



His Excellency Libran N. Cabactulan
Ambassador Extraordinary
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Permanent Representative to the
United Nations

Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Cabactulan served since February as Assistant Secretary for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation in the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila. Before that, he was his country's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, from 2004 to 2009.

A career diplomat, Mr. Cabactulan also served at the Philippine Mission to the United Nations in Geneva and twice at the country's Mission to the United Nations in New York, from 1986 to 1990, and again from 1995 to 2000. He had also been assigned respectively in the Philippine Embassy in Brussels and Consulate in Sydney.

In Manila, he was Executive Director of the Office of United Nations and other International Organizations and the Office of Consular Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs, as well as Special Assistant and Senior Special Assistant to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines.

During his diplomatic career, Ambassador Cabactulan led the Group of 77 developing countries and China in negotiations on economic and related issues at the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Population Commission, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Before joining the Foreign Service, he worked at the National Economic and Development Authority in Manila as Staff Economist.

He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science, and a Certificate in development economics from the University of the Philippines. He also has a Diploma for Commercial Policy from the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the predecessor of the World Trade Organization, in Geneva.

Born on 20 February 1950 in Sagay, Camiguin, Philippines, Mr. Cabactulan is married with two children.

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES



Filipino Flag History:

The design of the flag dates back to 1897. The flag was formally unfurled during the Filipino proclamation of independence on June 12, 1898. The Cuban flag influenced the design of the Filipino flag as Cuba's revolution against Spain inspired, to some degree, the Philippine Revolution.

Filipino Flag Meaning:

Blue stands for peace and justice, red symbolizes courage, the white equal-sided triangle represents equality; the rays recall the first eight provinces that sought independence from Spain, while the stars represent the three major geographical divisions of the country: Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Note: in wartime the flag is flown upside down with the red band at the top.

Information taken from wikipedia.org and CIA factbook.

- The Philippines is made of some 7,107 islands in South-east Asia.
- With a population of 900 million people, the Philippines is the 12th most populous country in the world.
- Fossil evidence of Homo sapiens found in the Philippines indicate that the area was inhabited some 50,000 years ago.
- The Philippines is regarded as the “text capital of the world.” About 350 to 400 million SMS or text messages are sent daily by 35 million cell phone subscribers which is more than the total daily text messages sent in the U.S. and Europe together.



- The Banaue Rice Terraces (Pictured left) are 2000 year old terraces carved into the mountains of Ifagau for an irrigation system by the Ifagao tribesmen.
- With more than 11 million Filipinos overseas, the Philippines has the largest diaspora network in the world.
- There are over 200 volcanoes in the Philippines but only a few are considered to be active.
- As an archipelago, the Philippines is ranked 5th for the longest coastline. Some 36,289 kilometers (about 22,549 Miles) makes up the coastline of the Philippines.

- The Kaamulan Festival (pictured right) is a large ethnic cultural festival held in Malabaly City, Philippines. It is held to celebrate the culture and tradition of the seven ethnic tribal groups of the region.
- The Philippines is the largest supplier of nurses in the world.



- There are 175 individual languages in the Philippines, 171 of which are living languages while the 4 others no longer have any known speakers. A standardized form of Tagalog, officially named Filipino, is one of two official languages of the Philippines.

Information gathered from Wikipedia.org, Philippines.knoji.com, & iloveindia.com.