

SPECIAL Bayi Citation



Women of Newsbreak

For their fearless pursuit of truth and their integrity and professionalism.

Women of Task Force Mapalad

For committing their lives to the struggle of peasants to fight for freedom from landlessness and destitution and ultimately rising above violence, forced eviction and deprivation.

Women of the Subic Rape case

Nicole and her mother for their courage and determination to seek justice.

Atty. Evalyn Ursua for winning justice for Nicole and for challenging the system that continues to violently batter the rights of women and our nation's sovereignty.

Quezon City PNP District Director Col. Magtanggol Gatdula

For his passionate stance against criminalization of women in prostitution.

The Bayi Citation

Exemplary Women in Politics and Governance



TRANSFORMATIVE POWER
Women in Politics and Governance

The first **Bayi Citation** was conferred by the Institute of Politics and Governance (IPG) and the Barangay Bayan Governance Consortium (BBGC) to ten exemplary women in politics and governance on March 30, 2005. This year, the 70th anniversary of the Women Suffragist Movement, The Bayi Citation is again given to ten exemplary women in politics and governance who are among the many who have bestowed a renewed and unyielding meaning to the sweet victory of the Women Suffragist Movement on April 30, 1937.

These exemplary women in politics and governance have taken the journey of our women suffragists beyond the electoral sports ground to bring forth transformative power.

When she received **The Bayi Citation** in 2005, Haydee Yorac said "I had received so many awards but **Bayi** is special because it puts me side by side with women who worked very hard and were largely unrecognized." Indeed, painstaking experiences and exemplary practices of women in politics and governance have hardly been recognized. There are copious yet only a few women in politics and governance are given deserving recognition for their assiduous practices to transcend and continually engage male-dominated centers of power and patriarchal structures of decision-making.

In the Philippines' culture of politics, both men and women fall prey to categorical as well as subtle forms of patronage dispensed by leaders who are mostly men. Women are generally excluded from political processes. Seventy years since the Women Suffragist Movement won women's suffrage by gathering 447,725 votes for "yes" in a plebiscite, the number of women voters is increasing. This year, there are more women voters than men voters. The country has had two women presidents. Education performance of girls is higher than boys. More so, there are countless women's organizations and a dynamic women's movement. There are laws and policy programs that protect women's rights and promote gender and development. Even then, the economic and governance structures remain at the hands of men. Transforming this power arrangement that at most marginalizes women is a continuous mission for generations of women. To win and occupy positions of power is crucial but casting such power to transform political power arrangement in favor of women and all socially excluded people is even more essential.

The Women Political Leadership Formation Program of the IPG captures the transformative leadership styles borne by painstaking experiences of women leaders who are able to transcend and continually engage male-dominated centers of power. Its notions of gender equity and women empowerment are inspired by the women's OWN distinct qualities and approaches in leadership while transforming the impositions ingrained in patriarchal structures of decision-making.

The **Bayi Citation** is an important element of the Women Political Leadership Formation Program. The in-depth and wealthy experiences of women awardees of **The Bayi Citation** will be the main contents of the program. The formation program will ascertain a renewed meaning and significance to the maxim, "the personal is the political", as the program describes and, more importantly, synthesizes the perspectives and experiences of these exemplary women leaders as they move within, around and between private and public spheres. Describing and examining the distinct individual journey to empowerment of women leaders is an appreciation of the inertia that pushes women to change power relations and how they sustain this inertia. This inspires more women to take similar journey.

The **Bayi Citation** awardees bring forth confidence in women to enter and re-structure the state's centers of power.

PROGRAM
9:00 - 12:00 AM
12 April 2007

Invocation

National Anthem

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Dr. Carolyn Sobritchea, PhD
Director, UP Center for Women's Studies
Chairperson, Selection Board of The Bayi Citation

Solidarity Message
Mr. Mirko Herberg
Resident Representative, FES Manila Office

The Bayi Citation: Rationale
Ms. Jennifer A.C. Albano
Executive Director, Institute of Politics and Governance

Special Bayi Citation Awardees: Presentation, Awarding of Trophies and Acceptance Speech
Ms. Carmel Abao

PERFORMANCE
Ms. Cookie Chua

The Bayi Citation Awardees: Presentation, Awarding of Trophies and Acceptance Speech
Ms. Jennifer A.C. Albano

Flowers to be offered by:

Rhiana Angelita Rosales Parr
Isabella Maria Hontiveros-Baraquel
Patricia Tungol-Esquerro
Isabel Rodriguez
Jerico Kahlil Melgar

Trophies created by:

Kaye Chastine N. Dula
Abriel Dominique A. Valdemoro
2nd Year Fine Arts Students, UP Diliman

Conchita Masin is awarded this Bayi Citation for her exemplary experiences in community organizing and mobilization



Manang Conching breathes life into civic and political consciousness.

Manang Conching is an untiring leader of a peoples' organization, which brought to power a Mayor from her ranks.

For her unwavering commitment and passionate determination to achieve genuine agrarian reform, sustainable development, and genuine peace in Mindanao.

For her dynamic initiatives for participatory and gender fair and responsive development planning and budgeting in Governor Generoso.

Luisita Zarsadias Esmao is awarded this Bayi Citation for her respectable transformative leadership style as a Women Leader and Organizer in the province of Quezon and in the national community of peasant organizations.



Ka Cita meritoriously promotes gender mainstreaming in the farmers' social movement.

Ka Cita carried out trailblazing initiatives in women in politics and governance, which brought together women' organizations and women legislators in Quezon to draft and uphold women' agenda in politics and governance.

Ka Cita actively initiating participatory development planning and budgeting in some barangays in Quezon.

Ka Cita untiringly campaigned for the enforcement and accessibility of GAD budget to community-based women organizations.

Bayang Barrios is awarded this Bayi Citation for her unwavering determination to affirm her indigenous identity and culture.



Bayang melodiously raises consciousness of people in and out of the Philippines about her indigenous identity and culture through the alluring original rhythm of her music.

She says, since she started as a performance artist up till now, Bayang' music is for the welfare of the youth, for the protection of the environment, for meaningful peace, and for the rights and welfare of the indigenous peoples.

Hon. Risa Hontiveros-Baraquel is awarded this Bayi Citation for her remarkable transformative leadership style and actions.



Risa as an unconquerable opposition figure with integrity, credibility and fortitude, is woman politician who accumulates transformative power to undercut opportunism and authoritarianism.

Risa is therefore a credible personification of a bill that she authored, which introduces a progressive quota system to increase the representation of women in politics.

Risa is a woman political actor with an enduring sense of what is right and wrong in all institutions that she participates in including media and especially in Congress, an institution that degenerated by traditional politics.

Risa is a quintessential peace advocate long before she was elected as AKBAYAN' representative in Congress.

Risa is an embodiment of her advocacies, which include reform agenda for health care, peace, and assets redistribution.

Risa is a credible advocate for women's issues including decriminalization of prostituted individuals.

Hon. Vilma Santos-Recto is awarded this Bayi Citation for her remarkable transformative public management style and for her exemplary practice in participatory production and delivery of basic social services.



This Bayi Citation is a recognition of Mayor Vi's admirable effort to redefine herself as a "star for all seasons" into a "mayor for all seasons". She built her and her staff's capacity and performed exceptionally well in public administration.

Mayor Vi puts primacy on health and education in the allocation of resources of the Lipa City Government and performed meritoriously in the delivery of basic social services.

Mayor Vi is guided by her conviction that education is the most effective tool to fight against poverty. She further believes that in order that healthy students perform well in school.

Mayor Vi actively promotes partnership and peoples' participation in the delivery of public goods and services. She has mobilized participation of parents and families, students and external donors in pursuit of her aim for quality education for all, and inclusive and adequate health and sanitation service in Lipa City.

Her exceptional performance in the delivery of health care service illustrates that health is a necessary requirement for holistic development of the people and the community.

Hon. Erlinda Palloc-Cinco is awarded this Bayi Citation for her outstanding achievements in participatory local governance and inclusive local development.



Hon. Erlinda Palloc-Cinco meritoriously crafted and carried out her flagship program called SILHAG, which stands for Scholarship and other Educational Support Programs; Infrastructure Development Assistance; Health and Sanitation Programs; Agricultural Development and Good Governance.

Mayor Erlinda Palloc-Cinco is a champion of participatory governance, people-oriented and community based sustainable development, and protection and preservation of the environment.

Hon. Myrna Schreurs is awarded this Bayi Citation for her breakthrough achievements in participatory governance and community-based sustainable agriculture.



Mayor Myrna Schreurs urged all the barangays in Garcia Hernandez to draw up their Barangay Development Plans (BDPs), which she integrated into a Comprehensive Municipal Development Plan through participatory approach and processes.

For actively motivating farmers to organize themselves into cooperatives, and for giving them assistance for livelihood projects.

For her commitment to develop a comprehensive health care delivery service.

Merlina Lopez is awarded this Bayi Citation for her breakthrough success as a progressive woman political leader and her rich contributions in the promotion and implementation of participatory and gender fair and responsive governance.



Kapitana Neneng is worthy of this for her rich contributions in the promotion and further development of participatory and gender fair and responsive instruments and approaches to development planning and budgeting. Because of her awesome success in casting her transformative power by merging the poignant and raging power of a woman with her loving concern for her mother and only daughter.

Kapitana Neneng effectively combined her domestic responsibilities with the discharge of her public duties and functions, which earned her overwhelming victories in elections and respect of the people and popularity in Surallah and South Cotabato.

Kapitana Neneng courageously freed herself from the traditional roles and impositions ascribed to women and transcending beyond those ascribed to men. She thus proves that she is not only equal to men but she's more than any one of them.

For her painstaking transformation from a conservative barangay official to a progressive political leader.

For her insatiable hunger for enhancement of her knowledge and skills, and for deepening her appreciation of participatory democracy and good governance.

Engr. Irene Bringas is awarded this Bayi Citation her breakthrough achievements undercutting graft and corruption and in promoting good governance.

Engr. Irene Bringas is given this recognition for her culture-sensitive, transparent leadership and pro-people development orientation.

Engr. Irene meritoriously organized and mobilized the local community of Boliney, Abra to plan, mobilize funds and implement a project reconstructed rice fields, irrigation systems, hanging bridges and farm-to-market roads, which were all wrecked by the 1990 earthquake. This has effectively restored the peoples' self-esteem, and healed their pain caused by the earthquake.

Engr. Irene outstandingly scrutinized government's transparency, accountability and responsibility to the people by monitoring and evaluating government projects. She and CCAGG have been successfully checking graft and corruption.

Engr. Irene outstandingly turned a near bankrupt Abra Diocesan Teachers and Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative (ADTEMPCO) into a multi-million cooperative. The cooperative has since then improved the lives of its members, which include Teachers, Church Workers, Entrepreneurs, Farmers, Tricycle Drivers and Overseas Workers.

Dr. Amarylis Ng-Abcede is awarded this Bayi Citation for her unyielding crusade and commitment to organizing and empowering poor and marginalized sectors of society to gain access to adequate and affordable health care.

Dr. Amy stalwartly defends human rights particularly the people's right to health.

Dr. Amy awesomely dedicated her life to defend and promote human rights, and to ensure accessibility, appropriateness and effectiveness of healthcare services to all people specifically the urban poor, farmers and working people.

