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To the Friends and Partners of the Foundation,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF), I am honored to share with you our **INFORMATION KIT on the 68th RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDS**, presenting the **2026 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES**.

Inside this kit, you will find the **official announcement** of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees, their individual citations, and feature profiles highlighting their remarkable life, work, and contributions to Asia and to the world. It also includes an updated **primer on the Ramon Magsaysay Award and statistical data** tracing its legacy from 1958 to 2026.

For nearly seven decades, the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Asia's premier prize and highest honor, has celebrated 331 individuals and 28 organizations whose selfless service and transformative leadership inspire generations. The 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees remind us that selfless service can take many forms, but its impact can reach far beyond the communities where it begins.

We believe that their stories and solutions deserve the widest audience possible. With your support, we can further their impact and help ensure that their examples reach and inspire communities across Asia and beyond.

The Foundation welcomes your participation in activities leading to and during the 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards Festival Week in November. We can arrange interviews, dialogues, study visits, and similar events with the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees. Kindly reach out to Mr. Victor John Platon, Director of Communications and Public Relations, at victor.platon@rmaward.asia, for this purpose.

The formal conferment of the Ramon Magsaysay Awards will take place at the Metropolitan Theater in Manila, Philippines, on Sunday, 15 November 2026, at 4:30 PM Philippine Standard Time. The ceremonies are open to the public, and everyone is welcome to join us. The ceremonies will also be livestreamed on the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation's official Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Thank you for your invaluable support. We look forward to your partnership as we honor the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees and celebrate the enduring legacy of Greatness of Spirit.

Sincerely,


SUSANNA B. AFAN

President



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The 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees Announced

In a global announcement held on 31 August 2026, the Board of Trustees of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) announced this year's recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, widely regarded as Asia's premier prize and highest honor. The announcement also marks the beginning of the 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards Festival Season, a continuing celebration of greatness of spirit and selfless service that transform Asia and inspire the world.

The 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees are:

TOMMY KOH, from Singapore. He is being recognized for *"his exemplary leadership in international diplomacy and in the formation of a new generation of advocates devoted to the advancement of justice and human dignity the world over. Through his steadfast faith in dialogue, the rule of law, and international cooperation, he has helped make peaceful coexistence possible in a world of unequal power."*

RUNA KHAN, from Bangladesh. She is being recognized for *"her profound empathy for the poorest of the poor in her country, and her courage, vision, and tenacity in building and leading Friendship to accomplish her mission. In her hands, privilege became not an entitlement, but a responsibility; not a family legacy to protect, but a gift to be shared so that others, too, might have the chance to live with hope, opportunity, and dignity."*

BO KYI, from Myanmar. He is being recognized for *"his life's work as a steadfast pursuit of truth, accountability, and justice. His enduring commitment reflects extraordinary moral courage, personal sacrifice, and an unwavering belief that democracy and human dignity are always worth defending—and that even in the face of oppression, the truth must be told, justice must be pursued, and the freedom to believe must be upheld and defended at all costs."*

In a statement, RMAF Chairperson Edgar O. Chua said, "For sixty-eight years, the Ramon Magsaysay Award has celebrated transformative leaders who have become enduring builders of a better future for Asia and the world. Each generation of Ramon Magsaysay Awardees has shown us that integrity, courage, and compassion can shape societies for the better. This year's recipients stand firmly by that proud



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tradition. Through their examples, we see that the leadership values embodied by President Ramon Magsaysay remain as urgent and vital today as ever, especially in a world where the need for principled action and moral clarity has never been greater.”

First given in 1958, the Ramon Magsaysay Award celebrates the greatness of spirit exemplified by Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay. To date, the Award has been conferred on 331 individuals and 28 organizations from 24 countries and territories in Asia. The 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees will each receive a medallion bearing the likeness of President Ramon Magsaysay, a certificate inscribed with their citation, and a cash prize.

RMAF President Susanna B. Afan remarked, “At a time when the world continues to confront uncertainty, division, and increasingly complex challenges, this year’s theme, *A World for All*, invites us to reflect on the kind of world we want to build together. The lives and work of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees, Tommy Koh, Runa Khan, and Bo Kyi, remind us that the choices we make and the work we do can reach far beyond our own lives and communities. Their stories show us that while our experiences may be different, we share the same world and the responsibility for the future we leave behind. *A World for All* begins with the belief that no person’s circumstances should determine the limits of their life or deny them the chance to live with hope, happiness, and dignity.”

The 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards Festival Season will culminate in November with the Festival Week. The week will feature public lectures by the Ramon Magsaysay Awardees and conclude with the 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards Presentation Ceremonies on Sunday, 15 November 2026, 4:30 PM Philippine Standard Time, at the Metropolitan Theater in Manila, Philippines.

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TOMMY KOH

In a world deeply fractured by power and politics, ruled by large nations with formidable arsenals of munitions and money, the voices of reason and justice are often left unheard if not silenced outright.

It takes great skill, wisdom, courage, and perseverance to ensure that the interests of smaller nations are represented and recognized on the global stage, for peace and progress to prevail over conflict and suffering.

Few statesmen have manifested these qualities better than Tommy Koh—a law professor from National University of Singapore (NUS) who applied his training and his values to diplomacy, showing the world that justice can prevail over power, and that even the smallest nations—and especially those communities whose lives depend on the sea—have rights that deserve to be respected.

Born in 1937 and educated as a lawyer and a legal scholar, Koh witnessed Singapore’s transition from British colonial rule, through its integration with Malaysia, to independence. In 1968, he entered his country’s foreign service as its youngest ambassador, representing Singapore at the United Nations. This would give him the exposure to global affairs that would serve him and his country and region well in the decades ahead.

In 1978, he chaired a pivotal negotiating committee of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, bridging a fundamental divide over seabed mining between wealthy and developing, capitalist and non-capitalist, maritime and landlocked nations. In 1982, as president of the entire conference, he led more than 150 nations to adopt the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Of enormous significance to maritime countries, this “constitution for the oceans” defined territorial waters and the economic rights of countries to their coastal waters and provides mechanisms for settling disputes. He also chaired the Earth Summit in 1992. In 1993, the UN appointed him as its Special Envoy to make peace between Russia and its three Baltic neighbors—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

But for Koh, his work at home was always just as important. Ever the academic, he mentored a new generation of Singaporean leaders through the NUS Centre for International Law of which he was the founding chairman in 2009 and the NUS Tembusu College of which he was the founding rector in 2011. As long-time director of the Institute of Policy Studies, Koh maintained a trusted bridge between government and civil society. He has been



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a strong advocate for the arts and heritage in Singapore, as founding chairman of its National Arts Council (1991-1996) and chairman of the National Heritage Board. He has quietly pursued humanitarian initiatives in support of the disabled and handicapped and of animal welfare.

What emerges is a portrait of a committed humanist navigating a global ocean gravely threatened by forces inimical to the human spirit, yet speaking to power with the calm conviction of moral authority. Though Singapore is a country of means, he has shown that adversity is not the burden of the poor alone. Beyond serving Singapore, he has represented the globally vulnerable and dispossessed, securing recognition and respect for their rights and advancing a more equitable international order.

Building more than treaties and institutions, Koh has shaped generations of leaders, scholars, and public servants, leaving a legacy that extends through universities, policy institutes, museums, and the countless lives mentored.

Through all this, he has found the courage to speak out for the right and just. “The test of a country's adherence to principle is when it is inconvenient to do so... This is why we must put our adherence to principle over friendship,” he once said of an act of war staged by one of Singapore’s staunchest allies. Even at home, he has championed freedom of expression, remarking that “Singapore does not need sycophants. It needs loving critics.”

His greatness of spirit lies in his unwavering commitment to the common good, his deep sense of duty to his country, his moral consistency in choosing law over power, dialogue over coercion, consensus over confrontation, institutions over personalities, and mentorship over self-promotion. In the end, his greatest achievement is not simply what he built, but how he built it. Character was always his most enduring instrument of leadership.

In electing Tommy Koh to receive the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award, the board of trustees recognizes his exemplary leadership in international diplomacy and in the formation of a new generation of advocates devoted to the advancement of justice and human dignity the world over. Through his steadfast faith in dialogue, the rule of law, and international cooperation, he has helped make peaceful coexistence possible in a world of unequal power.

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TOMMY KOH

From Singapore to the World's Negotiating Table: Tommy Koh Receives the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award

The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation names TOMMY KOH as one of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees, for *“his exemplary leadership in international diplomacy and in formation of a new generation of advocates devoted to the advancement of justice and human dignity the world over. Through his steadfast faith in dialogue, the rule of law, and international cooperation, he has helped make peaceful coexistence possible in a world of unequal power.”*

For nearly six decades, Koh has worked in diplomacy, international law, education, and public service. A lawyer and legal scholar by training, he has represented Singapore in international negotiations and held leadership roles in major multilateral forums.

Arguably, Koh's most significant contribution to international diplomacy was his role in the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. As President of the Conference, he helped lead negotiations among more than 150 participating nations and, in 1982, guided the process towards the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which established an international framework for maritime rights and responsibilities.

In a statement on being conferred with the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Tommy Koh said: “The Ramon Magsaysay Award is a very prestigious Award. Two of Singapore's founding fathers, Dr. Goh Keng Swee and Mr. Lim Kim San, had won the Award. I feel humbled and happy to join their illustrious company.”

Beyond diplomacy, Koh has devoted his life to education, mentorship, and public service. Through his long association with the National University of Singapore and his work in public policy, he has helped



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shape generations of Singaporean leaders, scholars, and public servants, while maintaining a bridge between government, civil society, and the wider public. He has also been a strong advocate for the arts, heritage, and humanitarian causes.

Throughout his career, Koh has remained guided by a deep belief in moral principle and the common good. His leadership reflects a commitment to dialogue over coercion, consensus over confrontation, and the rule of law over the exercise of power. Whether in international negotiations or public life, he has consistently championed the idea that even smaller nations and vulnerable communities deserve recognition, respect, and a meaningful voice.

Completing the roster of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees are Runa Khan of Bangladesh, recognized for her decades-long work empowering marginalized communities living in the country's remote and climate-vulnerable riverine regions, and Bo Kyi of Myanmar, a former political prisoner and human rights advocate whose work has given voice to political prisoners and survivors of torture while advancing accountability, justice, and human rights.

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RUNA KHAN

Formed on the vast delta of three great rivers, Bangladesh has been called a country built on water, silt, and resilience. Its fertile soil has sustained civilization for thousands of years, and its people have fought adversity to sustain a growing economy. But the same geography that feeds it is also its main threat. Rising sea levels and intense river flooding regularly bring misery to its people.

While Bangladesh's economy experienced a surge in the early 2000s, largely from garments exports, it remains highly challenged by climate change and political instability. Its population density is among the world's highest, driving people to find work and shelter in the margins.

Among the most vulnerable and poorest Bangladeshis are those who live on chars—temporary islands and sandbars formed by river silt—whose lives and livelihood literally depend on shifting sand. At least one in twenty Bangladeshis live this way—largely neglected and ignored, with very little access to social services.

In 1997, a woman from one of Bangladesh's most privileged families visited a char on the Brahmaputra River, and was deeply moved by what she saw. After studying the char dwellers' needs more thoroughly, she opened a hospital ship for them in 2002. But after realizing that she needed help if she wanted to do more, she started an organization that same year that would prove crucial to the future of char communities. Simply named Friendship Bangladesh, it would save countless lives, help char people deal with climate change, educate their children, empower women, create livelihood opportunities, and bring social justice to the excluded.

That woman was Runa Khan, born in 1958 into abundance and exemption from the usual lot that awaited her countrymen. Leaving her sheltered world, she immersed herself into the life of the poor, starting as a teacher to young children in 1979. But it was when Khan encountered the people of the char that she found her true calling. Seeing that not one NGO was devoted to their needs, Friendship built a machinery of hope and service that continues to make a vital difference in the lives of millions. From a starting team of 24 field



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medical and hospital staff and four in the head office, the organization today employs more than 7,500 people, most of them drawn from the very communities it serves.

Since its founding, Friendship has established a three-tier health system that provides sustained healthcare at all levels from primary to specialist care. “Healthcare cannot be a one-time intervention... After a hospital treats a patient, Friendship cannot simply ‘disappear,’” Khan says. Working now with seven hospital ships and two land-based hospitals, 550 mobile clinics, and 700 trained Friendship Community Medic Aides, Friendship serves riverine, coastal, and refugee communities, including Rohingyas displaced from Myanmar. Its climate adaptation operations has built the first solar villages and has afforested more than 200 mangrove hectares, training more than 10,000 volunteers in rescue and relief. More than 205,000 people have found new jobs through 137 Sustainable Economic Development Hubs.

On the principle of making “movable schools for climate migrants,” Friendship has built prefabricated schools that can be dismantled in hours and rebuilt when erosion threatens. Almost 30,000 students have been reached by these schools, and they have scored an astounding high school average of 90.05% in the Secondary School Certificate national examinations. Community paralegals educate people about their rights, and cultural workers ensure the preservation of traditional skills and practices.

Through these efforts, Runa Khan and Friendship brought the char people from inaccessibility to sustained service, from dependency to participation, from vulnerability to resilience, from invisibility to recognition, and from despair to hope.

Though she could have transformed lives from a distance, Khan chose instead to walk alongside those with the least—and in attending to the smallest details, learning that dignity is often restored one thoughtful act at a time.

In electing Runa Khan to receive the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award, the board of trustees recognizes her profound empathy for the poorest of the poor in her country, and her courage, vision, and tenacity in building and leading Friendship to accomplish her mission. In her hands, privilege became not an entitlement, but a responsibility; not a family legacy to protect, but a gift to be shared so that others, too, might have the chance to live with hope, opportunity, and dignity.

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RUNA KHAN

From Bangladesh's Forgotten Frontiers to Building Resilient Communities: Runa Khan Named 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee

The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation has named RUNA KHAN of Bangladesh among the recipients of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award. She is being recognized for *“her profound empathy for the poorest of the poor in her country, and her courage, vision, and tenacity in building and leading Friendship to accomplish her mission. In her hands, privilege became not an entitlement, but a responsibility; not a family legacy to protect, but a gift to be shared so that others, too, might have the chance to live with hope, opportunity, and dignity.”*

In 1997, Khan first visited one of Bangladesh's remote and shifting river islands, known as chars. This experience led her to begin working with these communities that often face geographic isolation and limited access to essential services. In 2002, she founded Friendship, a grassroots development organization that began with a pioneering floating hospital bringing healthcare to people living in chars.

For more than two decades, Khan has led Friendship in expanding its work across healthcare, education, climate adaptation, livelihoods, disaster preparedness, and inclusive citizenship. The organization has since grown to serve millions of people across Bangladesh.

Friendship works with communities affected by floods, river erosion, cyclones, displacement, and other climate-related challenges. Its programs combine healthcare and other essential services with initiatives in livelihoods, resilience, and disaster preparedness.

In a statement on being conferred with the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award, Khan said: “It is with great happiness and profound humility that I accept the Ramon Magsaysay Award. There is no leader who walks alone, so it is an honor for me to receive this on behalf of the unaddressed communities, who



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allow us to walk beside them; and on behalf of my Friendship family whose tireless devotion makes this work possible every day. I thank also those who have trusted and walked this almost impossible path with me for 25 long years, just believing. My children, whose patience and understanding, leave me in awe. This recognition is a wonderful responsibility, and I offer my deepest gratitude to the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation for their trust and for honoring the enduring faith and power of humanity.”

Completing the roster of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees are Tommy Koh from Singapore, a career diplomat and public servant recognized for his contributions to international diplomacy, global cooperation, and the peaceful resolution of disputes; and Bo Kyi from Myanmar, a former political prisoner and human rights advocate whose work has given voice to political prisoners and survivors of torture while advancing accountability, justice, and human rights.

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BO KYI

In a century often celebrated for bringing freedom from poverty and ignorance to billions—thanks to new technology, better education, and political reform—multitudes of people around the world still languish in prison for their political beliefs.

Many of them can be found in Myanmar (formerly Burma). Since 1962, except for a ten-year interlude from 2011 to 2021, a military regime has controlled the country. That rule has resulted in the systematic suppression of political and human rights, economic disaster, a civil war, and a humanitarian crisis. Since February 2021, when the military took power back from a civilian government in a coup, over 30,000 Burmese have been arrested, half of whom remain in prison. Estimates of people killed by the junta vary from just over 8,000 to as high as 100,000.

The plight of those prisoners—and of the families and the society around them—was painfully familiar to Bo Kyi. As a young student just about to graduate in 1988 at the Rangoon Arts and Sciences University, Bo Kyi watched his fellow students killed by the regime. He was soon swept up in the pro-democracy demonstrations that climaxed on August 8, 1988—thus the “8888” name for that protest movement. Bo Kyi plunged into working for the resistance. Soon, like many others, he was arrested and imprisoned—not once, but twice.

Altogether, Bo Kyi spent a total of seven years in prison. Not allowed to have books, he taught himself English in secret—writing sentences on the concrete floor with a shard of brick, learning from a professor held in the next cell, and even eating dictionary pages to hide them from the guards. Between detentions, the military tried to recruit him as an informer. He answered by demanding the release of all political prisoners and dialogue with Aung San Suu Kyi; when they refused, so did he—and went back to prison rather than send others there.

Soon after his release for the first time in 1993, alongside fellow former political prisoners, he raised money to support colleagues still behind bars and their families. He was jailed again, and after his second release



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in 1998, he fled across the Thai border to Mae Sot. There, in March 2000, Bo Kyi and his fellow former political prisoners organized the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP). Its founding principle is simple, clear, and unwavering: “As long as political prisoners exist inside Burma, Burma will not be free.”

Sustained by a wide network of volunteers, families, lawyers, and former prisoners, AAPP devoted itself to documenting political imprisonment, supporting detainees and their families, and ensuring the continued visibility of the junta’s political prisoners in Myanmar and around the world. It saw the release of political prisoners not simply as a humanitarian imperative, but a necessary step toward restoring democracy, reconciliation, and lasting stability in Myanmar, as well as connecting the realities of political imprisonment in Myanmar to the global struggle for freedom, justice, and accountability.

Working with both great care and courage, AAPP has brought thousands of forgotten names and faces out of the darkness.

Bo Kyi and his fellow activists know that there are wounds deeper than those inflicted on the body. The slow destruction of the human spirit is often the cruelest form of imprisonment. By drawing attention to prisoners of conscience and by preserving their stories, he has helped restore their personhood and reclaim their future, while ensuring that their suffering and sacrifice have not been in vain.

In electing Bo Kyi to receive the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Board of Trustees recognizes and honors his life’s work as a steadfast pursuit of truth, accountability, and justice. His enduring commitment reflects extraordinary moral courage, personal sacrifice, and an unwavering belief that democracy and human dignity are always worth defending—and that even in the face of oppression, the truth must be told, justice must be pursued, and the freedom to believe must be upheld and defended at all costs.



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From Political Prisoner to Defender of Human Dignity: Bo Kyi Receives the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award

The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation names BO KYI as one of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees, for *"his life's work as a steadfast pursuit of truth, accountability, and justice. His enduring commitment reflects extraordinary moral courage, personal sacrifice, and an unwavering belief that democracy and human dignity are always worth defending—and that even in the face of oppression, the truth must be told, justice must be pursued, and the freedom to believe must be upheld and defended at all costs."*

A former political prisoner, Bo Kyi has worked for decades on issues related to human rights in Myanmar. He is a co-founder of the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP), which documents political arrests and detention and supports political detainees and their families.

Bo Kyi was arrested following Myanmar's pro-democracy demonstrations in 1988 and was imprisoned twice, spending a total of seven years in detention. In 2000, after fleeing to the Thai border to avoid rearrest, he co-founded AAPP with fellow former political prisoners.

For more than two decades, AAPP has documented political imprisonment and human rights violations in Myanmar. Following the military coup in February 2021, the organization has continued to document arbitrary arrests, political imprisonment, and violence, while providing support and advocacy for affected individuals and families.

In a statement on being conferred with the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Bo Kyi said: "It is a great honor to receive this precious Award, which carries forward the legacy of Ramon Magsaysay, a leader of integrity and courage. I feel his spirit with me as we continue to work toward a better future for the people of Burma. I dedicate this Award to the Burmese people fighting injustice, especially the political



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prisoners who continue to stand strong behind bars. If we continue to work together in solidarity to secure the release of all political prisoners, including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, I believe we can build a Burma that brings peace, prosperity and stability to its people and the region.”

Bo Kyi joins Runa Khan of Bangladesh, recognized for her decades-long work empowering marginalized communities living in the country’s remote and climate-vulnerable riverine regions, and Tommy Koh of Singapore, a career diplomat and public servant recognized for his contributions to international diplomacy, global cooperation, and the peaceful resolution of disputes, as recipients of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award.

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ABOUT THE 68TH RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDS FESTIVAL SEASON

A World For All

The 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards Festival Season centers on the theme “A World for All,” a call to imagine and build a future grounded in shared humanity, where progress is inclusive, dignity is upheld, and every person and community can participate and thrive.



The Festival Season's key visual, featured in this year's official poster, reflects the interconnectedness of people and communities across diverse backgrounds and experiences. It symbolizes the belief that our collective future depends on recognizing that the well-being of one is linked to the well-being of all, and that meaningful change begins with empathy, understanding, and shared responsibility.

Complementing the poster is the Festival Season campaign video, which brings the theme to life through the stories of courage, service, and hope of this year's recipients. Together, the poster and video highlight how individual acts of leadership and compassion can

transcend differences and inspire positive transformation.

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The Ramon Magsaysay Award is given to individuals and organizations who address issues of human development in Asia with courage and creativity, and in doing so have made contributions that have transformed their societies for the better. Up to 2008, the Award has been given in six categories: Government Service; Public Service; Community Leadership; Journalism, Literature, and Creative Communication Arts; Peace and International Understanding; and Emergent Leadership. Except for Emergent Leadership, the Awards are no longer given in any predefined category.

Collectively, the Ramon Magsaysay Awardees' lives and work paint a portrait of remarkable change and achievement in areas as diverse as rural and urban development, poverty eradication, public health, the environment, governance, education, business and the economy, human rights, political reform, journalism, culture, and the arts. In the sixty-eight years of the Ramon Magsaysay Award's existence, Asia has made great progress, some nations more than others. Yet the region continues to grapple with problems of social injustice, lack of access to basic services, food insecurity, and economic inequality—as well as with newer problems that have come with economic progress itself.

In continuing to recognize individuals and organizations who address these issues with extraordinary vigor, integrity, creativity, and selflessness, the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation seeks to honor the legacy of President Ramon Magsaysay and to place living examples of transformative leadership and inspiring service before the public. From the Magsaysay Awardees, present and future generations may draw courage, inspiration, and hope.

ABOUT THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOR EMERGENT LEADERSHIP

At the turn of the new millennium, the Board of Trustees of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation has intensified its efforts to inspire more young people to emulate the ideals and achievements of the Ramon Magsaysay Awardees. The Foundation has also sought increasingly



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to work in synergy with other organizations that are involved in building up leaders committed to democracy and sustainable development in Asia.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award introduced a new category, Emergent Leadership, in the year 2000 to specifically honor individuals and organizations doing outstanding work on issues of social change in their community, but whose leadership may not yet be broadly recognized outside of this community.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership is an affirmation of the importance of the work that young leaders have voluntarily dedicated their energies to, and more importantly, the Award recognizes the great potential to accomplish even more through continued resilience, courage, and selfless leadership.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership is bestowed on individuals who are 40 years old and under, or on organizations 10 years old and below.

ABOUT THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOUNDATION

The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation is an international and wholly-independent organization created in 1957, the year the Philippines lost in a plane crash a President who was well-loved for his simplicity and humility, his passion for justice, particularly for the poor, and his advancement of human dignity. Among the many friends and admirers of the late President around the world were the Rockefeller brothers. With the concurrence of the Philippine government, the trustees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) established the Ramon Magsaysay Award to honor President Magsaysay's memory and perpetuate his example of integrity in public service and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society.

Supported by a generous endowment from the RBF, the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation was organized in Manila in May 1957. The Foundation has since implemented the Ramon



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Magsaysay Award program, pursuing the objective of “honoring greatness of spirit in selfless service to the peoples of Asia.”

The first Ramon Magsaysay Awards were given on 31 August 1958 to five outstanding individuals working in India, Indonesia, Philippines, China, and Sri Lanka, and a Philippine-based organization.

ABOUT THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Starting in 2009, the Ramon Magsaysay Transformative Leadership Institute (RMTLI) evolved to become a major program of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF). It aims to promote the transformative solutions of Magsaysay laureates towards making broader, more strategic interconnections among Asia’s leaders.

The Institute promotes and catalyzes connections and partnerships around these solutions to Asia’s pressing issues of human, environmental, and global development.

RMTLI presents an avenue for creative collaboration; a hub for sharing and connecting the solutions of Magsaysay Laureates across sectors and borders so that more lives can become full and productive.

ABOUT PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY

The life of Ramon del Fierro Magsaysay, the seventh President of the Philippines, stands as a testament to the power of ordinary people to harness greatness of spirit. Widely regarded as one of the most outstanding leaders of his time, he earned the admiration, respect, and affection of people not through privilege or power, but through his humility, integrity, and unwavering commitment to public service.



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President Magsaysay cared deeply for people as individuals, believing in their inherent dignity and worth. Guided by conviction and courage, he devoted himself to improving the lives of his fellow Filipinos. He believed that government could only endure and remain sound if it reflected the will of the people and upheld the highest standards of integrity.

A man of greatness of spirit, he saw every person as deserving of liberty, opportunity, and happiness. He was deeply troubled by injustice and the violation of fundamental principles, and he worked tirelessly to build a nation, and ultimately a world, where people could live in freedom, honor, and peace with one another.

The world is richer and better because Ramon Magsaysay lived. His spirit continues to inspire generations, exemplifying the highest ideals of leadership, service, and compassion.



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STATISTICAL DATA ON THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES (1958-2026)

Figure 1

Distribution by Country/Territory	
Country/Territory	No. of Awardees*
 Afghanistan	3
 Bhutan	1
 Bangladesh	14
 Cambodia	8
 China	18
 Hong Kong	6
 India	60
 Indonesia	30
 Japan	28
 Laos	4
 Malaysia	11
 Maldives	1
 Myanmar	8
 Nepal	5
 Pakistan	13
 Philippines	66
 Singapore	4
 South Korea	20
 Sri Lanka	10
 Taiwan	10
 Thailand	25
 Tibet	1
 Timor-Leste	3
 Vietnam	6
Southeast Asia	4
Total	359

Figure 2

Awardees	
Individuals	331
Organizations	28
Total	359

Figure 3

Distribution by Age*	
(When award was presented)	
Age Group	No. of Awardees
20-30	5
31-40	29
41-50	68
51-60	90
61-70	81
71-80	42
81-90	14
91-100	2
Total	331
*individuals only	



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Figure 4

Distribution by Sex*			
	Living	Deceased	Subtotal
Male	97	153	250
Female	49	32	81
Total	146	185	331

*individuals only

Figure 5

Distribution by Category	
Category	No. of Awardees*
Government Service (1958-2008)	50
Public Service (1958-2008)	57
Community Leadership (1958-2008)	58
Journalism, Literature, & Creative Communication Arts (1958-2008)	50
Peace and International Understanding (1958-2008)	46
Emergent Leadership (2000-Present)	21
2009 Awardees	5
2010 Awardees	7
2011 Awardees	5
2012 Awardees	5
2013 Awardees	5
2014 Awardees	5
2015 Awardees	4
2016 Awardees	5
2017 Awardees	6
2018 Awardees	6
2019 Awardees	4
2021 Awardees	4
2022 Awardees	3
2023 Awardees	3
2024 Awardees	4
2025 Awardees	3
2026 Awardees	3
Total	359

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ROSTER OF RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES

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Government Service

1958 Chiang Mon-lin ♦, *China*
 1959 Aguilar, Jose V. ♦, *Philippines*
 1959 Deshmukh, Chintaman D. ♦, *India*
 1961 Kodijat, Raden ♦, *Indonesia*
 1962 Aquino, Francisca R. ♦, *Philippines*
 1963 Khan, Akhter Hameed ♦, *Pakistan*
 1964 Miki, Yukiharu ♦, *Japan*
 1965 Puey Ungphakorn ♦, *Thailand*
 1966 Phon Sangsingkeo ♦, *Thailand*
 1967 Viphakone, Keo ♦, *Laos*
 1968 Li Kwoh-ting ♦, *Taiwan*
 1969 Hsu Shih-chu ♦, *Taiwan*
 1971 Ali Sadikin ♦, *Indonesia*
 1972 Goh Keng Swee ♦, *Singapore*
 1973 Sekhar, Tan Sri Balachandra C. ♦, *Malaysia*
 1974 Kuroki, Hiroshi ♦, *Japan*
 1975 Suffian, Tun Mohamed ♦, *Malaysia*
 1976 Tu, Elsie Elliott ♦, *Hong Kong*
 1977 Galstaun, Benjamin ♦, *Indonesia*
 1978 Shahrum, Dato' Yub, *Malaysia*
 1979 Wasito, Raden ♦, *Indonesia*
 1980 Muhammad Alias, Raja, *Malaysia*
 1981 Prawase Wasi ♦, *Thailand*
 1982 Alcaraz, Arturo P. ♦, *Philippines*
 1983 Su Nan-cheng ♦, *Taiwan*
 1984 Wu Ta-you ♦, *Taiwan*
 1985 Noordin, Tan Sri Ahmad ♦, *Malaysia*
 1986 Mboi, Aloysius Benedictus ♦, *Indonesia*
 1986 Mboi, Nafsiah Walinono, *Indonesia*
 1987 Hanafiah, Dato' Haji ♦, *Malaysia*
 1988 Santiago, Miriam D. ♦, *Philippines*
 1989 Zakiah Hanum, Dato' ♦, *Malaysia*
 1991 Bengzon, Alfredo R. A. ♦, *Philippines*
 1992 Chamlong Srimuang, *Thailand*
 1993 Xuan, Vo Tong ♦, *Vietnam*
 1994 Bedi, Kiran Peshawaria, *India*
 1995 Hiramatsu, Morihiko ♦, *Japan*
 1996 Seshan, Tirunellai N. ♦, *India*
 1997 Anand Panyarachun, *Thailand*
 1998 Rizvi, Syed Adibul Hasan, *Pakistan*
 1999 Siddiqui, Tasneem Ahmad ♦, *Pakistan*
 2000 Robredo, Jesse M. ♦, *Philippines*
 2001 Yuan Longping ♦, *China*
 2002 Davide, Hilario G., Jr., *Philippines*
 2003 Lyngdoh, James Michael, *India*
 2004 Yorac, Haydee B. ♦, *Philippines*
 2005 Jon Ungphakorn ♦, *Thailand*
 2006 Ek Sonn Chan, *Cambodia*
 2007 Salonga, Jovito R. ♦, *Philippines*
 2008 Padaca, Grace, *Philippines*

Public Service

1958 Rutnam, Mary H. ♦, *Sri Lanka*
 1959 Luce, Tee Tee ♦, *Myanmar*
 1959 Vilallonga, Joaquin ♦, *Philippines*
 1960 Holland, Sir Henry ♦, *Pakistan*
 1960 Holland, Ronald ♦, *Pakistan*
 1961 Nilawan Pintong ♦, *Thailand*
 1962 Kadoorie, Horace ♦, *Hong Kong*
 1962 Kadoorie, Sir Lawrence ♦, *Hong Kong*
 1963 Kim, Helen ♦, *South Korea*
 1964 Hoa, Augustine Nguyen Lac ♦, *Vietnam*
 1965 Narayan, Jayaprakash ♦, *India*
 1966 Kim Yong-ki ♦, *South Korea*
 1967 Sithiporn Kridakara ♦, *Thailand*
 1968 Tobata, Seiichi ♦, *Japan*
 1969 Kim Hyung-seo ♦, *South Korea*
 1971 Orata, Pedro T. ♦, *Philippines*
 1972 Guidote-Alvarez, Cecile R., *Philippines*
 1972 Kabayao, Gilopez ♦, *Philippines*
 1973 Fortich, Antonio Y. ♦, *Philippines*
 1973 Gaston, Benjamin C. ♦, *Philippines*
 1974 Subbulakshmi, M. S. ♦, *India*
 1975 Chamroon Parnchand, Phra ♦, *Thailand*
 1976 Fernandez, Hermenegild J. ♦, *Sri Lanka*
 1977 Del Mundo, Fe V. ♦, *Philippines*
 1978 Prateep Ungsongtham-Hata, *Thailand*
 1979 Chang Kee-ryo ♦, *South Korea*
 1980 Ohm Dae-sup ♦, *South Korea*
 1981 Nasution, Johanna S. ♦, *Indonesia*
 1982 Desai, Manibhai B. ♦, *India*
 1983 Fua Hariphitak ♦, *Thailand*
 1984 Thongbai Thongpao ♦, *Thailand*
 1985 Amte, Murlidhar Devidas ♦, *India*
 1986 Edhi, Abdul Sattar ♦, *Pakistan*
 1986 Edhi, Bilqis Bano ♦, *Pakistan*
 1987 Jassin, Hans Bague ♦, *Indonesia*
 1988 Fukuoka, Masanobu ♦, *Japan*
 1989 Jain, Lakshmi Chand ♦, *India*
 1991 Sirindhorn, Princess Maha Chakri, *Thailand*
 1992 Alcalá, Angel C. ♦, *Philippines*
 1993 Coyaji, Banoo Jehangir ♦, *India*
 1994 Mechai Viravaidya, *Thailand*
 1995 Jahangir, Asma ♦, *Pakistan*
 1996 Oh, John Woong-jin, *South Korea*
 1997 Mehta, Mahesh Chander, *India*
 1998 Sophon Suphapong, *Thailand*
 1999 Rosal, Rosa ♦, *Philippines*
 2000 Liang Congjie ♦, *China*
 2001 Wu Qing, *China*
 2002 Pfau, Ruth ♦, *Pakistan*
 2003 Gao Yaojie ♦, *China*
 2004 Jiang Yanyong ♦, *China*
 2005 Shanta, V. ♦, *India*
 2005 Teten Masduki, *Indonesia*
 2006 Park Won-soon ♦, *South Korea*
 2007 Kim Sun-tae, *South Korea*
 2008 Center for Agriculture & Rural Dev't Mutually
 Reinforcing Institution, *Philippines*
 2008 Therdchai Jivacate, *Thailand*

Community Leadership

1958 Bhawe, Vinoba ♦, *India*
 1959 Dalai Lama, *Tibet*
 1960 Abdul Rahman, Tunku ♦, *Malaysia*
 1961 Borgeest, Gus ♦, *Hong Kong*
 1962 Narayanan, Palayil P. ♦, *Malaysia*
 1962 Poeradiredja, Harley K. ♦, *Indonesia*
 1963 Khurody, Dara N. ♦, *India*
 1963 Kurien, Verghese ♦, *India*
 1963 Patel, Tribhuvandas K. ♦, *India*
 1964 Tapia, Pablo T. ♦, *Philippines*
 1965 Lim Kim San ♦, *Singapore*
 1966 Chattopadhyay, Kamaladevi ♦, *India*
 1967 Abdul Razak, Tun ♦, *Malaysia*
 1968 Encarnacion, Rosario ♦, *Philippines*
 1968 Encarnacion, Silvino L. ♦, *Philippines*
 1969 Ariyaratne, Ahangamage T. ♦, *Sri Lanka*
 1971 Swaminathan, Moncompu S. ♦, *India*
 1972 Westenberg, Hans ♦, *Indonesia*
 1973 Krasae Chanawongse, *Thailand*
 1974 Ichikawa, Fusaye ♦, *Japan*
 1975 Lee Tai-young ♦, *South Korea*
 1976 Wakatsuki, Toshikazu ♦, *Japan*
 1977 Bhatt, Ela Ramesh ♦, *India*
 1978 Abdullah, Tahrnunessa A., *Bangladesh*
 1979 Arole, Mabelle R. ♦, *India*
 1979 Arole, Rajanikant S. ♦, *India*
 1980 Abed, Fazle Hasan ♦, *Bangladesh*
 1981 Sethi, Pramod Karan ♦, *India*
 1982 Bhatt, Chandi Prasad, *India*
 1983 Soedjarwo, Anton, *Indonesia*
 1984 Yunus, Muhammad, *Bangladesh*
 1985 Chowdhury, Zafrullah ♦, *Bangladesh*
 1986 Daly, John Vincent ♦, *South Korea*
 1986 Jei, Paul Jeong-gu ♦, *South Korea*
 1987 Aree Valyasevi, *Thailand*
 1988 Yeasin, Mohammad ♦, *Bangladesh*
 1989 Kim Im-soon, *South Korea*
 1991 Cheng-yen, Shih, *Taiwan*
 1992 Khan, Shoaib Sultan, *Pakistan*
 1993 Abdurrahman Wahid ♦, *Indonesia*
 1994 Fei Xiaotong ♦, *China*
 1994 Samar, Sima, *Afghanistan*
 1995 Ho Ming-teh ♦, *Taiwan*
 1996 Athavale, Pandurang S. ♦, *India*
 1997 Maamo, Eva Fidela C. ♦, *Philippines*
 1998 Nuon Phaly ♦, *Cambodia*
 1999 Gomes, Angela, *Bangladesh*
 2000 Roy, Aruna, *India*
 2001 Singh, Rajendra, *India*
 2002 Maung, Cynthia, *Myanmar*
 2003 Sinha, Shantha, *India*
 2004 Prayong Ronnarong, *Thailand*
 2005 Somphone, Sombath, *Laos*
 2006 Gawad Kalinga Community Development
 Foundation, *Philippines*
 2006 Meloto, Antonio P., *Philippines*
 2007 Pun, Mahabir, *Nepal*
 2008 Amte, Mandakini, *India*
 2008 Amte, Prakash, *India*

♦ Deceased

Note: Country or territory of work



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Journalism, Literature, and Creative Communication Arts

1958 Dick, Robert McCulloch ♦, *Philippines*
1958 Lubis, Mochtar ♦, *Indonesia*
1959 Law Yone, Edward ♦, *Myanmar*
1959 Vittachi, Tarzie ♦, *Sri Lanka*
1961 Chowdhury, Amitabha ♦, *India*
1962 Chang Chun-ha ♦, *South Korea*
1964 Sung, Kayser W. ♦, *Hong Kong*
1964 Wilson, Richard G., *Hong Kong*
1966 Kurosawa, Akira ♦, *Japan*
1967 Ray, Satyajit ♦, *India*
1968 Ton That Thien ♦, *Vietnam*
1969 Nishimoto, Mitoji ♦, *Japan*
1971 Prayoon Chanyavongs ♦, *Thailand*
1972 Hanamori, Yasuji ♦, *Japan*
1973 Ishimure, Michiko ♦, *Japan*
1974 Sarian, Zacarias B. ♦, *Philippines*
1975 Verghese, B. George ♦, *India*
1976 Mitra, Sombhu ♦, *India*
1977 Regmi, Mahesh Chandra ♦, *India*
1978 Yoon Suk-joong ♦, *South Korea*
1979 Manjusri, L. T. P. ♦, *Sri Lanka*
1980 Jose, Francisco Sionil ♦, *Philippines*
1981 Ghosh, Gour Kishore ♦, *India*
1982 Shourie, Arun, *India*
1983 Jayakody, Marcelline ♦, *Sri Lanka*
1984 Laxman, Rasipuram K. ♦, *India*
1985 Brocka, Lino ♦, *Philippines*
1986 Radio Veritas, *Philippines*
1987 Ying, Diane (Y. P.), *Taiwan*
1988 Sarachchandra, V. E. ♦, *Sri Lanka*
1989 Reuter, James B. ♦, *Philippines*
1991 Subbanna, K. V. ♦, *India*
1992 Shankar, Ravi ♦, *India*
1993 Lumbea, Bienvenido M. ♦, *Philippines*
1994 Samad Ismail, Abdul ♦, *Malaysia*
1995 Pramodya Ananta Toer ♦, *Indonesia*
1996 Joaquin, Nick ♦, *Philippines*
1997 Devi, Mahasweta ♦, *India*
1998 Ying Ruocheng ♦, *China*
1999 Lin Hwai-min, *Taiwan*
1999 Locsin, Raul L. ♦, *Philippines*
2000 Atmakusumah Astraatmadja ♦, *Indonesia*
2001 Amaradeva, W. D. ♦, *Sri Lanka*
2002 Koirala, Bharat, *Nepal*
2003 Colonel, Sheila S., *Philippines*
2004 Sayeed, Abdullah Abu, *Bangladesh*
2005 Rahman, Matiur, *Bangladesh*
2006 Apostol, Eugenia D., *Philippines*
2007 Sainath, Palagummi, *India*
2008 Ishii, Akio ♦, *Japan*

Peace and International Understanding

1958 Operation Brotherhood ♦, *Philippines*
1960 Yen, Y. C. James ♦, *Taiwan*
1961 Caulfield, Genevieve ♦, *Vietnam*
1962 Teresa, Mother ♦, *India*
1963 United States Peace Corps in Asia, *Southeast Asia*
1964 Fisher, Welthy Honsinger ♦, *India*
1965 Bayanihan Folk Arts Center, *Philippines*
1966 Committee for Coordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin (Mekong Committee), *Cambodia*
1967 Nasu, Shiroshi ♦, *Japan*
1968 Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere (CARE), *Southeast Asia*
1969 International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), *Philippines*
1971 Okita, Saburo ♦, *Japan*
1973 Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), *Southeast Asia*
1974 Masterson, William F. ♦, *Philippines*
1975 McGlinchey, Patrick James ♦, *South Korea*
1976 Holck-Larsen, Henning ♦, *India*
1977 College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), *Philippines*
1978 Soedjatmoko ♦, *Indonesia*
1979 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), *Indonesia*
1980 Matsumoto, Shigeharu ♦, *Japan*
1981 Kang, Augustine Jung-ryul ♦, *South Korea*
1983 Schwartz, Aloysius ♦, *South Korea*
1984 Kawakita, Jiro ♦, *Japan*
1985 Watson, Harold Ray, *Philippines*
1986 International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), *Philippines*
1987 Timm, Richard William ♦, *Bangladesh*
1988 Royal Project, *Thailand*
1989 Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), *Thailand*
1991 Press Foundation of Asia (PFA), *Philippines*
1992 SyCip, Washington Z. ♦, *Philippines*
1993 Iwamura, Noboru ♦, *Japan*
1994 Anzorena, Eduardo Jorge ♦, *Japan*
1995 Asian Institute of Management (AIM), *Philippines*
1996 Takami, Toshihiro ♦, *Japan*
1997 Ogata, Sadako ♦, *Japan*
1998 Aquino, Corazon C. ♦, *Philippines*
2000 Arputham, Jockin ♦, *India*
2001 Hirayama, Ikuo ♦, *Japan*
2002 Sunim, Pomnyun, *South Korea*
2003 Nakamura, Tetsu ♦, *Japan*
2003 Toyama, Seiei ♦, *Japan*
2004 Ramdas, Laxminarayan, *India*
2004 Rehman, Ibn Abdur ♦, *Pakistan*
2006 Ruit, Sanduk, *Nepal*
2007 Tang Xiyang, *China*
2008 Ahmad Syafii Maarif ♦, *Indonesia*

♦ Deceased
● Defunct



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Emergent Leadership

2001 Dita Indah Sari, *Indonesia*
2001 Oung Chanthol, *Cambodia*
2002 Pandey, Sandeep, *India*
2003 Lopes, Aniceto Guterres, *Timor-Leste*
2004 Abadiano, Benjamin, *Philippines*
2005 Yoon Hye-ran, *South Korea*
2006 Kejriwal, Arvind, *India*
2007 Chen Guangcheng, *China*
2007 Chung To, *China*
2008 Galappatti, Ananda, *Sri Lanka*
2009 Ka Hsaw Wa, *Myanmar*
2011 Mishra, Nileema, *India*
2012 Ruwindrijarto, Ambrosius, *Indonesia*
2014 Halasan, Randy, *Philippines*
2015 Chaturvedi, Sanjiv, *India*
2016 Krishna, Thodur Madabusi, *India*
2019 Ko Swe Win, *Myanmar*
2021 Watchdoc, *Indonesia*
2022 Benchehib, Gary, *Indonesia*
2023 Rakshand, Korvi, *Bangladesh*
2024 Farhan, Farwiza, *Indonesia*

2009 Magsaysay Awardees

Joshi, Deep, *India*
Krisana Kraintu, *Thailand*
Oposa, Antonio A. Jr., *Philippines*
Ma Jun, *China*
Yu Xiaogang, *China*

2010 Magsaysay Awardees

Akiba, Tadatoshi, *Japan*
Bernido, Christopher, *Philippines*
Bernido, Ma. Victoria, ♠, *Philippines*
Fu Qiping, *China*
Huo Daishan, *China*
Khan, AHM Noman, *Bangladesh*
Pan Yue, *China*

2011 Magsaysay Awardees

Alternative Indigenous Development
Foundation, Inc. (AIDFI), *Philippines*
Hande, Harish, *India*
Hasanain Juaini, *Indonesia*
Koul Panha, *Cambodia*
Tri Mumpuni, *Indonesia*

2012 Magsaysay Awardees

Chen Shu-Jiu, *Taiwan*
Davide, Romulo, *Philippines*
Francis, Kulandei, *India*
Hasan, Syeda Rizwana, *Bangladesh*
Koma, Yang Saing, *Cambodia*

2013 Magsaysay Awardees

Domingo, Ernesto, *Philippines*
Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi, *Indonesia*
Lahpai Seng Raw, *Myanmar*
Sarabi, Habiba, *Afghanistan*
Shakti Samuha, *Nepal*

2014 Magsaysay Awardees

Hu Shuli, *China*
Manurung, Saur Marlina, *Indonesia*
Masoudi, Omara Khan, *Afghanistan*
The Citizens Foundation, *Pakistan*
Wang Canfa, *China*

2015 Magsaysay Awardees

Amilbansa, Ligaya Fernando, *Philippines*
Chanthavong, Kommaly, *Laos*
Gupta, Anshu, *India*
Kyaw Thu, *Myanmar*

2016 Magsaysay Awardees

Morales, Conchita Carpio, *Philippines*
Dompot Dhuafa, *Indonesia*
Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, *Japan*
Vientiane Rescue, *Laos*
Wilson, Bezwada, *India*

2017 Magsaysay Awardees

Ishizawa, Yoshiaki, *Japan*
De Lima, Lilia, *Philippines*
Nababan, Abdon, *Indonesia*
Philippine Educational Theater Association, *Philippines*
Shanmugam, Gethsie, *Sri Lanka*
Tay, Tony, *Singapore*

2018 Magsaysay Awardees

Chhang, Youk, *Cambodia*
Cruz, Maria de Lourdes Martins, *Timor-Leste*
Dee, Howard ♠, *Philippines*
Vatwani, Bharat, *India*
Yen, Vo Thi Hoang, *Vietnam*
Wangchuk, Sonam, *India*

2019 Magsaysay Awardees

Kim Jong-ki, *South Korea*
Kumar, Ravish, *India*
Neelapaijit, Angkhana, *Thailand*
Cayabyab, Raymundo Pujante, *Philippines*

2021 Magsaysay Awardees

Ballon, Roberto, *Philippines*
Muncy, Steven, *Southeast Asia*
Qadri, Firdausi, *Bangladesh*
Saqib, Muhammad Amjad, *Pakistan*

2022 Magsaysay Awardees

Chhim, Sotheara, *Cambodia*
Madrid, Bernadette J., *Philippines*
Tadashi Hattori, *Japan*

2023 Magsaysay Awardees

Ferrer, Miriam Coronel, *Philippines*
R., Ravi Kannan, *India*
Lemos, Eugenio, *Timor-Leste*

2024 Magsaysay Awardees

Miyazaki Hayao, *Japan*
Phuntsho, Karma, *Bhutan*
Phuong, Nguyen Thi Ngoc, *Vietnam*
Rural Doctors Movement, *Thailand*

2025 Magsaysay Awardees

Ali, Shaahina, *Maldives*
Foundation to Educate Girls Globally, *India*
Villanueva, Flaviano Antonio L., *Philippines*

2026 Magsaysay Awardees

Khan, Runa, *Bangladesh*
Koh, Tommy, *Singapore*
Kyi, Bo, *Myanmar*

♠ Deceased



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10-11 The Sustained Will to Give with 2017 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee TONY TAY Venue: Ramon Magsaysay Center, Manila, Philippines	7-8 Magsaysay Laureate Reunion in Tokyo, Japan hosted by Philippine Embassy in Tokyo	10-16 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards Festival Week
14 Magsaysay Golf Cup Venue: Ayala Greenfield Golf, Calamba, Laguna, Philippines	19 Public Lecture of 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee TOMMY KOH Venue: Singapore	11 Public Lectures of the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees BO KYI and RUNA KHAN Venue: Ayala Museum, Makati, Philippines
22-25 Lancet ASEAN Commission Venue: Ramon Magsaysay Center, Manila, Philippines	24 ASEAN Documentary Film Premiere Venue: Film Development Council of the Philippines Cinematheque, Manila, Philippines	15 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards Presentation Ceremonies Venue: Metropolitan Theater, Manila, Philippines



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