

PRESS RELEASE

To Save The Philippines, DFA Secretary Romulo Should Resign *NOW!*

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WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 16 - The staff writers of the global **FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine** and the increasingly getting-popular **24/7 PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS** both based in this city, unanimously agreed that in order for the Administration of Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to have a semblance of success in the global world of diplomacy thru a well-thought public relations, President Arroyo has to remove the current secretary, Secretary Roberto Romulo and replace him with a seasoned diplomat admired by his peers in the United Nations, outgoing UN Ambassador Lauro Baja. Removing Romulo and replacing him with Ambassador Baja will not only uplift the the morale of the Filipinos connected with the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), but will win many new friends for President Arroyo in the global world of diplomacy.

"Ambassador Lauro Baja is a top-notch career diplomat. The best career diplomat the Philippines can offer. Having been named as Acting President of the United Nations General Assembly, not just once within four years, but for two times -- Ambassador Baja commands respect and admiration from his peers in the United Nations where his outstanding achievements are reveled and admired," declared an observer on condition of anonymity. "The accolades Ambassador Baja won for the Philippines bestowed, and are still bestowing, immeasurable honors for the country."

Ambassador Baja should have been the Secretary of Foreign Affairs as rumored in the spring of 2006, but the current Secretary Alberto Romulo refused to relinquish the position. In the April 22-29, 2006 issue of the **Philippine Times**, in his "**Razor's Edge**" column, writer **Jose Mari Mercader** wrote: " For instance, despite not being a career diplomat Foreign Affairs Secretary Bert Romulo refuses to surrender his position to UN Ambassador Lauro L. Baja, Jr., who has been appointed in his place. Romulo is assigned as ambassador to Washington DC, vice Ambassador Bert del Rosario and former Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr. as United Nations ambassador...."

For the sake of harmony in the Philippines and for the betterment of the Filipinos, more specially the tens of millions Filipinos residing and being employed globally who send dollar remittances in the billions of dollars in order to help the Philippines, the staff of the global **FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine** and **PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS** request President Arroyo to revamp her Cabinet Members replacing the current ones with those deserving and honest-to-goodness ones with valid credentials.

We sincerely recommend Ambassador Lauro L. Baja, Jr., to be the Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Career. Deserving. Loyal. *Maka-Pinoy!* #



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