

**Welcome Remarks  
For the Lecture of Mr Arvind Kejriwal  
2:30 PM, PAGC**

**A blessed afternoon to everyone!**

**On behalf of the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission, we warmly welcome our honored guests headed by our lecturer who is a Magsaysay Awardee for the year 2006. He will, however be introduced later - for everyone to fully appreciate his commitment towards a very good cause. He is accompanied by his official companion, Mr Rajiv Kumar - Ms Chona Dungog, a Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation coordinator for our guest - and, Ms Carmencita Toledo, also of Ramon Magsaysay Foundation.**

**Let us all give them a warm round of applause.**

**For the PAGC side, allow me to quickly present to our guests, the PAGC family on a per cluster basis. From the three man Commission Proper, my two Commissioners - Commissioner Tess Baltazar who has been with the Civil Society Organization for years and Commissioner James Jacob, a very good lawyer, an educator, and a former legislator - after being an activist for a while.... Fighting for a cause - similar to what our guest did...**

**We also have the Investigation Group headed by its director, Atty Myles Gonzales. And the Prevention, Education Office with Dir Chat Alvarado as Head. We also have Mr Anthony Lewis' group who manages the special project unit of the Commission. And the rest, composed of the support staff from the various offices within the commission.**

**This afternoon, PAGC, has become one of the very privileged group to have been given the opportunity to have a special time with a very important person whose dedication to the eradication of graft and corruption has earned him, not only the benefits that the Indian government is reaping not only from the savings that their government has started to reap as a result of reduced, if not totally eradicated system of bribery and other irregularities, but from the improved services as well - that every Indian citizen - regardless of the class or sector of the society - one is in.**

**This opportunity, to me, is very important and meaningful - and I do hope that every single soul in this room will be transformed - after hearing our guest's sharing on how he managed to succeed - despite limited resources and the**

**prevailing situation in their environment - and thus, add fire to an already awakened resolve to do his or her part - in ensuring that the objectives that the Philippine government has set as far as the fight against graft and corruption is concerned shall be attained and will truly result to an improved way of life for every Filipino specially those in the most vulnerable sector of the society - the ones always victimized by the abusive public servants or the unresponsive systems and procedures in public offices.**

**In our case, the challenges that our country face today are too heavy and complex. We are at the crossroads, beset and somehow consumed by the problems and ills that linger in our political system. Some think that the challenge is insurmountable and that this country is rather hopeless. But our guest's sharing will definitely give us a boost - and believe, that success is within reach - but that such will definitely require certain degree of commitment from every single individual - that shall bond together, pool their efforts - and deliver the needed blow that will finally enable us to reach what seems to be our unreachable star.**

**This reminded me of Dr Jose P Laurel's statement in his inaugural speech as he said: "Every drop, every trickle of individual effort shall be grooved into a single channel for common endeavor until they grow into a flowing stream...a raging flood, hurdling all difficulties".**

**In these difficult times for the world and our country, these words must stir and move us to unite and consecrate ourselves for our country and our people. Indeed, our efforts together with all of us working as one shall be unyielding and we shall not deny the nation or our dreams and vision.**

**How to do it better .....**

**The answer we could get from our lecturer's experience...**

**And at this point, may I request Ms Carmencita Toledo to introduce our guest.... So we could start listening and get inspiration from no other than the man behind India's success**