

**Growth Records, Hardening Poverty, and a Dysfunctional Political System –  
The Philippines, Two Years before the End of the Aquino Administration**

*Roundtable Discussion*

Thursday, July 17, 2014; 2:30PM-5:00PM

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**Objective** To provide foreign experts with a realistic picture of the closely interrelated political and socio-economic situation of the Philippines and its perspectives

**2:30PM - 2:45PM** **Welcome and Introduction**

**Ms. Lynda Jumilla (Moderator)**

Chief of Reporters, ABS-CBN News

**2:45PM - 3:45PM** **Participative Discussion**

*Questions to Discuss*

- What are the Aquino Administration's main priorities in the political and socio-economic arena?
- Is there a disconnect between the Aquino Administration's main priorities and President Noynoy's campaign promises?
- How successful and effective are the actions and programs implemented by the Aquino Administration in achieving its main priorities?
- With 2 years left in the Aquino Administration, which priorities, actions, and programs should continue and which should shift substantially? Which new actions and programs should also be given focus by the Aquino Administration?
- Which structural reforms not initiated until now would be necessary to make growth and democracy inclusive?

*Philippine Participants*

- **Prof. Solita Collas-Monsod**  
Professor Emerita, University of the Philippines School of Economics
- **Mr. Aaron Benedict De Leon**  
Secretary-General, Centrist Democratic Party of the Philippines
- **Prof. Ronald Mendoza**  
Executive Director, AIM Policy Center
- **Prof. Edmund Tayao**  
Executive Director, Local Government Development Foundation

**3:45PM - 4:00PM** **Coffee Break**

**4:00PM - 4:50PM**

**Open Forum with Questions from Participating Foreign Experts  
and Other Participants**

- **Dr. Norman Abjorensen**  
Visiting Fellow, Policy and Governance Program,  
Australian National University
- **Mr. Alastair Carthew**  
Journalist, Thailand
- **Dr. Madan Kumar Dahal**  
Chairman, Mega Bank Nepal Limited
- **Dr. Rajat Kathuria**  
Director and Chief Executive,  
Indian Council for Research on Economic Relations
- **Dr. Saman Kelegama**  
Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka
- **Dr. Posh Raj Pandey**  
Executive Chairman,  
South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics, and Environment
- **Dr. Bokyeong Park**  
Professor, Kyung Hee University
- **Dr. Sebastian Paust**  
Senior Adviser to the Managing Board,  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit  
Advisory Council Member, Asian Development Bank Institute
- **Dr. Martin Schulz**  
Senior Economist, Fujitsu Research Institute
- **Mr. Benedikt Seemann**  
Philippine Office, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)

**4:50PM - 5:00PM**

**Conclusion**

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