



University of the Philippines

For his resolute advocacy and enduring contributions to the cause of education in the country, in recognition of its role as the bedrock of economic growth and prosperity, auspiciously unveiled to the public eye by his stewardship of the University of the Philippines from 1981 to 1987;

For his distinguished service at the helm of the University, his Alma Mater, championing its tradition of academic excellence and advocating fiscal autonomy and securing its future as the country's premier institution of higher learning with fundamental financial, academic, and administrative reforms and initiatives, his trademark style as change agent evident in forward-looking, game-changing efforts as in generating significant amounts during the 1983 Diamond Jubilee celebration, enhancing the General Education Program, establishing the College of Medicine's INTARMED Program, and reorganizing the University as a system of autonomous units;

For his commitment to the promotion of Filipino arts and culture as a way to strengthen national identity, paving the way for the creation of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the Commission on the Filipino Language, and the National Museum of the Philippines;

For his leadership in the ethical and competent practice of law in the Philippines as President of the Philippine Bar Association in 1975 and as the youngest President of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines in 1979; for initiating, as a leader of the Bar, various law and justice reforms and fostering better Bar and Bench relations; for lifting the prestige and promoting the image of the Philippine legal profession among ASEAN neighbors and other democracies abroad as founding President of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Law Association in 1980, then the first and now one of the largest regional law associations in the world;

For leading the Senate as its President from 1992 to 1995 and steering the passage of more than 130 reform measures, including the creation of an independent Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas; for introducing the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC), which to this day is the most effective mechanism for bringing together the Executive and Legislative branches towards a common development agenda;

For living up to his august calling as a Senator of the Republic, elected to four productive six-year terms, the longest serving senator in the post-EDSA Senate, carrying on his legislative tasks in the mold of illustrious peers of a bygone era; for authoring or leading the passage of landmark legislations on education, agriculture, healthcare, culture and the arts, social welfare, financial regulation, science and technology, and good governance which include the Free High School Act providing free public secondary education, the Salary Standardization Law increasing government pay rates, the Senior Citizen's Act uplifting the well-being of elderly kin,

the Enhanced Basic Education Act or “K to 12” to make basic education comparable to the best in the world, the Breastfeeding Act upholding the legal rights of breastfeeding mothers, the Magna Carta for Public Health Workers empowering health workers, the Procurement Reform Act which created a uniform set of rules to ensure transparency in the public procurement process, the Anti-Red Tape Act for the efficient delivery of frontline public services, the laws that ushered in an ICT and clean energy revolution (Technology Transfer Act, Data Privacy Act, Cybercrime Prevention Act, Biofuels Act and Renewable Energy Act), and the laws creating such catchword institutions as CHED, TESDA, DepEd, and PhilHealth—a synergy of initiatives whose impact and benefits to the man on the street continue to ripple to this day and for generations to come;

Above all, for embodying the spirit of the Iskolar ng Bayan and the fulfillment of his promise to the people: at ease in the world of books and in the life of the mind, but just as capable in leading men and getting things done in the real world; a mover and shaker for the common good and society’s welfare, always on the job in the Great Enterprise of forging and shaping his nation’s destiny;

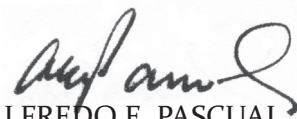
The BOARD OF REGENTS of the University of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the President of the University and the Committee on Honorary Degrees, today confers upon

Edgardo J. Angara
Statesman, Educator

the degree of

Doctor of Laws
Honoris Causa

The University of the Philippines, in testimony of this conferment of the highest rank and honor within its gift, hereby presents to you this diploma and these vestments of distinction on this 28th day of April in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.


ALFREDO E. PASCUAL
President

Attested:


LILIAN A. DE LAS LLAGAS
*Secretary of the University
and of the Board of Regents*