

PANEL 2: THE KOREAN WAR AND PHILIPPINES-KOREA RELATIONS: COMMENTARIES

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

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Thank you very much to our PEFTOK veterans. It is indeed an honor to hear all of your stories and your wonderful admonitions to our young students.

So, we now proceed to the second part of the conference. May I please introduce the next speakers?

The first speaker for the second part of the program is Dr. Ricardo Trota Jose. Of course, he needs no introduction to us, but allow me to introduce him again. He is a professor of history at the University of the Philippines Diliman. He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in history at UP, and his Ph.D. from the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. He specializes in military and diplomatic history, with focus on the Japanese occupation of the Philippines. Among his major publications are the *Philippine Army (1935-1942)* and the volume in the *Kasaysayan Readers' Digest Set*. He has delivered papers and lectures in numerous conferences in the

Philippines and abroad, and has visited battlefields around the Philippines and other countries. He is a fluent speaker of Japanese. He was awarded the Outstanding Young Scientists Award in the field of social sciences in 1997—the first historian to be given this recognition. And in 2016, he was awarded the Outstanding Alumni Award by the UP Alumni Association for historical research. He is currently Director of the Third World Studies Center of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, UP Diliman.

Our second speaker is Dr. Arnel E. Joven, an Assistant Professor and Chair of the History Department of the University of Asia and the Pacific. He's also Director of UA&P's Korean Studies Program and has conducted research on medical perspectives in contemporary Korea and Japan. Dr. Joven also specializes in health and medicine in the Philippines during the Japanese Occupation Period and in the immediate post-war period.

Our third speaker is Mr. Neville Manaois, who is an instructor at the Ateneo de Manila Department of History. He teaches Philippine History, European History, and Korean History. Mr. Manaois specializes in the Philippine involvement in the Korean War and Philippine-Korean relations. He is currently finishing his Ph.D. in history from the University of the Philippines Diliman, where he also completed his master's in history with a thesis entitled "The Philippine Expeditionary Forces to Korea: The Fighting 10th".

So, thank you very much, and let's please welcome all the speakers with a warm round of applause. May we request the speakers to be seated up front, and we begin with Dr. Rico Jose.