

**BIOGRAPHIES OF PARTICIPANTS**  
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CHAIR

**Mr. Tunku Abdul Aziz Ibrahim** who is Vice-Chairman of Transparency International has held senior management positions in large private and public sector organizations in Malaysia, Hong Kong, and the UK.

Tunku Aziz currently devotes the whole of his time to Transparency International on a voluntary basis and has written and spoken widely on corruption and integrity issues both domestically and internationally. He is a member of the World Bank High Level Advisory Group on Anti-Corruption in the East Asia and Pacific Region, and a member of the Advisory Board of Global Public Policy Networks, a project of "Visioning the UN," an initiative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the United Nations Foundation. He is a member of the Board of the International Institute of Public Ethics.

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**Mr. Ivan Doherty** joined the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) in September 1997 as director of political party programs and is the Institute's principal in-house expert on political party development. Mr. Doherty has an extensive background in political party development and international relations, having worked for more than 15 years with Ireland's Fine Gael Party. After starting out as a local campaign organizer for the Fine Gael Party, Mr. Doherty held a number of senior positions, including assistant national director of organization, deputy general secretary and general secretary (1990-1994). He was appointed government program manager upon the party's entry into government in 1994. Mr. Doherty's extensive international relations experience includes: serving as senior advisor to the European People's Party parliamentary grouping in the European Parliament; participating in NDI programs in more than 25 countries; and conducting Irish trade promotion missions around the globe.

PRESENTERS

**Dr. Gothom Arya** is the Registrar at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Bangkok. Dr. Arya recently left his position as Election Commissioner at the newly established Election Commission of Thailand where he oversaw the 2000 Senate and 2001 House elections and was responsible for implementing the new Organic Law on Elections. Prior to joining the Election Commission, Dr. Arya was the Secretary General of Pollwatch Foundation, an election monitoring organization. He was also previously the Director of the Institute for Rural Development at Chulalongkorn University and Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering at Chulalongkorn University. Dr. Arya is actively involved in several civic organizations and serves as Chair of the Foundation for Child Development, Chair of Forum-Asia Foundation, and Secretary of the 14 October Foundation. Dr. Arya received his Docteur Ingenieur at Paris

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**Dr. Randhir B. Jain** is a former Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, and Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science at the University of Delhi in India. In addition, he has served as a visiting Fullbright Professor at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, a Commonwealth Visiting Professor at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, and a DAD Fellow at the University of Konstanz in Germany. Presently, he is the Chair of the International Political Science Association's Research Committee Four on Public Bureaucracies in Developing Societies, and is a consultant to many private, governmental, and international agencies, including the Government of India's National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution. He is the author/editor of more than 25 books and 150 articles/papers. He is an alumnus of the London School of Economics and Politics and Columbia University in New York.

**Mr. Uwe Johann** is the East and Southeast Asia Regional Director of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Thailand and has been with the Foundation for 30 years. He had been the Director of the Institute of Politics and International Cooperation in the Foundation's head office in Germany, coordinating and controlling all FNF activities worldwide. He also served as a member of the German Federal Commission for Foreign, European and Development Policy of the Free Democratic Party (FDP). He studied Law, Economics and Political Science. He graduated with an MA in Economics.

## CAMBODIA

**Mr. Son Chhay** is a Member of Parliament representing the Sam Rainsy Party and has served as a member of the Permanent Committee and as Chair of the Committee for Public Works, Transport, Telecommunications, Post, Industry, Mining, Energy, and Trade of the National Assembly. Mr. Chhay participated in the drafting of several laws, including the National Anti-Corruption Board legislation, Declaration of Assets legislation, and the Council of the Throne. He was recently appointed Coordinator of SEAPAC (Southeast Asia Parliamentarians Against Corruption) at the World Movement for Democracy Conference in Brazil. Mr. Chhay received his Bachelor's Degree in Mathematical Science and Diploma in Education in Australia.

**Mr. Khau Menghean** is currently a Secretary of State in the Ministry of Interior of the Cambodian government and Chief of the Executive Commission of General Administration for FUNCINPEC Party. Mr. Menghean has been involved in the FUNCINPEC movement since 1981 in France. He has also served as Deputy Governor of Phnom Penh and Deputy Head of Administration of the Commercial Bank of Kampuchea. Mr. Menghean also worked in the Bank of Credit Agricole in France and the Immigration Department in Australia. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Law and Political Science from the Cambodia Faculty of Law.

**Mr. Yos Son** is a Member of the Central Committee of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) and is Chair of the Commission for External Relations. Mr. Son was elected a Member of Parliament in 1998. In 1990, he was nominated as Minister of Education and served in this post for two years. Prior to joining politics, Mr. Son was a secondary school teacher.

## INDONESIA

**Mr. Pramono Anung Wibowo** is a Member of Parliament and is the Deputy Secretary General of the Indonesian Democracy Party of Struggle (PDI-P). He completed his Bachelor's Degree at Bandung Technology Institute and his Master's Degree at Gadjah Mada University at Yogyakarta, Indonesia, focusing on Mining Engineering and Business, respectively.

**Mr. Husnan Bey Fananie** is a Secretary of the Board of Experts in the United Development Party (PPP). He manages PPP's activities related to promoting the party's values, philosophies, and principles. At present, he is one of the Personal Assistants of the Vice President of Indonesia, Dr. H. Hamzah Haz. Before joining the party, Mr. Fananie was completing his Master's Degree at Rijksuniversiteit Leiden (Leiden University) in the Netherlands in Sociology, Anthropology, and ASEAN and Indonesian studies.

**Mr. Luthfi Hasan Ishaq** is one of the founders of the Justice Party and is a member of the Justice Party's Majelis Syuro (Consultative Board). He manages Treasury and Finance for the Central Board of the Party and is Supervisor of national budgeting of the party. Before joining the Party, Mr. Ishaq was completing his Master's Degree at Punjab University in Lahore, Pakistan in Islamic Studies.

**Mr. Alvin Lie** is a Member of Parliament from the Partai Amanat Nasional (PAN) or the National Mandate Party. He serves as one of the Deputy Chairs of the Reform Faction and is a member of Commission Five, which oversees Trade and Industry, Cooperatives, SME's, and State-Owned Enterprises. Mr. Lie is also the Deputy Secretary General of PAN. He is a graduate of the Chartered Institute of Marketing in the United Kingdom and Strathclyde University in the United Kingdom.

**Mr. Lawrence TP. Siburian** is a member of the Department of Law and Legislation and the Central Board of the Golkar Party, and is the Chair of the Central Board of Legal Aid and Services for Golkar Party until 2003. Mr. Siburian was a member of the Peoples Assembly of Republic of Indonesia, 1997 – 2002, and was the Personal Assistant to the Minister of Justice of Republic of Indonesia, 1993 – 1998. He is a lawyer by profession.

## MALAYSIA

**Dr. Syed Azman Syed Ahmad** is a Member of Parliament from Kuala Terengganu representing the Islamic Party of Malaysia (PAS). He handles the international affairs of the party and is very active in participating in many regional and international programs. Before selected as a MP, he was a lecturer at Malaya University. Dr. Ahmad completed his PhD at Birmingham University in the Department of Political Education in the United States.

**Mr. Khalid Jaafar** is currently Executive Director of the Institute for Policy Research (IKD) in Kuala Lumpur. Mr. Khalid is also a member of the Supreme Council of the National Justice Party (Keadilan) and editor of its newspaper. From 1988 to 1998, Mr. Jaafar served as press secretary to Anwar Ibrahim in his capacities as Minister of Education, Minister of Finance, and later Deputy Prime Minister. Mr. Jaafar earned his degree in mass communication from Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) and worked as journalist for eight years.

**Dr. Vijayaratnam S. Seevaratnam** is Vice President of Gerakan Party and Chair of the party's International Affairs Bureau. He is a Doctor of Medicine and runs a family practice in Malaysia.

Dr. Seevaratnam is a member of the National Economic Consultative Council, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Health in London, and an Honorary Fellow of the Indian College of General Practitioners in New Delhi.

**Teresa Kok Suh Sim** is a Member of Parliament in Malaysia. She is also the International Secretary of the Democratic Action Party (DAP) and an elected member of the party's Central Executive Committee. Previously, she worked as political secretary to Mr. Lim Kit Siang, the former Opposition Leader in the Malaysian Parliament from 1990 to 1995. Ms. Sim also served as the coordinator for ASEAN with the International Political Leaders Network Promoting Democracy in Burma (PD Burma) for two years. She graduated from the School of Communication at the University of Science Malaysia (USM), and she received her Master's of Philosophy in political science in University of Malaya (UM).

**Dr. Shamsul Anwar Sulaiman** is an Executive Committee member of the United Malay National Organization (UMNO) Youth and Chair of UMNO Youth's International Affairs Bureau. An Obstetrician and Gynecologist, Dr. Sulaiman runs a family clinic and is a member of the Malaysia Medical Council and Malaysia Medical Association. Dr. Sulaiman has also participated in several international missions and was involved in the establishment of Emergency Medical Mission Teams For Kosova and Afghanistan in partnership with UNHCR, UNESCO, WHO and the World Food Program. Dr. Sulaiman received his B.Med Science and his Medical Degree at the University of Leuven in Belgium.

## NEPAL

**Mr. Hari Bahadur Basnet** is a Central Committee member and Head of the International Relations Department of the Rastriya Prajantanta Party (National Democratic Party). Mr. Basnet entered politics in 1970 and was elected to the Rastriya Panchayat (National Parliament) three times. He has also held several Cabinet ranking ministerial portfolios. Mr. Basnet received a M.Sc. in Engineering.

**Mr. Arjun Narasingha KC** is the Central Committee member and Spokesperson of the Nepali Congress Party (NC). Mr. KC was elected as a member of parliament twice in the 1991 and 1994 parliamentary elections. He also was Minister for Health and Education from 1995 to 1999. He was the party's Chief of the International Wing before he was appointed the party Spokesperson in 2001. He earned his Master's Degree in Political Science and also taught political science at Tribhuvan University in Nepal before joining politics.

**Mr. Jhala Nath Khanal** is a Central Committee member of the Communist Party of Nepal – United Marxist-Leninists (CPN-UML). He manages the Foreign Relations wing of the party and was formerly the General Secretary of the party. He was one of the Ministers during the interim government of 1990, immediately after the restoration of democracy in the country. Mr. Khanal also became the Information and Communications Minister in 1997. Mr. Khanal completed his studies in Political Science and History at Tribhuvan University in Nepal.

**Mr. Yaggyajeet Shah** is a Member of Parliament representing the Nepal Sadbhawana Party, the forth-largest party in parliament. It is his first term in parliament. Mr. Shah is in the State Affairs Committee, the committee responsible for the anti-corruption Constitutional watchdog bodies, such as the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA) and the Election

Commission General Administration. He is a graduate from Tribhuvan University in Nepal.

**Mr. Hiranya Lal Shrestha** is a Central Committee member of the Communist Party of Nepal -- Marxist-Leninists (CPN-ML) and oversees the Foreign Relations and Communications wing of the party. He was elected a Member of Parliament twice in the 1991 and 1994 parliamentary elections representing the then CPN-UML Party. Mr. Shrestha completed his Master's Degree in Political Science and taught at the Tribhuvan University in Nepal.

## THE PHILIPPINES

**Dr. Juan Romeo Nereus O. Acosta** is an elected Representative from the 1<sup>st</sup> District of Bukidnon and Vice-President for Mindanao of the Liberal Party of the Philippines. Congressman Acosta is the principal author of the Clean Air Act of 1999, which earned him the distinction of being the only freshman in the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress with a landmark national law to his name. He also has been actively involved as an academic, non-governmental worker, media practitioner, and youth leader. He obtained a PhD in Government and Political Science as an East-West Center doctorate scholar at the University of Hawaii, the United States, following a Master's Degree in International Relations and Political Studies from Indiana University in the United States, and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of the Philippines. A year after he finished his doctorate degree, he was recognized as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons in Asia and the Pacific by the Osaka Junior Chamber, Inc.

**Mr. Danilo M. Coronacion** is the Administrator of the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) and is the Deputy for International Affairs of the Lakas-NUCD-UMDP-KAMPI Party and Vice Chair of the party's Political Institute. He is also the Secretary General of the Filipino Christian-Muslim Democratic Movement, Executive Director of the Asian Political Parties Foundation, Inc., and the Executive Director of the Global Foundation for Christian-Muslim Partnership. Before assuming these posts, Mr. Coronacion held various positions both in government service and non-governmental organizations, such as Deputy Administrator of Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (1996-1998), Senior Special Assistant to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs (1987-1992), Executive Director of the KAS-CREDO Rural Development Project, Vietnam (1988-2000), the National Sectoral Commission of Lakas-NUCD-UMDP (1994-1996), and the Center for Christian-Muslim Democracy (1992-1994). Mr. Coronacion has also been a Member of the Philippine Constitutional Association and the Forum of Democracy Leaders in Asia-Pacific, a Konrad Adenauer Foundation Fellow, a Foreign Policy International Fellow of the University of Maryland, and a Fellow of the Asia Foundation. Mr. Coronacion obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy/Behavioral Science at Ateneo de Manila University, where he also finished his Master's Degree in Business Administration. He has taken Special Studies in *Development Management* and *Public and International Affairs* at the Asian Institute of Management and the University of Maryland in the United States, respectively.

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## SOUTH KOREA

**Dr. Jung-Hyun Joh** of the Grand National Party is the Director General of the Vocational Affairs Bureau and a Member of the Advisory Council on Democratic Peaceful Unification of Korea. He received his Ph. D in Political Science.

**Dr. Sangwoo Kim** is Ambassador for International and Strategic Affairs and Adjunct Professor of International Relations at Kyunghee University in Seoul, Korea. For the last 10 years, Dr. Kim has been a close aid-de-camp to President Kim Dae-Jung on foreign policy, holding various key positions in the National Congress for New Politics, Millennium Democratic Party (MDP), Forum of Democratic Leaders in the Asia-Pacific, and Kim Dae-Jung Peace Foundation. He also was a Member of the National Assembly representing the MDP, where he served on the Standing Committee on Unifications, Foreign Affairs, and Trade as its Vice-Chair. He received his PhD in History from Queens' College, University of Cambridge. Since 1998, he has been a Co-Chair for PD Burma (International Network of Political Leaders Promoting Democracy in Burma) based in Oslo, Norway.

## TAIWAN

**Dr. Yu-ming Shaw** is Chair of the Board and CEO of the *Central Daily News* and has been an adjunct professor in the Department of Diplomacy at the National Chengchi University since 1983. Dr. Shaw served as the Deputy General Secretary in the Central Committee of the Nationalist Party of China (Kuomintang) from 1999 to 2001, and he was Advisor to the Executive Branch in the government of Taiwan from 1998 to 2000. He also held the position of Director-General of the Government Information Office for the Executive Branch from 1987 to 1991. Dr. Shaw has served as a director and fellow at several academic institutes in Taiwan and the United States, and is the author of 19 books, including: *An American Missionary in China: John Leighton Stuart and Chinese-American Relations*; *Beyond the Economic Miracle: Reflections on the Development Experience of the Republic of China on Taiwan*; and *Hong Kong: A Chinese and International Concern*. Dr. Shaw also serves as Director of the Board of Directors for the Chinese Association of Political Science, the Chinese Association of International Law, and the Chinese Association of American Studies. Dr. Shaw completed his PhD in History at the University of Chicago and his Master's Degree in International Relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in the United States.

**Mr. Wilson H. Tien** is the Director of International Affairs for the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), a position he has held since 2000. Mr. Tien has also served as Deputy Manager of the New Tides (Faction) Office of the DPP and as Executive Director of the DPP Taipei City Chapter. An engineer by training, Mr. Tien worked as a consultant for the Institute of Information Industry, a Senior Software Engineer for Motorola, and a System Engineer for Delco Electronics. Mr. Tien was an Executive Member of the Taiwan Association for Human Rights and the Secretary General of Mainlanders for Taiwan Independence Association. He received his Master's Degree in Computer Science from Indiana University in the United States.

## THAILAND

**Dr. Parnpree Bahiddha-Nukara** is the Deputy Secretary General and a Member of the Executive Committee of the Chart Pattana Party. He is on the Sub-Committee that drafted legislation on Small and Medium Enterprises Development Bank and is a member of the Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Committee. Dr. Bahiddha-Nukara was previously the Advisor to the Minister of Industry and Advisor to the Prime Minister on Economics and Foreign Affairs. He was also the Director of the General Environmental Conservation Public Co., Ltd and Chair of Preechakorn Co., Ltd. Dr. Bahiddha-Nukara earned his Bachelor's Degree in Law from Chulalongkorn University, his Master's Degree in Public Administration at the University of Southern California, and his PhD in Government at Claremont Graduate School in the United States.

**Mr. Nikorn Chammong** is the Director of the Chart Thai Party. Previously he served as an advisor to Prime Minister Banharn Silpa-archa from 1995 to 1996 and as advisor to the leader of the Opposition from 1994 to 1995. Mr. Chammong was a Member of Parliament from Songkhla province from 1988 to 1993. He has been a member of the Taksin University Council since 1996 and on the Promotional Committee of the Prince of Songkhla University since 1996. Mr. Chammong received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Chiang Mai University and his Masters of Art in Teaching from Tarleton State University in Texas, the United States.

**Dr. Prakob Chirakiti** is the Director of the Democrat Party. He has also been a Member of Parliament, Chair of the Standing Committee on House Affairs, Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Public Health, and Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Finance. An engineer by training, Dr. Chirakiti is Director of the United Communication Industries in Thailand and was Director of Silom Building and Services. He was also an Associate Professor at the National Institute of Development Administration in Thailand and a Lecturer at the University of Missouri in the United States. Dr. Chirakiti earned his M.SC in Engineering Management and Industrial Engineering and his PhD from the University of Missouri in the United States.

**Dr. Kudeb Saikrachang** has been a Member of Parliament representing the New Aspiration Party (NAP) since 1992. He has been Spokesperson of the NAP since 2000 and Deputy Government Spokesperson since 2001. In 1997, he served as Assistant Secretary for Finance. Dr. Saikrachang is also a part-time lecturer at Assumption University in Bangkok. Prior to joining politics, he worked for Television of Thailand Channel 11 and Radio Japan, NHK, in Tokyo. Dr. Saikrachang completed his Master's Degree in English at Poona University in India, his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Thammasat University in Bangkok, and his PhD in Development Administration from the National Institute of Development Administration in Bangkok.

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**Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva** is a Member of Parliament representing the Democrat Party and is the Deputy Leader of the Democrat Party. From 1997 to 2001, Mr. Vejjajiva was a Minister to the Prime Minister's Office, where he oversaw the Office of the Board of Investment, participated in the revision of the National Education Law, and worked on Bureaucratic Reform of the public sector and state enterprises. Mr. Vejjajiva was also assigned by the Cabinet to participate in the Committee on Policy and Coordination, the Committee on Local Administrative Law and Decentralization, the Committee on Privatization Policy, and the Committee on National Industry Development. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at Oxford University in the United Kingdom, his Master's Degree in Economics from Oxford University, and his Bachelor's Degree in Law from Ramkhamhaeng University in Thailand.

## OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS

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**Dr. Chee Soon Juan** (Singapore) is a neuropsychologist and a CALD steering committee member. He was formerly a lecturer at the National University of Singapore but was fired from the university three months after he joined the Singapore Democratic Party, of which he is presently the Secretary-General. Dr. Chee is the author of several books including *To Be Free: Stories from Asia's Struggle Against Oppression* and *Your Future, My Faith, Our Freedom: A Democratic Blueprint for Singapore*.

**Mr. Jose Luis Martin C. Gascon, Esq.** (The Philippines) is the Executive Director of the National Institute for Policy Studies (NIPS), a non-governmental organization undertaking research, training, and networking activities on liberal politics in the Philippine context. He is also the Chair of the Liberal Party's Commission on Public Policy and Advocacy. His work has led him to pursue a principal role in contemporary political issues involving constitutional and electoral reforms, campaign finance reform, transparency and accountability in governance, human rights and conflict transformation, and other social reforms. He was recently awarded the 2001 Benigno S. Aquino Fellowship in the field of Public Service. Mr. Gascon is also presently a Member of the Philippine Government's Panel negotiating a comprehensive peace settlement with the National Democratic Front (NDF). He previously served as Member of the Constitutional Commission, which drafted the 1987 Philippine Constitution, and of the 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Republic of the Philippines. A lawyer by profession, he obtained both his Bachelor's Degree and LLB from the University of the Philippines. He also read for a Master's of Law Degree (LLM) in International Law at St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge.



**Dr. Gene Ward** (The United States) is a campaign finance specialist with the USAID Center for Democracy and Governance. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii while a degree scholar at U.S. State Department funded East-West Center in Honolulu. His areas of specialization included entrepreneurship and economic development. Prior to joining USAID's Democracy Center, he was a four-term state legislator in the Hawaii House of Representatives, half of this time as Minority Leader. Simultaneous to his legislative duties he served as an entrepreneurship development specialist with the United Nations International Labour Office and UNIDO. Dr. Ward also served as a translator-interpreter in Vietnam, and was a US Peace Corps Volunteer in North Borneo, and speaks Malay, Indonesian, and Vietnamese. He is married to the former Faredah Shamsudin of Malaysia and has one child, Johanna, age 7.

**Biographies of Conveners:  
The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) and  
The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**

CALD

**Mr. Sam Rainsy** is Chair of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats. He is the Leader of the Opposition in the Cambodian Parliament and Leader of the Sam Rainsy Party of Cambodia, a party that emerged from the Khmer Nation Party of which he was a founder in 1995. Mr. Rainsy was also a founding member of the FUNCINPEC Party and a member of its Steering Committee from 1992 to 1995, and served as Minister of Finance of the Royal Government of Cambodia from 1993 to 1994. From 1971 to 1985, Mr. Rainsy was financial analyst and investment manager for various banks and financial institutions in Paris, including Manufacturers Hanover and Paribas. He joined Paluel-Marmont, a French bank specializing in financial research and stock investment, as Director in 1985 and became Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Paris-based Investment Company DR Gestion in 1988 until he returned to Cambodia.

Sam Rainsy is a Lawyer registered at the Cambodian Bar Association. Mr. Rainsy has obtained degrees in Political Science (*Diplôme de l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris*-1971), Economics (*Maîtrise + Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures de Sciences Economiques from the Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Economiques de Paris*-1973), Accounting (*Diplôme d'Etudes Comptables Supérieures* issued by the French Ministry of Education – 1979), and Business (*Master of Business Administration* from INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France– 1980).

**Mr. John Joseph S. Coronel** is the Executive Director of the Council of Asian Liberals & Democrats (CALD). He does consultancy work in public relations and political campaigns. Mr. Coronel is also a writer and reviewer, and his articles have been published in *The Philippine Post* and *Blueprint Magazine*. He is an officer of the Creative Collective Center that is currently doing a traveling art exhibit covering the Philippines, Thailand, and the United States. He studied at the University of the Philippines and the University of Hawaii. An award winning writer, some of his plays have been staged, and he started his career as one of the writers for *Batibot*, the Philippines' leading children's educational television program.

**Mr. Celito F. Arlegue** is a Program Officer of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD). Mr. Arlegue is working with the organization's Executive Director for a regional program on political parties to combat corruption and is a co-writer of the Philippine section in the program's research report. He also assisted in the recent CALD Globalization Conference held in Manila, the Philippines and is involved in the *Nobel Peace Laureate Campaign for Aung San Suu Kyi and the People of Burma*. Before joining CALD, Mr. Arlegue served as an Instructor of Political Science at De La Salle University, where he taught Philippine government and constitution, Philippine local government, and research-writing in political science. He is now pursuing a Masters in International Studies at the University of the Philippines, where he also obtained his Bachelor's degree in Political Science-*Cum Laude* in 2000.

**Mr. Angelico O. Mercader** is a Program Officer of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) based in Quezon City Philippines. He assisted in organizing and implementing CALD's recent Globalization Conference in Manila. Mr. Mercader is also

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## NDI

**Mr. Peter M. Manikas** serves as NDI's regional director for Asia programs and chief of party of its Indonesia project. Previously, he was NDI's chief of party in Bangladesh, Cambodia, and Malawi. From August 1998 to October 2000 he served in Washington, DC as NDI's regional manager of Southern Africa programs. Mr. Manikas has been associated with NDI, first as a consultant, and later as a senior associate, for the past 12 years. He has been involved in NDI's democratic development work in more than 20 countries.

Before joining NDI full-time, he served as a consultant to the chairman of the UN Commission of Experts for the former Yugoslavia, providing advice and research on the law applicable to the conflict. He also served as a senior fellow in International Human Rights Law at DePaul University College of Law's International Human Rights Law Institute in Chicago, Illinois, and he is the co-author of a major treatise on the law applied by the UN's International Criminal Tribunal at The Hague. Mr. Manikas has also served as a consultant to the World Bank, the UN and the United States Agency for International Development on human rights and anti-corruption issues. Earlier, he held the position of research social scientist at Northwestern University's Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, and served as the executive director of a court reform commission in Cook County, Illinois, appointed by the chief judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Mr. Manikas earned his JD at DePaul University Law School. He is the author of more than 20 publications on international law, elections and public policy.

**Ms. Laura L. Thornton** is Senior Program Manager at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) and is based in Bangkok, Thailand. She manages NDI's regional program on political party strategies to combat corruption and is co-editor of the program's research report. Ms. Thornton has managed NDI's programs in Thailand and Malaysia and worked on NDI election observation programs in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Prior to joining NDI, Ms. Thornton served as a consultant for the Democracy and Governance unit at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and as a survey researcher in Serbia, Yugoslavia and Kosovo. She also worked as a program officer and trainer for women's health and advocacy organizations in Thailand and the United States. Ms. Thornton earned her Bachelor's Degree in History from Northwestern University and her Master's Degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs, where she received a full fellowship.

**Mr. Ram Garagain** is a Senior Program Officer at the National Democratic Institute in Katmandu, Nepal. He is responsible for coordinating civic and voter education programs throughout the country, managing parliamentary and civic anti-corruption programs, and organizing high-level seminars and workshops on ethics for ministers, party leaders, senior

government officials, and civic leaders. Mr. Garagain has over 16 years of experience in teaching at Tribhuvan University, Nepal Law Campus. He has also worked as an Editor of the Parliamentary Affairs and Local Self Governance Bulletins and as a Program Manager for the Privatization Project for the Society for Constitutional and Parliamentary Exercises (SCOPE). Mr. Garagain received his Bachelor's Degree in English and Social Studies and his Master's Degree in English Literature at Tribhuvan University in Nepal.

**Ms. Suppanikar Thewthom** is an Accounting and Logistics Assistant for the National Democratic Institute's office in Thailand. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Arts from Thammasat University in Thailand. Before joining NDI, she took part in the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand's three-month research program.

**Ms. Dawn Emling** has been working as a consultant to NDI's regional program on political party strategies to combat corruption and co-authored the chapter on Indonesia for the program's research report. Ms. Emling is Managing Director for Tern Consulting, a private firm working in the field of corporate social responsibility in Asia. She also consults independently for non-profit clients in the region on human rights, legal rights, and democracy related issues. Between 1998 and 2001, Ms. Emling served as deputy team leader for the election and democracy support office of USAID/Indonesia. Prior to this, Ms. Emling worked with USAID/South Africa on issues of legislative strengthening, NGO development, and civic education. Ms. Emling has also worked with a US based non-profit organization focusing on human and legal rights education around the world. Ms. Emling holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan and a Master's Degree in International Development from the American University.