not only this citation but our most heartfelt gratitude.

The Bayi Citation for Electoral and Political Reforms, Human Rights, Progressive National Legislation, Good Governance



LORETTA ANN ROSALES is awarded the Bayi Citation for her remarkable consistency and rigor in taking progressive issues and positions in the House of Representatives. She easily ascended as a fiscalizer in the House of Representatives during her first term in Congress. An educator in classrooms and the streets. A human rights advocate who openly denounces violations perpetrated by all political and armed forces.

The Bayi Citation for a Career Official with exceptional competence and dedication, Fiscal Reforms



EMILIA BONCODIN is an incorruptible fiscal manager, a genuine career official. Having outstanding academic training and qualifications, she gradually rose up the hierarchical ladder at the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). As such she has received several recognition and awards. She is a shining example of simplicity and modesty in government service.

kidney transplant

The Bayi Citation for Political Reforms and Breakthrough Achievement of Women in Politics and Governance



GRACE PADACA is given the Bayi citation for her remarkable courage and phenomenal success in ending the rule of a political dynasty in Isabela. Her courage grows even more intense as she institutes reforms in the provincial government and local politics in Isabela.

coastal community - difficult to travel

The Bayi Citation for Participative Governance and Democracy, Sustainable and Inclusive Community Development



MIMI'ETTA BAGULAYA is given the Bayi citation for her exemplary practice in breaking her way in government and became the first woman vice mayor in Tacloban City, then vice-governor of Leyte. She is a development practitioner and astonishing mother who raised a gay son and openly speaks highly of him. She is a true trailblazer not only in the field of governance but also in the realm of the family.

The Bayi Citation for Community Women's Organizing, Community Development, Gender Mainstreaming in Local Governments, Participative Governance and Democracy



MARLENE MAGAYANES is awarded the Bayi citation for her sterling commitment to community and women organizations. She is a woman who continues to evolve and shines as a community and political leader. She brings people's issues in local government. She started out as a Barangay Kagawad, and topped the race for Municipal Kagawad in Daraga, Albay in the 2004 local elections. She continues to be a doting mother and lola, and a mother to her community.

The Bayi Citation for Gender Mainstreaming in Local Government, Community Development, Gender-mainstreaming in LGU



DORIS OBENA is given the Bayi citation for her consistency and persistence in the enforcement of GAD budget of LGUs, set up GAD council in the municipality of Catigbian, Bohol. She is a staunch advocate for and organizer of women's economic enterprises. She survived the threats on her life and candidacy from the New People's Army during the 2004 local elections. Bearing heartrending sadness over the loss of her child while she was campaigning, she won a seat in the Sanguniang Bayan of Catigbian Bohol during the 2004 local elections.