

## **ROSARIO G. MANALO (PHILIPPINES)**

### **Date and place of birth**

2 October 1935, Manila, Philippines

### **Working Languages**

English, Filipino, Spanish and French

### **Current positions/functions**

- Outgoing Philippine Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)
- Foreign Affairs Senior Adviser, Department of Foreign Affairs
- Philippine Representative, Board of Governors, Asia-Europe Foundation in Singapore and Member of its Executive Committee

### **Main professional activities**

A former career diplomat and Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Manalo is currently engaged in gender equality and women empowerment issues, through her work in various capacities such as: (1) Director, Center for Gender Equality and People Empowerment, Philippine Women's University (PWU); (2) Dean and Lecturer, Helena Z. Benitez School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Philippine Women's University; (3) Professional Lecturer on Regional Integration, Asian Center (Graduate Studies), University of the Philippines; (4) Program Director, International Security Concerns, National Defense College of the Philippines, Department of National Defense; (5) Professor, Consular and Diplomatic Affairs Program, School of Multidisciplinary Studies, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde; (6) Lecturer, Institute of International Political Economics, University of Asia and Pacific and Miriam College (MA courses); (7) Lecturer, Foreign Service Institute (FSI); and (8) Fellow, Strategic Study Group of the National Defense College of the Philippines, Department of National Defense.

### **Educational Background**

- Doctoral Courses in Social Development (in progress), Philippine Women's University
- MA in International Relations and Diplomacy, Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York
- MA in Public Administration, University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Laws, University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Science in Jurisprudence, University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, University of the Philippines

### **Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women:**

- She has established in the PWU the required course for all students in the school of liberal arts and sciences to take up a one semestral course on gender and development.
- She has brought to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) a manual to train Filipino Foreign Service personnel to pursue gender mainstreaming in all Philippine Missions and Consulates abroad and to help overseas Filipino workers to understand CEDAW and to access it to protect their human rights.
- Currently, she is working with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) of the Philippines to promote gender equality in all the higher education institutions which are to be components of the ASEAN integration.
- She chaired the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) during the UNESCAP Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment: Beijing + 20 Review held on 17-20 November 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand.

### **List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights**

Ambassador Manalo is not a researcher nor does she publish. She is an activist, implementor and a professor of gender and women issues, among other courses. Ambassador Manalo, when she finished her tenure in 2006 as the Philippine expert in CEDAW, was taken in by the former President

of the Philippines Fidel V. Ramos to help in crafting the ASEAN Charter. She chaired the drafting of this fundamental legal instrument for the ten (10) Southeast Asian countries that comprises ASEAN. Her particular contribution was Article 14 of the Charter which related to the setting up of the human rights body in the ASEAN. From that point, once the Charter was effective, Ambassador Manalo worked to set up what has today become the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), which is an intergovernmental body of the ten (10) member states. She has served two terms of three years each from 2009 and will end her work in that body in February of this year. In her capacity as a representative of the Philippines, she became the focal point of AICHR and she has worked on issues concerning the women and the girl child with respect to their human rights, amongst them being, (1) studies undertaken by researchers at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) relating to the contribution of women in entrepreneurship in ASEAN countries, which has contributed to the economic growth of the region; (2) a research paper written by an academician of the Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) on human rights mechanism in ASEAN for the further protection of women and the girl child.