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1907 — 1957

President of the Republic of the Philippines
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TITLE I

Objectives of the Award

The life of the late President Ramon Magsaysay had great impact not only in the Philippines but on many people in many lands. He was one of the outstanding leaders of our time.

Ramon Magsaysay commanded the admiration, respect and affection of people because he was a simple, humble man; because he cared for all people as individuals and believed in their dignity and importance, and because he had the courage of his convictions. His objective was to improve the lot of his countrymen and he approached the task with selfless devotion. He was convinced that government to last and to be sound must have integrity and reflect the will of the people.

A man of greatness of spirit, he saw his fellowmen born with the right to live in liberty and happiness. He angered at injustice and the violation of high principles. He worked to build a nation — a world — in which freedom could be enjoyed by all and man could live with man in honor and peace.

The world is richer and better because Ramon Magsaysay lived. His spirit will continue to be an inspiration. He exemplifies the highest type of leadership and, as such, is a source of strength and confidence to men everywhere who are sincerely concerned about the well-being of their fellowmen.

To honor Ramon Magsaysay and to give recognition to those ideals which characterized his life and the courageous service which he rendered to the people of the Philippines, the Ramon Magsaysay Award is established.

TITLE II

The Ramon Magsaysay Award

Chapter I

Description of the Award

SEC. 1. *Categories.* Awards will be given to persons in the following fields of endeavor:

- A. GOVERNMENT SERVICE — Outstanding service in the public interest in any branch of government, including executive, judicial, legislative or military.
- B. PUBLIC SERVICE — Outstanding service for the public good by a private citizen.
- C. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP — Leadership of a community, whether local, national or international, especially toward helping the man on the land and the ordinary citizen in urban areas to have fuller opportunities and a better life.
- D. JOURNALISM, LITERATURE AND CREATIVE COMMUNICATION ARTS — Effective writing, publishing or photography, or use of radio, television or cinema, as a power for the public good.
- E. INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING — Advancement of friendship and mutually beneficial relations between peoples of different countries.

SEC. 2. *Number.* One Award shall be made for each of the five categories. An Award, however, may be divided between two persons considered by the Board of Trustees to be equally deserving of recognition in a given year. For Community Leadership only, one or more persons but never more than ten may be cited.

SEC. 3. *Prize Money.* Each Award shall carry a prize of US\$30,000. The prize shall be equally divided in the event of a joint Award or a Community Leadership Award to more than two persons.

SEC. 4. *Posthumous Award.* A deceased person is not eligible

for an Award unless his death occurred subsequent to his nomination and the special investigation of his work by the Board of Trustees, then a posthumous Award may be made.

Chapter II

Eligibility for Award

SEC. 5. *Persons to Whom the Award is Open.* The Award is open to persons in Asia, regardless of race, creed, sex or nationality. An institution, association or organization shall be eligible for the Award in International Understanding only.

Chiefs or heads of state and their spouses are ineligible, prompted by considerations of protocol, logistics and security.

SEC. 6. *Nominations for the Award.* Only candidates recommended in writing by competent nominators, as described under Title III of this Code, shall be considered for an Award.

SEC. 7. *Nominators for the Award.* Competence to submit Award proposals shall be enjoyed by persons described under Title III of this Code.

SEC. 8. *Personal Applications.* Personal applications or proposals made by other than invited nominators shall not be considered.

Chapter III

Period of Awards

SEC. 9. *Frequency of Awards.* The Awards shall be made annually, starting with the year 1958, and every year thereafter.* If it is considered that none of the proposals under review merit recognition or that further investigation is needed, the Board of Trustees may omit Awards in one or more categories in a given year.

SEC. 10. *Period Covered by Awards.* Only performance within the five years immediately preceding the granting of an Award shall be considered.

* No awards were made in 1970 in response to the Philippine Government's appeal to conserve foreign currency.

SEC. 11. *Previous Accomplishment.* Sec. 10 notwithstanding, performance previous to the five years immediately preceding the Award may be considered if its significance has become apparent within the period covered by the Award.

Chapter IV

Presentation of Awards

SEC. 12. *Date and Place.* The Awards shall be presented in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, on 31 August, the birth anniversary of Ramon Magsaysay.

SEC. 13. *Medal and Certificate of Award.* A medal bearing the likeness of Ramon Magsaysay and a certificate with inscriptions on the performance cited shall be presented to each Awardee.

SEC. 14. *Payment of Prize Money.* The Foundation will pay the prize money at the time and place requested by the Awardee, provided, however, that no funds will be held by the Foundation for more than sixteen months and available bank facilities permit such management of funds as an Awardee requests.

SEC. 15. *Non-Acceptance of Award.* Should an Awardee decline the Award, the prize money for that Award shall revert to the Foundation fund.

SEC. 16. *Failure to Claim Prize Money.* Should an Awardee fail to claim his prize money within the period provided for under Section 14, then this money shall revert to the Foundation fund.

SEC. 17. *Lecture.* It shall be incumbent upon an Awardee, whenever this is possible, to give a lecture in Manila on a subject related to the performance for which the Award has been made, the date to be determined jointly by the Board of Trustees and the Awardee, which date shall be no later than one week after the presentation of Awards.

Chapter V

Financing the Awards

SEC. 18. *Principal Benefactor.* The Foundation and the Award were established with an initial contribution in 1957 of US\$500,000 from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund of New York, United States of America. A subsequent grant of US\$1 million and

a loan of US\$2 million enabled the Foundation to build the Ramon Magsaysay Center to house the Foundation offices and related activities and provide commercial space from which rental income would finance the Award Program. Additional grants totaling US\$618,500 from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund were for interim financing of the program before the Center was in operation and for completion and modification of the Center.

SEC. 19. *Other Contributions.* The Congress of the Philippines in 1960 donated the property, valued at the time of the gift at US\$500,000, on which the Ramon Magsaysay Center is located. Contributions ranging from ₱50,000 from individuals and organizations down to ₱0.20 from school children have come from the Philippines and abroad in support of the Foundation's building program and related activities.

TITLE III

Persons Competent to Submit Proposals

Chapter I

General Provisions

SEC. 20. *Date for Submittal of Proposals.* Each year the Board of Trustees shall consider such proposals as have been received in the offices of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation on or before 31 January.

SEC. 21. *Selection of Nominators.* Every year during the month of September the Executive Trustee shall submit to the Board of Trustees for approval the names of competent persons selected in accordance with the provisions of Chapters II to VI, inclusive, under this Title, who shall be invited to submit nominations.

SEC. 22. *Qualification for Nominators.* Only proposals received from persons invited to nominate shall be considered.

SEC. 23. *Supporting Documentation.* Proposals, to be considered, shall be accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation to allow meaningful evaluation.

SEC. 24. *Scope of Award.* The phrase "in the area" used in Chapters II to VI, inclusive, under this Title shall refer to such countries and territories in Asia as are encompassed in East, South-east and South Asia, including Afghanistan, but excluding Asia Minor (the Middle or Near East), Australia and New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands.

Chapter II

Government Service Award

SEC. 25. *Competence to Submit Proposals.* Competence to submit proposals for the Award on outstanding service in any branch of government may be enjoyed by:

- a. Persons who have received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service;
- b. Permanent or acting heads of institutes or colleges of public administration in state universities in the area;
- c. Permanent or acting heads of bureaus or commissions of civil service or other offices similar in purpose in the area;
- d. Leaders in private organizations or institutions in the area, whose purposes are to work for the enhancement of the public service, the encouragement of research and studies of government activities or the promotion of employee welfare; and
- e. Other persons who, because of their work, study, or background, are in a position to follow and watch closely the careers of public servants.

Chapter III

Public Service Award

SEC. 26. *Competence to Submit Proposals.* Competence to submit proposals for the Award on outstanding service by a private citizen may be enjoyed by:

- a. Persons who have received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service;

- b. Permanent or acting presidents of state universities in the area;
- c. Leaders in private institutions or organizations of national scope in the area, whose purposes are to improve the status of farmers and laborers, encourage cottage industries, increase and diversify agricultural production, improve rural health and education, promote cooperative movement or rural credit, production and marketing of farm products, promote the dissemination and free discussion of information related to matters of public interest, stimulate and promote rural improvements and constructive development of human and natural resources, train rural reconstruction personnel or cooperate with the state in carrying out programs of rural reconstruction;
- d. Leaders in private institutions or organizations of national scope in Asia whose purposes are to improve the living of ordinary citizens in urban areas; and,
- e. Other persons who, because of their work, study or background, are in close touch with individuals, groups or associations identified with the purposes above described.

Chapter IV

Community Leadership

SEC. 27. *Competence to Submit Proposals.* Competence to submit proposals for the Award on outstanding community leadership may be enjoyed by:

- a. Persons who have received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership;
- b. Members of agricultural, fishery, forestry, and veterinary science faculties of universities or state colleges in the area;
- c. Permanent or acting heads of government extension services in the area;
- d. Leaders in private organizations or institutions whose purposes are to work for community improvements, inculcate

civic consciousness, promote active participation by the citizenry in community life, provide service opportunities as would make individuals more useful to the community, or teach positive patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues; and

- e. Other persons in the area who, because of their work, study or background, are in close touch with individuals, groups or associations identified with the purposes above described.

Chapter V

Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts

SEC. 28. *Competence to Submit Proposals.* Competence to submit proposals for the Award on outstanding achievement in journalism, literature and creative communication arts may be enjoyed by:

- a. Persons who have received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts;
- b. Heads of accredited news services in the area;
- c. Members of faculties in philosophy, letters and communications of universities and university colleges;
- d. Permanent or acting heads of recognized literary, drama, radio, TV and cinema societies in the area;
- e. Leaders in local and overseas press clubs in the area; and
- f. Other outstanding journalists, authors, literary scholars, educators and practitioners of communications arts whose special interests lie in Asia.

SEC. 29. *Literature.* Under the term "literature" shall be comprised not only *belles-lettres*, but also other writings which, by virtue of their content and form, possess literary value.

SEC. 30. *Published Work.* To be eligible for consideration for the Award a written work shall have been published.

SEC. 31. *Need for Translation.* If, for the full appraisal of a

work proposed, the Board of Trustees must make itself acquainted with the content of a writing in a language which cannot be translated without very considerable trouble or expense, then the Board shall not be under obligation to give the proposal further consideration.

Chapter VI

International Understanding

SEC. 32. *Competence to Submit Proposals.* Competence to submit proposals for the Award on outstanding achievement in international understanding may be enjoyed by:

- a. Persons who have received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for International Understanding;
- b. Heads of delegations to the United Nations;
- c. Members of the diplomatic corps in the area;
- d. Leaders in international organizations or institutions whose purpose is the promotion of international amity between peoples of different countries; and
- e. Permanent and acting professors of political science and jurisprudence, history and international law in universities in the area.

TITLE IV

Selection of Awardees

Chapter I

Evaluation of Candidates

SEC. 33. *Criteria for Selection.* No work, achievement, accomplishment or performance shall merit an Award unless it has been found by experience or expert scrutiny to be outstanding within any of the categories herein defined and is manifestly of the nature that exemplifies the greatness of spirit, integrity and devotion to freedom of Ramon Magsaysay.

In evaluating candidates for the Awards the Board of Trustees will consider only those persons whose life and activities are characterized by the ideals and spirit of service of Ramon Magsaysay.

The Award need not go only to a person holding a high public office or to a person whose actions have influenced large numbers of people.

An Award to a person who has quietly helped others, serving selflessly and without expectation of public recognition may well provide a more meaningful example of the ideals of Ramon Magsaysay.

Chapter II

Final Selections

SEC. 34. *Responsibility for Selections.* The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for the final selection of Awardees.

SEC. 35. *Proceedings on Final Selections.* The deliberations on the final selections shall not be made public or otherwise revealed.

SEC. 36. *Protest.* No protest shall lie against any final selections made by the Board of Trustees.

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Approved as amended this 22nd day of August, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven, in the City of Manila, Republic of the Philippines.

Board of Trustees
RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOUNDATION

CREDO

I believe that government starts at the bottom and moves upward, for government exists basically for the welfare of the masses of the nation.

I believe that he who has less in life should have more in law.

I believe that the little man is fundamentally entitled to a little more food in his stomach, a little more clothing on his back and a little more roof over his head.

I believe that this nation is endowed with a vibrant and stout heart, and possesses untapped capabilities and incredible resiliency.

I believe that a high and unwavering sense of morality should pervade all spheres of governmental activity.

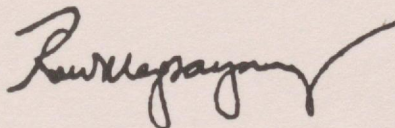
I believe that the pulse of government should be strong and steady, and the men at the helm imbued with missionary zeal.

I believe in the majesty of constitutional and legal processes, in the inviolability of human rights.

I believe that the free world is collectively strong, and that there is neither need nor reason to compromise the dignity of man.

I believe that communism is iniquity, as is the violence it does to the principles of Christianity.

I believe that the President should set the example of a big heart, an honest mind, sound instincts, the virtue of healthy impatience, and an abiding love for the common man.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul McCray", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

