

**Akbayan Rep.
Risa Hontiveros**

For being an unconquerable opposition figure with integrity and credibility in and out of Congress, and for being an embodiment of her advocacies, including reform agenda for healthcare, peace, and assets redistribution.



The Bayi Citation

**Exemplary Women in Politics and Governance
Awarding Ceremonies
12 April 2007 / 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.
Kalayaan Hall, Club Filipino**

**Mayor Vilma
Santos-Recto**

For her admirable effort to redefine herself as a "star for all seasons" into a "mayor for all seasons" and performed exceptionally well in public administration, and for performing meritoriously in delivering education and health services.



**Mayor Myrna
Schreurs**

For being a champion of participatory governance, and for actively motivating farmers to organize themselves into cooperatives, and for giving them assistance for livelihood projects.

**Luisita
Zarsadias-
Esmao**

For meritoriously promoting gender mainstreaming in the farmers' social movement, and for her trailblazing initiatives which brought together women organizations and women legislators in Quezon to draft and uphold women agenda in politics and governance.



**Mayor Erlinda
Palloc-Cinco**

For meritoriously crafting and carrying out her flagship program called SILHAG which prioritize Scholarship and Education; Infrastructure Development; Health and Sanitation; Agricultural Development and Good Governance.



**Brgy. Capt.
Merlina Lopez**

For her painstaking transformation from a conservative barangay official to progressive political leader, and for her success in casting her transformative power by merging the poignant and fury of the power of a woman with her awesome loving concern for her family.



**Engr. Irene
Bringas**

For her culture-sensitive, transparent leadership and pro-people development orientation, and for outstandingly scrutinized government transparency, accountability and responsibility to the people by monitoring and evaluating government projects.

On April 30, 1937, great Filipino women of the Suffragist Movement won for the Filipino women the right to participate as voters and candidates in electoral politics by garnering 447,725 "yes" votes in a plebiscite for women's suffrage.

Seventy years since then, 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 high. More so, there are countless women's organizations and a dynamic women's movement.

Seventy years since then, transforming this power arrangement that at most marginalizes women is a continuous mission for generations of women.

Seventy years since then, therefore, Filipino women continue to negotiate and contest power arrangements not only through electoral arena but through all forms and arenas of political struggles.

Seventy years since then, 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 painstaking experiences transcend and continually engage male-dominated centers of power and patriarchal structures of decision-making.

On this day, Araw ng Kagitingan, the Bayi Citation is conferred to great 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.

The awardees of the 2005 and 2007 Bayi Citation have taken the journey of our women suffragists beyond the electoral sports ground to bring forth transformative power.

To pay tribute to Women Suffragist Movement of 1898-1937 and to celebrate women's participation in politics and governance, the Barangay Bayan Governance Consortium (BBGC) and the Institute of Politics and Governance (IPG) present the awardees of the 2007 Bayi Citation:



**Dr. Analysis
Ng-Abcede, DMD**

For her unyielding crusade and commitment to organizing and empowering poor and marginalized sectors of society gain access to adequate and affordable health care, and for stalwartly defending peoples' human rights.

Bayang Barios

For her unwavering determination to affirm her indigenous identity and culture and for melodiously raising consciousness of people in and out of the Philippines about her indigenous identity and culture through the alluring original rhythm of her music.



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

Women of Task Force Magsalad
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. Evelyn 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. Maglangal Galduja
For his passionate stance against criminalization of women in prostitution.

Conchita Masin

For breathing life into civic and political consciousness, and for her unwavering commitment and passionate determination to achieve genuine agrarian reform, sustainable development, and genuine peace in Mindanao.



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