

OVERCOMING 30 YEARS DICTATORSHIP OF PEOPLE POWER

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SPEAKER PROFILES

WELCOME REMARKS

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Mr. Benedikt Seemann is the Country Representative of KAS in the Philippines. Prior to this task in the Philippines, Mr. Seemann served as an Advisor at the German Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag) for more than six years. Before he joined KAS in 2014, he was Chief of Staff at the Whip's office within the parliamentary group of the Christian Democratic Union.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

A Message from the **President of the Philippines**

Hon. Jose Rene Almendras

Cabinet Secretary of the
Republic of the Philippines



Hon. Jose Rene Almendras is currently the Cabinet Secretary under the Office of the President. Prior to his appointment as Cabinet Secretary, he served as the Secretary of the Department of Energy for almost 3 years. Secretary Rene holds vast experience in the private sector, where he assumed significant leadership roles with some of the top corporations in the country. Secretary Rene is a passionate advocate of transformation through people development and personally champions the development programs of the people in his organization.

OVERCOMING DICTATORSHIP PEACEFULLY: THE GERMAN EXPERIENCE

Mr. Carsten Körber MdB

Member of the German Bundestag



Mr. Carsten Körber MdB is a member of the German Bundestag (Parliament). Born in Saxony, Germany, Mr. Körber studied Political Science and Business Administration in Chemnitz. From 2002 to 2012, he was Office Manager at the Bundestag and became Head of the Office of Promotion of Trade and Industry in Zwickau, Saxony. He has been a member of the Christian Democratic Union or CDU since 2002.

TOWN HALL DISCUSSION: WHAT DOES PEOPLE POWER MEAN TO YOU?

Ms. Lynda Jumilla (Host and Moderator)

Chief of Reporters of ABS-CBN News



Ms. Lynda Jumilla is a Philippine correspondent of ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation and serves as its Chief of Reporters and Senior Political Correspondent. She is currently the anchor of the ABS-CBN News Channel's *Beyond Politics*. Jumilla is the recipient of various awards, including the Marshall McLuhan Fellowship of 2012.

**THE ROLE OF THE PRESS:
FORCES THAT MADE PEOPLE POWER POSSIBLE**

Ms. Melinda Quintos de Jesus

Executive Director of the
Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility

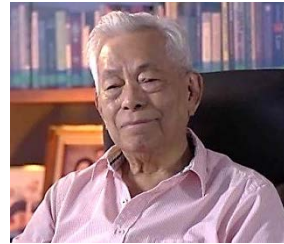


Ms. Melinda Quintos de Jesus is the Executive Director of the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility or CMFR, an organization focused on ethics and responsibility in the media and press freedom protection. As a columnist for *Bulletin Today*, she wrote critically of the Marcos regime. She joined *Veritas News Weekly* as editor and columnist supporting the protest against corruption and human rights violations. In 2000, Ms. de Jesus received the Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Fellowship for Professional Development.

**THE LEADER WHO TOPPLED A DICTATOR
AND THE LEADER WE NEED NOW**

Hon. Aquilino “Nene” Pimentel, Jr.

Former Senate President of the
Republic of the Philippines



Hon. Aquilino “Nene” Pimentel, Jr. is a lawyer and former professor and politician. He served as Mayor of Cagayan de Oro, Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, Senator, Minority Leader, Chairperson of the Blue Ribbon Committee, and Senate President. Pimentel opposed the Marcos Administration despite numerous incarcerations and repressions throughout his political career.

**COURAGE TO FACE THE TANKS:
FINDING THE STRENGTH IN ALL OF US**

**Sister Eusebia Talastas,
Sister Digna Dacanay, and
Sister Maribel Carceller**

Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Sister Eusebia “Eby” Talastas, Sister Digna Dacanay, and Sister Maribel “Bel” Carceller are the famous nuns who arrived first at Camp Aguinaldo after the announcement that Ramos, Enrile, and the breakaway soldiers were camped there and right before the tanks came into EDSA. Belonging to the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Sister Eby, Sister Digna, and Sister Bel supported the rebel troops with moral support and prayers.
