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# Vote *for the* Future

**T**his 11 May, some 34 million registered voters will have the opportunity to cast their vote and elect their President and Vice President along with the Senators, Congressmen, Provincial Governors and Vice Governors, City Mayors and Vice Mayors, and all Councilors — a total of 17,428 elected positions nationwide.

These elections come at a critical and important juncture of our nation's history. With the nation and the region faced by economic challenges, it is important to elect a leader with the capability to steer the country clear of further trouble. As we face the 21st century, it is important we elect a leader with a clear vision of where he wants to take the country in the next century. Moreover, we need a leader who can be a model of integrity and honesty, who can inspire a people to follow and make the necessary sacrifices to put the country back on the right track.

The persons elected President and Vice President will serve a term of six years — the last three of this century and the first three of the next millenium. Of the nine candidates vying for the second highest position of the land, little detail is yet known on how they will carry on with the responsibilities of a vice president.

The Vote for the Future project is a modest effort to try to get to know these candidates a little better, first by getting some background information about them and second by trying to determine what their political platforms are. This report is an attempt to review the track record and probe deeper into the thinking of each candidate. Through this, we hope to help voters discern and make the right decision in casting their Vote for the Future.



**EDGARDO J. ANGARA**

Age: 63 years old  
Birthplace: Baler, Quezon  
Spouse: Gloria Manalang

Party Affiliation

Laban Ng Makabayang Masang Pilipino (LAMMP)

Profession

Senator

Education

- University of Michigan, Master of Laws (Dewitt Fellow) (1964)
- University of the Philippines, Bachelor of Laws

Work Experience

- Senator, Republic of the Philippines (1987-1992; 1992-1998)
- President, University of the Philippines (1981-1987)
- President, ASEAN Law Association (1980-1982)
- President, Integrated Bar of the Philippines (1979-1981)
- President, University of the Philippines Law Alumni Association (1975-1977)
- President, Philippine Bar Association (1975-1976)
- Partner, Angara, Abello, Concepcion, Regala and Cruz Law Offices

Presidential Candidate  
JOSEPH E. ESTRADA



**GLORIA M. MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**

Age: 51 years old  
Birthplace: San Juan, Manila  
Spouse: Jose Miguel Tuason Arroyo

Party Affiliation

LAKAS - National Union of Christian Democrats - Union of Muslim Democrats in the Philippines-Kabalikat ng Mamamayang Pilipino (LAKAS-NUCD-UMDP-KAMPI)

Profession

Senator

Education

- U.P. School of Economics, Doctor of Science in Economics (1985)
- Ateneo de Manila University, Master of Arts in Economics (1978)
- Assumption College, magna cum laude (1968)
- Georgetown University (1964-1966)

Work Experience

- Senator, Republic of the Philippines (1992-1995; 1995-2001)
- Undersecretary, Department of Trade and Industry (1989-1992)
- Executive Director, Garments and Textile Export Board (1988-1990)
- Assistant Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry (1987-1989)
- Professor, UP School of Economics (1977-1987)
- Chair, Economics Department, Assumption College (1984-1987)
- Assistant Professor, Ateneo de Manila (1977-1987)

Presidential Candidate  
JOSE C. DE VENECIA, JR.

(DeVilla)

(Lim)



**OSCAR M. ORBOS**

Age: 47 years old  
 Birthplace: Bani, Pangasinan  
 Spouse: Rosita Sison

Party Affiliation

Partido Para sa Demokratikong Reporma-Lapiang  
 Manggagawa Coalition (REPORMA)

Profession

Governor

Education

- University of the Philippines, Master of Laws (credits)
- University of the Philippines, Bachelor of Laws (1975)
- University of the Philippines, Bachelor of Arts in Economics (1971)

Work Experience

- Governor, Pangasinan (1995-1998)
- Congressman (First District of Pangasinan) (1992-1995)
- Executive Secretary, Office of the President (1990-1991)
- Secretary, Department of Transportation and Communications (1990)
- Partner, Poblador, Azada, Tomacruz, Paredes, Cacanindin and Orbos Law Firm (1980-1983)
- Associate Attorney, Poblador, Nazareno, Azada and Tomacruz Law Firm (1976-1980)
- Legal Assistant, Paredes, Poblador, Nazareno, Azada and Tomacruz Law Firm (1975-1976)

Presidential Candidate  
 RENATO S. DE VILLA



**SERGIO R. OSMEÑA III**

Age: 54 years old  
 Birthplace: Manila  
 Spouse: Isabel Mejia Lopez

Party Affiliation

Liberal Party (LP)

Profession

Senator

Education

- Harvard College
- Georgetown University
- University of the Philippines at Los Baños
- University of San Carlos

Work Experience

- Senator, Republic of the Philippines (1995-2001)
- Chairman, Aquaworld Corporation (1992-present)
- Director, San Miguel Brewery (HK), Ltd. (1994-present)
- Director, PNB Republic Bank (1992-1995)
- Director, San Miguel Corporation (1993-1995)
- Director, Pacific CATV, Inc. (1994-1995)
- Director, Telecommunications Holdings Corporation (1994-1995)
- Chairman, Investment Group (1994-1995)
- Director, Micrologic Systems, Inc. (1994-1995)
- General Manager, LRO Farms (1968-1972)
- Chairman, Cebu Contracting Company (1968-1972)
- Assistant President, Cebu Autobus Company (1967-1972)
- Assistant President, Essel, Inc. (1967-1972)
- General Manager, Hacienda Doña Pepang (1967-1972)
- Assistant President, De La Rama Steamship Co., Inc. (1966-1972)

Presidential Candidate  
 ALFREDO S. LIM

(Morato)



**REYNALDO D. PACHECO**

Age: 65 years old  
Birthplace: Balanga, Bataan  
Spouse: Priscila Reyes

Party Affiliation

Kilusan Para Sa Pambansang Pagpapanibago (BAGO)

Profession

Lawyer

Education

- University of Santo Tomas, Bachelor of Laws (1956)

Work Experience

- Chief Information Officer, Asian Development Bank (1986-1990)
- Assistant Chief Information Officer, Asian Development Bank (1986)
- Senior Information Officer, Asian Development Bank Information Officer, Asian Development Bank (1967)
- Public Relations Consultant, Philippine Coordinating Committee on the Asian Development Bank (1966-1967)
- Co-Chairman, Public Relations Committee, Philippine Committee on ECAFE Matters (1965)
- Reporter-Associate, *Manila Times* (1964-1967)
- Public Relations Consultant (1964)
- Information Assistant and Officer-in-Charge (1962-1964)
- Executive Vice Chairman, National Youth Committee, United Nations International Children's Education Fund (1962)
- Press Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs (1962)
- Assistant Attorney, Pelaez and Jalandoni Law Offices (1957-1961)

Presidential Candidate  
SANTIAGO F. DURLAO



**CAMILO L. SABIO**

Age: 61 years old  
Birthplace: Cagayan de Oro City,  
Misamis Oriental  
Spouse: Marlene Sabio

Party Affiliation

Partido ng Bansa Marangal

Profession

Lawyer

Education

- Ateneo de Manila University, Bachelor of Laws (1961)
- Xavier University, Bachelor of Arts (1957)

Work Experience

- Secretary General, House of Representatives (1987-1992; 1992-1995; 1995-1996)
- Professor, Ateneo Law School (1968-1969; 1982-1983; 1984-1985)
- Delegate, Constitutional Convention (1971)
- Chief of Staff, Presidential Assistant for Legal Affairs
- Chairman, Human Settlements Regulatory Commission
- Chief of Staff to Senior Supreme Court Associate Justice Jose Y. Feria

Presidential Candidate  
MANUEL L. MORATO

(Roco)

(Osmena)



**IRENE M. SANTIAGO**

Age: 56 years old  
 Birthplace: Davao City  
 Spouse: Jose Santiago

Party Affiliation

Aksyon Demokratiko (AKSYON)

Profession

Consultant

Education

- Columbia University, Master of Science in Journalism (1963) *(Fallbridge)*
- The Philippine Women's College of Davao, Bachelor of Arts in English, summa cum laude (1961)

Work Experience

- Executive Director, NGO Forum on Women '95 (1994-1995)
- Chief, Asia/Pacific Section, United Nations Development Fund For Women (1988-1994)
- Consultant, United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (1987-1988)
- Program Officer, Oxfam America (1986-1987)
- International Associate, International Women's Tribune Centre (1985-1986)
- Executive Director, Kahayag Foundation (1976-1985)
- Academic Coordinator, The Philippine Women's College of Davao (1974-1976)
- Correspondent, Maryknoll Magazine (1965-1974)
- Editor, *Mindanao Tribune* (1971-1972)
- Teacher, The Philippine Women's College of Davao (1963-1971)

Presidential Candidate  
**RAUL S. ROCO**



**ISMAEL D. SUENO**

Age: 50 years old  
 Birthplace: Koronadal, South Cotabato  
 Spouse: Jocelyn Bernardo

Party Affiliation

Probinsya Muna Development Initiatives (PROMDI)

Profession

Businessman

Education

- Regional Major Seminary, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Seminary, Associate in Arts

Work Experience

- Member, Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development Consultative Assembly (1997-1998)
- Governor, South Cotabato (1988-1992)
- Officer-In-Charge Governor, South Cotabato (1986)
- Mayor, Koronadal, South Cotabato (1980-1986)

Presidential Candidate  
**EMILIO R. OSMENA**



(Santiago)



**FRANCISCO S. TATAD**

Age: 58 years old  
Birthplace: Gigmoto, Catanduanes  
Spouse: Maria Fenny Cantero

Party Affiliation

People's Reform Party - Gabay Ng Bayan (PRP-GABAY)

Profession

Senator

Education

- RAND Graduate School of Policy Studies, Strategic Security Planning (1997)
- Center for Research and Communication, Business Economics (1981-1982)
- University of Santo Tomas, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Letters (1959-1963)

Work Experience

- Senator, Republic of the Philippines (1992-1995; 1995-2001)
- Member, Batasang Pambansa (1978)
- Minister, Ministry of Public Information (1969-1980)
- Writer for a number of Philippine and foreign publications

Presidential Candidate  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO

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