

Meeting the Optimists

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The Philippine party-list system (PLS) was conceived with the goal of making every vote count. The goal requires, at the very least, optimism for in last half of the 20th century no administration has successfully provided a method for marginalized and underrepresented interests to become part of governance. On May 11, 1998, the PLS will attempt to leap out of the statute books and into the Eleventh Congress. The obstacles in between are formidable. The PLS must overcome the ignorance of the electorate, the incompetence of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), the malevolence of the traditional politics and the inherent disunity of the Filipino people. Despite this, 123 optimistic political parties, sectoral parties, organizations and coalitions (giver or take several satellites) are willing to give proportional representation a try if the country's 34 million voters let them.

The first traditional politician crawled out of the primordial swamp long before the concept of the Party-List System (PLS) saw light. There was no question which was the predator. Feigning disinterest, members of the Tenth Congress go about their search for the most beneficial alliance in time for the next regime. Perhaps like some members of the COMELEC and majority of registered voters, the lawmakers are only vaguely aware of the ramifications of a workable PLS, anticipating if not welcoming the additional length to the roll call.

Sceptics, however, are quick to dismiss this illusion of collective indifference. At first it was thought to be complacency. Republic Act. No. 7941, or the Party-list System Act encountered relatively smooth sailing in Congress, unlike the anti-dynasty bill, which will in all likelihood never become an enforceable law. The House of Representatives has handled sectoral representatives before and these presidential appointees were reduced to benchwarmers, legislative lightweights. This time the new batch of lawmakers will not be as "ignorable." Elected through a wider vote base, the PLS pioneers are entitled to the same salaries and emoluments as regular members of the Congress, including even the countrywide development fund (CDF).

The response to the PLS was actually enthusiastic. More than 200 national, regional and sectoral parties, organizations and coalitions shook off cynicism and trooped to the COMELEC offices in Intramuros to manifest their intentions to take part in the new electoral innovation. In March 1998,

dozens more were still inquiring about the mechanics of joining the PLS when the deadline for enlistment was November 1997, already hinting there was something amiss with Commission's PLS information campaign. The 13 sectors listed in the PLS law namely labor, peasant, fisherfolk, handicapped, elderly, women, youth, veterans, overseas workers and professionals are well represented, if not overrepresented. Adding to the diversity of the PLS applicants are jeepney and tricycle drivers federation, electricity cooperatives change the country's name to Maharlika advocates, parliamentary shift advocates and jury system advocates who intend to take their respective causes to the political arena. Several political parties and organizations are primarily vehicles for prominent presidentiables, for example Vice-President Joseph Estrada's Citizen's Movement for Justice, Economy, Environment and Peace (JEEP), Sen. Raul Roco's Aksyon Demokratiko, Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago's People's Reform Party (PRP), Lito Osmeña's Progressive Movement of Devolution and Initiatives (PROMDI), and Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) chief Manoling Morato's Movement for Reform and Enlightenment (MORE). Also included in the PLS race are former political powerhouses now "marginalized" parties such as the Nacionalista Party (NP) and the Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-Laban).

At the office of the Clerk of the Commission, whose task was to screen the applicants, the mood was "less than enthusiastic." After the first wave, certain sectors were urged to coalesce since they represented the same interests. A spokesman for an alliance of small cooperatives said his group exerted efforts to bring the other cooperatives under one umbrella organization, but after several conventions and consultation meetings the latter declined, arguing they had "enough" resources to secure at least one PLS seat on their own. He was at a loss as to why members of a sector not divided by ideology (as with most political parties) cannot see eye to eye on a non-intellectual concept like cooperativism. Perhaps it is overwhelming optimism in the strength of each organization. As one leader of an organization of overseas contract workers (OCWs) explained, their organization definitely has the numbers. He said in Japan alone the group's card-carrying members and their relatives here would be more than sufficient for a seat. Adding this to the OCWs in the Middle East who have pledged their support for the PLS campaign, and they will have a couple of million votes to spare. "We don't need to print campaign materials anymore." Asked why the OCWs could not be represented by a single

organization, he replied that “it’s a democracy.” Or perhaps the Tower of Babel did have a Philippine address.

The Commission, after marathon hearings for each request for accreditation and appeal, eventually trimmed the number down to 123 hopefuls deemed to be of pure intent, proper registration, and sound membership, affiliation, logistics and finances. It was assumed the COMELEC followed strict guidelines in approving parties, groups and coalitions. However, COMELEC insiders claim the final list contains satellites but only when the list of PLS nominees is released can the extent of “infiltration” be known. Limited funding apparently hindered proper verification during the three-month assessment period for all PLS aspirants and the COMELEC relied mainly on the word of their field personnel. One insider said anyone who was aware of COMELEC inefficiency and the fact that the PLS was widely perceived as additional burden on the lean COMELEC staff, can expect inconsistencies especially when more than 200 groups nationwide are involved. He added that all it took for a satellite to “take off” was compliance with COMELEC requirements like documentary evidence, signed pieces of paper easily fabricated in a well-equipped office, one from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), a mailing address for a non-existent headquarters and a lawyer for the hearings (and the lawyer does not even have to be a competent one, he added). “And almost anybody can do it.”

Once accredited, a satellite can proceed with its mission to either neutralize the more prominent non-traditional groups by diverting votes or presenting itself as the “true representative” of a key sector. This is reportedly the case with the labor and OCW sectors. The combined 19 party-list entries include some of the most established organizations in their respective fields and some very questionable ones, all representing the interests of the working class. Even without satellites here, it would take an enormous amount of effort to unify either of the two sectors both already too splintered for their own good.

Surprisingly, the presence of satellites is not the primary concern of the PLS participants. In the end, they agreed, only the legitimate organizations who did their homework will prevail with regional parties, groups and coalitions having a slight advantage over those who need to wage a nationwide campaign to secure a decent following. Dagdag-bawas could easily deny them a place in the House of Representatives. The absence of

a COMELEC provision on PLS poll watchers does not help prevent “favored” parties from prevailing in the final count to be announced a month after precincts open for voters.

Not to take any credit away from the forces which intend to exploit the PLS, the COMELEC made sure the voter will be too befuddled to make a serious attempt at an intelligent PLS vote. An alphabetized list of accredited parties awaits the uninformed and misinformed voters. The official list is without divisions or categories. Having to make their agonizing choices for president, vice-president, congressman, mayor, councilor and senators ahead of the PLS, the voter might as well select something that begins with an “A,” an advantage anticipated by some parties and organizations (such as Aabante Ka Pilipinas, Aasahan Party). Unable to attach a personality to any of the strange names and acronyms, the voters may unwittingly fill out the PLS space with the first name that catches their attention on the COMELEC list or on the sample ballot they are holding. The sample ballot, one of millions that will flood precincts on election day, will be provided by the deep pockets of some vested interests whose most prudent course of action is to nip the PLS in the bud before it starts asking for more than 20 percent of the House of Representatives.

Perhaps it is still too early to say whether or not the PLS will create more divisiveness than unity or provide the political elite 52 more opportunities to waste taxpayers’ money. The participants, except the satellites, truly believe this is the first step towards a legislature that truly represents the diversity of its citizenry and they are looking forward to the PLS debut. This optimism could go a long way until the PLS develops into a credible, self-sustaining avenue of legislative reform. For now let us meet the optimists.

The Political Parties

Abanto Anak Bisaya (BISDAK)

Founded/Registered: November 9, 1997

Headquarters: Unit 101, Marijoy Apts., 221 N. Bacalso Ave., Labangon, Cebu City

Leadership: Atty. Gerardo Carillo (President), Walter Palacio (Vice-President), Cerecio Mapula (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To ensure the implementation of a just agrarian, aquatic and urban land reform program; to initiate appropriate participatory agricultural technology development and dissemination for sustainable agriculture; to ensure fair prices of farm and fishery inputs, equipment and agricultural products; to ensure fair compensation, wages, benefits and sharing of profits due to agricultural and industrial workers and fishermen; and to ensure adequate delivery of basic social services in the budgeting allocations of the local and national government."

AKBAYAN (Citizens' Action Party)

Founded/Registered: 1997

Headquarters: No. 45 Matintiman St., Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City

Leadership: Danel Edralin (Chairman), Francis Carreon (Vice-Chairman), Ana Ma. Nemenzo (President), Carmel Abao (Vice-President), Ronald Uamas (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To strive for sustained economic growth resulting in poverty reduction, job creation, higher incomes and a better quality of life for the poor; to eradicate poverty by the year 2010; to provide equal opportunities for all, especially the poor, women and differently abled and to scrap the system of patronage and the giving of privileges to the well connected; to find a decisive solution to the problem of long-term unemployment; to establish an economy that can optimize the gains from global interdependence and protect the vulnerable sectors from the marginalizing effects of global capital; to establish a vibrant and socially responsive private sector, an efficient, decentralized administrative system and an honest, service-oriented bureaucracy that will deliver public goods, provide social services, collect revenue without favor, discretion or corruption; to promote the core values of transparency and accountability, integrity and honesty, hard work and initiative, cooperation and collectivism, thrift and productivity, risk-taking and motivation, and creativity and innovation; to promote the respect for the fundamental human rights of different generations while stressing that special responsibilities and obligations accompany such rights; and to form a vibrant, dynamic economic relationship among government, market forces and civil society."

Bicol Saro Party

Founded/Registered: 1978

Headquarters: No. 92 Dayandang St., Naga City

Leadership: Atty. Salvador Princesa (President), Antonio G. Medina (1st Vice-President), Engr. Salvador M. Regalado (2nd VP)

Objectives: "To eradicate poverty through economic development of the countryside by making the basic unit of society, the family, an economic production center instead of a service center, to attain sustainable development without disrupting the ecology; to advocate the policy of providing free education from the elementary to the college level; to work for the enactment of measures that will streamline our judicial system to give everyone their day in court at the soonest possible time; and to mold, bend and join together the efforts and cultural heritage of the Bicolanos, not only in Region 11, but the entire Philippine archipelago, so that the Filipino people will live prosperously and initiate interaction among brother Filipinos towards a common peaceful unity, brotherhood and cooperation for economic progress."

Bileg Ti AgkayKaysa Nga Ilokano Kien Cordillera (BIAG)

Headquarters: No. 13 Urban St., Baguio City

Democratic Alliance of Mindanaoans for Good Government (DAMGO)

Founded/Registered: 1997

Headquarters: No. 14 Ma. Clara St., Rosary Height, Cotabato City

Leadership: Fernando Toquillo (President), Emmanuel Abalos (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To vigorously work for genuine electoral reforms and combat those who will subvert the people's will and their sacred right of suffrage; to promote people-based politics and work for the dismantling of the oligarchic and elitist politics; to establish a government that has the political will to come up with and implement a comprehensive economic reform program; to provide equal access, in law and in fact, by all sectors of society to basic services and ensure the protection of human

riots and dignity; to work for fundamental policy changes in health, education, welfare programs, housing programs; and labor's share in the fruit of production and development, reform of the criminal justice system, care for women and children, basic and historical rights of the Moro people and the indigenous communities, the migrant workers, the youth, the urban poor, farmers, fisherfolk, and other marginalized sectors of society."

Kilusan Para sa Pambansang Pagpapanibago (BAGO)

Founded/Registered: December 3, 1996

Headquarters: No. 5-1 10th St., Rolling Hills Village, New Manila, Quezon City

Leadership: Eduardo Bondoc (President), Reynaldo D. Pacheco (Vice-President), Loretta A. Lina (Secretary)

Objectives: "To eradicate poverty by means of an inspired program of government, recognizing that spiritual and material poverty is the most pressing problem of the nation and to see to it that the constitutional rights of the Filipino family to a family living wage and income; to uphold our dignity as Filipinos, human beings made in the image and likeness of god, and to raise quality of life spiritually, economically and socially; and to institute national renewal of the political, economic and social order that will result in the realization of our common aspirations."

Lapiang Manggagawa (LM)

Founded/Registered: 1993

Headquarters: 5th Flr., PISO Bldg., Arnaiz Ave., Makati City

Leadership: Pelagio B. Villegas (Chairman/President)

Objectives: "To enlighten the workers concerning the rights and obligations of union members and employers; and to promote free trade unionism as an instrument for the enhancement of social justice and development."

Nacionalista Party (NP)

Founded/Registered: 1907

Headquarters: 15th Flr., JMT Corporate Condominium, ADB Ave. cor. Julia Vargas, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Leadership: Former Vice-President Salvador H. Laurel (President), Former Senator Eva Estrada Kalaw (Exec. Vice-President), Hon. Raul M. Gonzalez (Sec-Gen), Ramon Maronilla (Deputy Sec-Gen), Mariano Santiago (Deputy Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To support a strong capable, committed and honest leadership that enforces the rule of law in accordance with the principles of our democratic form of government, upholds the supremacy of the law, and protects the rights of the minority; to support individual and social welfare in order to ensure that all citizens are able to attain their goals of happiness, progress and welfare and that social justice must ensure the wellbeing and economic security of all our people; to support the decentralization of the decision-making process and the inclusion into the process of those at levels; to recover our faith in ourselves through a new Filipinism that dares to assert our identity, our dreams, our ideas and pride in our people; and to support good government and strict accountability at all levels of government, for without honest and clean government the consent of the governed evaporates and the moral fabric of our institution unravels."

Partido Demokratiko Pilipino Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-LABAN)

Headquarters: No. 721, J.P. Rizal St., Makati City

Objectives: "To meet the need for a meaningful, equitable and sustainable improvement in the quality of life of the Filipino people by providing a just economic, social and political order through participative, competent and accountable government."

Partido Demokratiko Sosyalista ng Pilipinas (PDSP)

Founded/Registered: 1990

Headquarters: No. 7 Big Horseshoe Drive, Horseshoe Village, Quezon City

Leadership: Norberto B. Gonzales (Chairman), Abdul Azis Lomondot (Vice-Chairman), Efrén M. Villaseñor (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To systematically promote the generation of gainful employment; to protect and empower the marginalized and integrate them into the mainstream of national and world economic life; to protect our sovereignty and relative independence of action in behalf of our real national interest; to give direction to our economic development so that we develop a strong domestic and industrial capacity and a strong domestic market; to generate and enforce a social pact between labor and capital that ensures protection of the rights of labor and promotes productivity and labor discipline; to promote a pattern of economic development that is sustainable because it respects and protects the natural environment; to restructure and reform the tax system to raise revenues from those who benefit most from the goods and services which Philippine society offers and can afford to pay more; to lead in the defense, recovery, redefinition and propagation of our national culture; and to effectively promote people empowerment correctly understood and an indispensable factor for economic productivity and growth through adequate care for justice and redistribution."

Peoples Progressive Alliance for Peace and Good Government Towards Alleviation of Poverty and Social Advancement (PAG-ASA)

Founded/Registered: September 1996

Headquarters: No. 30 A. Roxas Ave., Bacolod City

Leadership: Rene Juaneza (President), Benjamin Jornada (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To convince the people that it is within their right to bring about total societal change and liberate themselves from poverty and oppression and have a government genuinely concerned and dedicated to their welfare and the authentic development of society."

Pinag-isang Lakas sa Pagbabago (PINATUBO)

Founded/Registered: May 20, 1997

Headquarters: Sambali Center, Alejandro Camara Bldg., Zone 5, Iba, Zambales

Leadership: Philip G. Camara (President), Amethya dela Llana Concepcion (Sec -Gen)

Objectives: "To unite the people of Zambales and Olongapo around an alternative development strategy and towards a common vision of development; to ensure the broad participation of people and communities at all levels of local governance in the various special bodies, sectional bodies and significant processes including development planning, project monitoring and evaluation and other venues for enhancing community participation; to integrate formal and informal education with local development thrusts to be more responsive, appropriate and relevant to local economic development in the form of research, extension work, technology transfer and exchange program; to promote alternative and appropriate technologies that will accelerate rural enterprise development and the integration of development

initiatives towards appropriate scale and maximization of resource use and benefit for the local community; to devise a comprehensive environmental program and to enforce laws that will ensure the protection, rehabilitation and conservation of the provincial/city natural resources and ecosystem; and to introduce an alternative development index as a new measure of total human development based on a new development framework for the province/city and all its diverse communities.”

Progressive Movement for Devolution of Initiatives (PROMDI)

Founded/Registered: November 3, 1997

Headquarters: 4th Flr., Oftana Bldg, Jasmin cor. Don Mariano Cui Sts., Cebu City

Leadership: Achilles R. Cañete (President), Glenn F. Baricuatro (Vice-President-Cebu), Jeffrey C. Ouano (VP-Bohol), A. Clinton P. Gumalo (VP-Negros Oriental), Charter A. L. Tayurang (VP-Siquijor), Jose Neil L. Nuñez, Jr. (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: “To effect a true and full decentralization and/or autonomy by devolving to the lowest political unit possible essential government functions; to generate awareness of an approach to development that focuses on enhancing the lives of the people in the provinces as basis for planning government, as well as private sector initiatives in economic, social, political or technological development; and to promote rapid movement of human activity in the provinces towards services and manufacturing thereby enabling higher educational productivity, meaningful employment and rising living standards for the people.”

Pusyon Pilipino (BISAYA)

Founded/Registered: 1997

Headquarters: Jade Bldg., No. 61 Mahabagin cor. Maginhawa Sts., Sikatuna Village, Quezon City

Leadership: Mariano R. Logarta (Chairman/Sec-Gen), Enrique Medina, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Nicanor Dacy (Coordinator-General Organizational Affairs), Jose Ramon Ponce de Leon (CG-Political Liaison), Primitivo Cana (CG Public Affairs)

Objectives: “To vest political power effectively within the reach of the masses through a parliamentary government; to establish a unicameral legislature before which the cabinet shall be answerable for the day to day business of government; to spearhead free enterprise in business, trade, commerce and industry; to stand against violence in the pursuit of private or public goals; and to unconditionally oppose Church interference in the affairs of the State.”

THE SECTORAL PARTIES

Labor

Alliance of Filipino Workers (AFW)

Founded/Registered: June 15, 1980

Headquarters: Rms. 206 & 207, VIR Bldg., E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Hon. Gregorio del Prado (President), Peter Agot (National Exec. Vice-President), Romeo D. Corpuz (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: “To work for a genuine, independent, nationalistic and democratic labor alliance of workers; to work for the promotion and representative of all rights of employees and workers recognized by the constitution of labor laws of the Philippines; and to help organize the still unorganized workers for the purposes of collective bargaining and promotion of mutual aid and economic upliftment of all workers in private and public corporations and establishments.”

All Labor Unity Party (ALU)

Founded/Registered: February 8, 1996

Headquarters: National Labor Center, Quezon Memorial Circle, Diliman, Quezon City

Leadership: Cecilio T. Seno (Chairman), Jovencio C. Acvenido (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To narrow the economic and cultural gaps that have kept the vast majority of the people powerless; to commit to an economic policy focused on the total development of the human person, equitable sharing for all in the national wealth, and tax and asset reform that gives a break to ordinary workers; to affirm the right of labor to strike; to promote profit-sharing initiatives in enterprises; to work for job security, equity sharing, full employment and just living wages; and to support the vision of economic self-reliance through the promotion of cooperatives."

All Trade Union Congress Party (ATUCP)

Founded/Registered: 1997

Headquarters: TUCP-PGEA Compound, Masaya St., cor. Maharlika Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Democrito Mendoza (President), Avelino Velario (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To pursue the vision and hope of people empowerment for the marginalized and underrepresented by advancing labor and trade union rights; to develop a strong workers' political culture promoting political pluralism and economic equity; to operationalize the principle of tripartism to ensure collective action in the pursuit of global competitiveness; and to support allied concerns in the areas of agrarian reform and rural development, urban development, aquatic reform, women's rights, indigenous people's land rights, the environment, fiscal and monetary policy and management."

All Workers Alliance Trade Union (AWATU)

Founded/Registered: November 6, 1997

Headquarters: Rm. 300, Delta Bldg., West cor. Quezon Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Temistocles S. Dejon, Sr. (President), Agustin A. Kuizon (Sec-Gen), Angelita D. Abola (Treasurer)

Objectives: "To establish and maintain an effective and united national workers organization in the Philippines and protect the interest and welfare of the Filipino worker; to provide a policy-making and coordinating body in all matters affecting the interest of the workers in their relation with one another, the community and the rest of the world; to promote and defend the workers' right to self-organization and collective bargaining; and to engage in concerted activities toward mutual protection."

Bagong Pilipino Workers' Party

Founded/Registered: March 26, 1986

Headquarters: Rm. 684 Flores Bldg., cor. Beaterio and Magallanes Sts., Intramuros, Manila

Leadership: Atty. Luis D. Flores (Chairman), Rafael B. Damicog (President), Atty. Agustin J. Guillermo (Sec-Gen), Atty. Federico C. Leynes (Exec. Vice-President)

Objectives: "To establish an organization composed of workers who will not differentiate between race, religion, nationality and ideology and propagate genuine trade unionism; and to seek the emancipation of the workers from its bondage of oppressive practices. harsh working conditions, meager wages, lack of security of tenure and others through the collective bargaining process negotiations and active but lawful non-violent mass actions."

Democratic Workers' Party

Founded/Registered: January 17, 1997

Headquarters: No. 7 Esmeralda St., Pangilinan Compound, Tandang Sora, Quezon City
 Leadership: Ramon Jabar (President), Benedicto Carpio (Vice-President), Benjamin Bragado (VP), Rolando D. Fabian (VP), Janet C. Dellaban (VP), Jose D. Cayobit (VP), Ernesto C. Verceles (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To develop and maintain an effective democratic political structure that will sustain national political stability; to promote a self-reliant and robust economy that will uplift the standard of living of the people; to foster social responsibility and social justice; to uphold the rule of law and to ensure that the people's right to life, liberty and property are affirmed; and to cultivate a national philosophy based on people empowerment."

Lakas Manggagawa Labor Center (LMLC)

Founded/Registered: August 21, 1987

Headquarters: Rm. 401, FEMII Bldg., A. Soriano St., Intramuros, Manila

Objectives: "To establish a pro-active government that will rigorously implement a program of equitable wealth redistribution and/or diffusion, a government that will ever be present to safeguard the people against deleterious economic and political imbalances; to adopt measures that will cultivate the young Filipino's love for country and its people, hard work, honesty, intellectual development, discipline, respect and care for the elders; to enact laws that will truly safeguard for the Filipinos their national patrimony, the integrity of the nation's territory; and to enact laws that will afford protection and gainful employment for the disabled and expand the powers of the Department of Social Work and Development to enable it to train and retrain the disabled for effective participation in any government-sponsored undertaking."

National Association of Trade Unions (NATU)

Founded/Registered: October 30, 1994

Headquarters: Suite 304 A, Tanco Bldg., Beaterio cor. Kalentong Sts., Mandaluyong City

Leadership: Bienvenido A. Perez (President), Filemon G. Tercero (Exec. Vice-President), Nemesio R. Santos (Vice-President), Emmanuel B. Lazaro (VP), Emmanuel C. Leyco (VP), Raul T. Baua (VP)

Objectives: "To unify all workers and workers organizations in the Philippines regardless of race, color or creed of their membership into a vigilant labor movement pledged to promote their interest; to pursue an independent trade union policy as far as its relationship with other trade union centers is concerned, organizational sovereignty and integrity; and to establish a coordinating, policy-making body for matters affecting the workers in their relations with one another, the community, the government and the nation."

National Congress of Unions in the Sugar Industry of the Philippines

Founded/Registered: December 24, 1989

Headquarters: Rm. 36, 3rd Flr., Matrinco Bldg., 2178 Pasong Tamo Ave., Makati City
 Leadership: Zoilo dela Cruz (Nat'l. President), Daniel T. Gerandong (Nat'l. Vice-President), Ernesto Canda (NVP-Western Visayas), Hernane P. Braza (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To narrow the economic, political and cultural gaps that have kept the majority of the people powerless; to work for policies that truly serve the poor, the weak and the powerless; to realign the industry in order to conform with the need to protect the workers from the most extreme form of globalization; to advance a market that combines the best practices of being free but within a regulatory framework of strong regulation and responsible consumers; to promote the profit-sharing initiatives in enterprises; and to develop participative approaches to community development as a vehicle to responding to crisis and economic marginalization."

Oneway Printing Technical Foundation, Inc. (ONEWAY PRINT)

Founded/Registered: October 12, 1995

Headquarters: No. 931 Aurora Blvd., Cubao Quezon City

Objectives: "To help out educate school youths (OSYS) in the field of printing, graphic arts and computer trade; to maintain a marketing scheme for its graduates to be employed domestically or abroad; to help the printing industry solve their strong needs for competent technical workers; to conduct and sponsor seminars, technical research and development projects; to upgrade the printing facilities in schools so as to come with the fast-growing printing technologies; to put up an advisory body for beginners in printing; and to put up cooperatives for small printers who can avail of low-cost materials and equipment."

Pambansang Diwa ng Manggagawang Pilipino (PDMP)

Founded/Registered: 1985

Headquarters: PTGWO Bldg., 13th cor. Boston Sts., South Harbor, Port-Area, Manila

Leadership: Roberto M. Oca, Jr. (Nat'l. President), Marcelino D. Lontok, Sr. (Nat'l. Exec. Vice-President), Deogracias T. Dagum, Jr. (Nat'l. Secretary)

Objectives: "To ensure the effective protection and promotion of the economic, social, political, moral and cultural well-being of the Filipino working men and women as well as members of their respective families; and to strive for the full recognition and attainment of the Filipino working men and women's ideals and aspirations of having their individual as well as collective voice and will be heard and adhered to in the formation and adoption of state policies."

Philippine Association of Free Labor Unions (PAFLU)

Founded/Registered: October 20, 1993

Headquarters: No. 8 Ildefonso Drive, Torres Village, Nagkaisang Nayon, Quezon City

Objectives: "To pass bills that will create laws for the good and betterment of the working people, the benefit of all sectors of society and the nation as a whole; to pass laws that will minimize labor disputes and strikes in order to attract foreign investors who will create employment for the unemployed; and to strengthen workers' unions activities and resolve cases involving certificate elections which are hampered due to certain Supreme Court rulings."

Pilipino Workers Party (PWP)

Founded/Registered: October 21, 1992

Headquarters: Suite 402, Carmen Bldg., Ronquillo St., Quiapo, Manila

Leadership: Antonio B. Diaz (Nat'l. President), Atty. Julius Magno (Exec. Vice-President), Frank Pasim (Sec-Gen), Felisa Fernandez (VP-Luzon), Atty. Socrates Nodado (VP-Visayas), Ildefonso Ramos (VP-Mindanao), Arturo Reyes (VP-OFWs)

Objectives: "To formulate and implement policies, programs and related endeavors for the continuing development of a social, economic and political system along a dynamic and democratic Filipino workers' ideology; to work for the production and development as well as legislation in social, economic, political, cultural, civil and related rights of Filipino workers; to accelerate the institutionalization of a workers cooperative system; and to work for full, just and progressive employment, humane working conditions and better standards of living for the Filipino people."

Samahan Manggagawa Pilipino - National Union of Teachers and Office Workers (SMP-NATOW)

Founded/Registered: March 1, 1984

Headquarters: No. 4 Valson Court, 2329 Taft Ave., Malate, Manila

Leadership: Imelda Nery (President), Israel Bocobo (President Emeritus), Demetrio Diaz (VP-Teaching), Rafael Hernandez (VP-Non-teaching), Alfredo Camus (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To raise the status of the teaching profession to correspond to the importance of their social functions; to establish an effective national organization of promoting the true interest of the working people; to provide a policy-making body for all labor unions in all international agencies and conferences; and to establish friendly working relations with international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, in programs intended to promote the interests of working people everywhere."

Peasant

Alyansang Bayanihan ng mga Magsasaka, Manggagawang-bukid at Mangingisda (ABA)

Founded/Registered: February 6, 1990

Headquarters: 41 Highland Drive, Blue Ridge, Quezon City

Leadership: Jeremias U. Montemayor (President), Jaime S.L. Tadeo (1st Vice-President), Feliciano R. Matienzo (2nd VP/Sec-Gen), Alfredo T. Naida (3rd VP), Guillermo S. Palomera (4th VP), Teodoro J. Amor (5th VP), Nelia G. Cid (6th VP)

Objectives: "To institutionalize and foster our native tradition of "bayanihan" which is deeply rooted in our history as a social orientation and norm of conduct, embodying the Filipino spirit of joint and cooperative action for the promotion of the common good, with the human person as its major component and ultimate beneficiary."

Buklod ng Isipang Gabay sa Agrikulturang Sambayanan (BIGAS)

Founded/Registered: August 29, 1996

Headquarters: No. 7 Big Horseshoe Drive, Horseshoe Village, Quezon City

Leadership: Rogelio Magyaya (President), Teodoro Amor (Nat'l. Vice-President), Oscar Solidor (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To expedite the deliberation of the remaining Land Tenure Improvement (LTI) score of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program; to ensure the provision of the needed support services to farmers and agrarian reform beneficiaries to spur agricultural production and increased income to work for self sufficiency and sustainable food supply for every Filipino which shall be given the highest priority and policy focus of the state; to modernize agriculture in order to adjust to the current state of competitiveness and globalization; to transform the role of small farmers with small farm size as the prime movers of Philippine agriculture; and to recognize the role of women in countryside development."

Coconut Peasants Reform Alliance (COPRA)

Founded/Registered: October 29, 1997

Headquarters: Lugay-lugay, Cotabato City/ Liloan, Cebu City

Objectives: "To seek the immediate declaration with finality of the Coconut Levy Fund Assets as a public fund in trust for the exclusive benefit and welfare of the coconut industry from whence the original funds were generated; to seek a thorough review, revision, strengthening and reformulation of a new agrarian reform law that will correct the infirmities of the old law; and to establish an agricultural reform agenda to which we make a common cause with other agricultural sectors to work for policies and programs."

Federation of Land Reform Farmers of the Philippines (FLRF)

Founded/Registered: January 29, 1973

Headquarters: No. 15 Hillside Lane, Blue Ridge, Quezon City

Leadership: Vicente V. Tagle (Nat'l. President), Francisco San Gabriel (Exec. Vice-President), Zacaria de Pano (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To consolidate into one institution existing farmers associations and cooperatives, and agricultural laborers throughout the Philippines, and as one strong and solid union, dedicate its concerted efforts in helping liquidate feudalism and landlordism as well as solve the multifarious problems of the farmers and landless citizens toward the ends that peace and prosperity through the medium of social amelioration, justice and decency and security may be attained; to encourage and promote the formation of the welfare and well-being of all members of the association; and to work for the total and comprehensive implementation of the agrarian reform program."

Luzon Farmers Party (BUTIL)

Founded/Registered: October 15, 1997

Headquarters: Rm 300 3rd Flr., Merced Bldg., West Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Benjamin Cruz (Chairman), Jesus Simon (Vice-Chairman-Central Luzon), Leoncio Haber (VC-Southern Luzon), Herminio Ocampo (VC-Northern Luzon), Nicanor Mangiduyos (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To actively participate in the determination of the country's economic, political, social and moral recovery programs, objectives and goals; to implement a program of just diffusion of ownership of land, equitable distribution of income benefits and opportunities to all; to reorient education programs to inculcate among the youth the theory and practice of self-reliance and cooperativism for economic growth; and to redirect all government instrumentalities and agencies to provide farmers every opportunity to enjoy full social, economic and political development."

Mindanao Farmers Party (MINFA)

Founded/Registered: October 1997

Headquarters: 2nd Flr., Cinco Bldg., Pabayo-Gomez St., Cagayan de Oro City

Objectives: "To attain a true and just agrarian reform program that will genuinely emancipate the farmers from bondage of soil, poverty, ignorance and disease; to develop a strong self-reliant farming sector through organizations that enhance the social, political growth and development and their economic independence; and to achieve a level of human existence for every Filipino farmer and his family for them to live with dignity and honor."

National Federation of Small Coconut Farmers Organization, Inc. (SCFO)

Founded/Registered: August 20, 1994

Headquarters: 8th Flr., Philippine Coconut Authority Bldg., Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City

Leadership: (ret.) Col. Gorgonio P. Unde, PA (President), Eleno S. Corgas, Sr. (Exec. VicePresident), Rodolfo W. Tecson (Vice President-Luzon), Prudencio A. Garcia (VP-Visayas), Anggal B. Ibrahim (VP-Mindanao), Caridad S. Impe (Secretary)

Objectives: "To protect the interest, welfare and benefits of coconut farmers; to recover the Coconut Levy; to institute projects in all provinces pertaining to the development of the coconut industry; to institute training of coconut farmers in modern technology and the implementation thereof to include funding; to give free medical, educational and livelihood assistance to deserving coconut farmers; to provide infrastructure projects to coconut farmers especially in the depressed, disadvantaged and underdeveloped areas; and to provide coconut farmers with free insurance coverage of fifteen thousand pesos (P15,000)."

Philippine Coconut Producers Federation, Inc. (COCOFED)

Headquarters: COCOFED Bldg., No. 114 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

Visayas Farmers Party

Founded/Registered: October 29, 1997

Headquarters: c/o Cooperative Bank of Iloilo, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City

Leadership: Wendell B. Reyes (Chairman), Telesforo A. Villanueva (Vice-President-Western Visayas), Leo Delloso (VC-Central Visayas), Jose Q. Iligan (VC-Eastern Visayas)

Fisherfolk

Alyansa ng mga Mamamayan at Magdaragat sa Lawa ng Laguna, Inc.

Founded/Registered: April 11, 1997

Headquarters: No. 237 Bgy. Cuyab, San Pedro, Laguna

Leadership: Ka Pabbling Marquez (President), Lupo Masaclao (Exec. Vice-President), Ulpiano Aquino (VP-Laguna), Felix Tajan (VP-Metro Manila), Nilo Infante (VP-Rizal), Rudy Farao, (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To review and conduct consultation on project/program on CALABARZON reclamation areas regarding water conservation, demolition, dislocation and tourism; to continue monitoring the implementation of the Lake Reform Program; to lobby for the immediate passage of the Comprehensive Fisheries Code and the Magna Carta for Fisherfolks; to assist in the formation of the Fisheries Resource Management Council (FRMC) at the local level; and to pursue the establishment of specific guidelines in the Local Government Code's provision to give preferential treatment to the fisherfolk sector on the use of municipal fishing grounds."

People Power Party

Founded/Registered: 1997

Headquarters: Suite 31, Lower Penthouse, Legaspi Towers 200, No. 107 Paseo de Roxas, Legaspi Village, Makati City

Leadership: Atty. Jose F. Sano (President), Welsie P. Lopez (Vice-President/Sec-Gen), Antonio Africa (VP-Luzon), Gen. Jose B. Commendador (VP-Visayas), Hon. Judge Roberto Romanillos (VP-Mindanao)

Objectives: "To support the demands of the urban poor, proletarian, fishermen and farmers job opportunities or means of livelihood and affordable housing to improve their quality of life; to undertake for the common good, and in cooperation of the private sector a continuing program of urban land reform and housing including provisions for basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens; to accelerate the expansion of cooperative institutions as the foundation of social justice, urban land reform and livelihood program development; and to recognize, respect and uphold the right of other sectoral organizations to organize and struggle for the attainment of their legitimate demands and aspirations."

Samahang Bantay Katubigan Para sa Kaunlaran

Founded/Registered: October 6, 1996

Headquarters: No. 7 Big Horseshoe Drive, Horseshoe Village, Quezon City

Leadership: Felix de Leon (President), Rafael Olivera (Vice-President), Sonia Banquilles (Secretary)

Objectives: "To enhance the meaningful participation of the fisherfolk sector in all level of decision making; to regulate the exploitation of fishery resources in traditional fishing grounds through sustainable development; to restore the seriously depleted fishery resource areas to increase fish production and maintain the marine and inland ecosystem; and to build the capacity of fisherfolk to explore, utilize and manage their resources in non-traditional fishing areas."

Urban Poor

Alternative Approaches of Settlers Advocacy for the Holistic Advancement of the Nation Party (AASAHAN)

Founded/Registered: 1992

Headquarters: No. 250 Evergreen St., Payatas B, Quezon City

Leadership: Rey Oliver Alejandrino (Chairman), Edwin Nacpil (Vice-Chairman), Rodrigo Olarte (President), Edilberto Caday (VP-Luzon), Raul Ruiz (VP-Visayas), Stephen Armada (VP-Mindanao), Nicanor Salameda, Jr. (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To engage in the peaceful pursuit of political power as the most effective means of the attainment of party principle; and to take advantage of all government programs and projects more responsive to the needs of the people; and to foster harmonious relationships among basic sectors, in general, the urban poor, in particular."

Adhikain at Kilusan ng Ordinaryong Tao Para sa Lupa, Pabahay, Hanapbuhay at Kaunlaran (AKO)

Headquarters: No. 102 Purok 111, Luzon Ave., Bgy. Culiati, Quezon City

Leadership: Mercedes Castro (Chairman), Bernadette Lingo (Vice-Chairman), Percival Chavez (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To empower the ordinary Filipino and the neglected sectors of society; to ensure the people's participation in local governance and; to ensure that economic policies and strategies are based on the goal of improving the quality of life of the ordinary Filipino."

Partido ng Maralitang-Lungsod (ALAGAD)

Founded/Registered: 1997

Headquarters: No. 42 Don Vicente Ext., Kaligtasan, Bgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City

Leadership: Diogenes S. Osabel (Nat'l. President), Rene E. Cagasca (Exec. Vice-Presi Jesus de Budac, Jr. (VP-Luzon), Rogelio V. Amante (VP-Visayas), Kuntalil Abdu (VP-Mindanao), Datu Amerol Gulam-Ambiong (VP-Muslim Communities), Elmer Guzman (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "Isaayos ang palakad sa programang pabahay ng pamahalaan; itaguyod ang integrated approach sa pagpapalano at pagpapatupad ng mga patakaran at programang pangkabuhayan ng mga ahensya ng pamahalaan upang maging buo ang tulong pamahalaan sa mga proyektong pangkabuhayan ng maralita."

National Urban Poor Assembly (NUPA)

Founded/Registered: July 2, 1996

Headquarters: Rm. 201, Heart of the City Condominium, No. 40 Sgt. Esguerra cor. Albano Sts., South Triangle, Quezon City

Leadership: Ederto del Rosario (Nat'l. Chairman), Mario Lintag (Vice-Chairman-Luzon/Deputy Sec-Gen), Romanito C. Lozada (VC-NCR/Sec-Gen), Erna B. Aguilar (VC Visayas), Abraham Cirunay (VC-Mindanao)

Objectives: "To link and unite urban poor organizations of different localities to enable them to gain greater negotiating leverage vis-6-vis the local and national government; and to draw concrete attention and support from the local and national government on policies affecting the sector."

Organisasyon Kaugnayan Nasyonal sa Pag-unlad (O.K. NAPU)

Founded/Registered: Jun 24, 1997

Headquarters: No. 20 Evening News, West Triangle, Quezon City

Leadership: Jose Loberiza (President), Ferdinand Ocampo (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To eliminate bureaucracy, red tape and corruption in government; to institute poverty alleviation programs to make cooperatives the main conduits for the allocation of funds; and to strengthen and expand the urban poor administration to include social and economic programs in its budget allocations."

Partido ng Maralitang Pilipino (PMP)

Founded/Registered: June 24, 1997

Headquarters: S-346 Secretarial Bldg., PICC-CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City

Leadership: Ariel Joseph Arias (Nat'l. Chairman), Sis. Aniceta B. Abion (Nat'l. President) Mauro R. Icaro (Exec. Vice-President), Frank Villanueva (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To participate in all levels of social, political and economic decision-making process to protect the interest of its constituents; to support the demands of the urban poor and slum dwellers for job opportunities or means of livelihood and affordable housing to improve their quality of life; to undertake for the common good a continuing program of urban land reform and housing including provisions for basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens; and to accelerate the expansion of cooperative institutions as the foundation of social justice, urban reform and livelihood program development."

Sandigang Maralita (SM)

Founded/Registered: 1997

Headquarters: No. 4 Ilang-Ilang St. cor. E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Cubao, Quezon City

Leadership: Marianito S. Canonigo (Chairman), Zorrobabel O. Zuñiga (President), Danilo O. Gaban (Exec. Vice-President), Peregrino Apit (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To ultimately reduce the level of poverty by increasing the capacity of the urban poor sector to devise a scheme where livelihood and economic package could be provided; to devise strategies that would optimize the current housing program to the lowest 30 percent of the urban poor sector; to formulate policies that would make it mandatory to provide the urban poor sector additional seats in the municipal/city and provincial board councils; and to devise a scheme where we could create an urban poor bank that would serve as a financing arm of seed capitals of economic initiatives of the urban poor community."

Tapat Foundation, Inc.

Founded/Registered: July 30, 1991

Headquarters: Penthouse, C.C. Castro Intl. Bldg., No. 38 Timog Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Atty. Delfin Panlaque (Chairman of the Board), Atty. Raul L. Lambino (President), Susan P. Ordinario (Secretary)

Objectives: "To strengthen the family through education and good moral values formation so we could achieve peace, happiness and prosperity; to economically empower the family through formation of cooperatives and livelihood programs and by providing business management and skills trainings and assistance for fund sourcing; to politically empower the urban poor by instilling in them civic consciousness awareness and involvement in community development; to motivate the urban poor to be socially aware of their role in achieving a peaceful, prosperous and happy society; and to instill in them the value of preserving and protecting our environment and natural resources."

Indigenous Cultural Communities

Assembly of Tribal Ethnic People (ATEP)

Founded/Registered: November 11, 1997

Headquarters: Batag La Trinidad, Benguet

Leadership: Jose L. Medina (President), Fermin S. Bohog (Nat'l. Vice-President), Domingo T. Awas (Secretary)

Objectives: "To secure respect for the right to self-determination of the Indigenous Peoples; to protect their rights to their lands and other natural resources and the restoration to them of lands and other natural resources unjustly lost to their ownership; to promote artistic creativity of the Indigenous Peoples; to give them better credit access; to protect and promote the rights of Indigenous Peoples living abroad and; to ensure proper representation of Indigenous Peoples in all government bodies at the national, regional, provincial, municipal and barangay levels."

Development Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. (DFP)

Founded/Registered: June 13, 1988

Headquarters: No. 3-C Biak na Bato St., Bgy. Sto. Niño, Galas, Quezon City

Leadership: Solaiman A. Malambut (Nat'l. President), Paeng Norvilla (Vice-President)

Objectives: "To encourage direct involvement in agro-industrial projects particularly in food production, conservation and reforestation programs, health and sanitation, nutrition, the campaign against drug abuse, establishment of public libraries and organization of cooperatives, enhancement of the development and promotion of national cultural communities, child and youth development, technology transfer, science and culture, sports development, improvement of the ecology and the protection of our natural resources."

Katribu-Mindanao (KAMI)

Founded/Registered: November 4, 1997

Headquarters: No. 112 Mango St., Sto. Domingo, Sasa, Davao City

Leadership: Nelson Dagani (President), Catalino M. Ariston (Vice-President), Narciso L. Sagubay (Secretary)

Objectives: "To work for the restoration of ancestral or communal lands and resources formerly owned or held by indigenous peoples which have passed to the ownership and control of others; to seek equal access to various cultural opportunities in the educational system, cultural entities, scholarships, grants and other incentives; and to promote the propagation of appropriate skills and the delivery of basic services to the various tribal communities, especially those most neglected and exploited, in order to improve their livelihood and social condition."

National Federation of Northern Tribal Councils-People's Indigenous Party (NFNTC-PIP)

Founded/Registered: 1989

Headquarters: Office for the Northern Cultural Communities, 2nd Flr., D & E Bldg., Roces cor. Quezon Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Felicisimo Z. Cabasal (President), Romulo Ramos (Exec. Vice-President), Frank Buting (VP-Cordillera), Onofre Sunngay (VP-Regoon 1), Estrellador Velez (Region 11), Larry Ramos (VP-Region 11)

Objectives: "To promote, develop, protect and enhance the cultural integrity of the Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines through programs that respect cultural dynamism and religious freedom with the end-in-view of interweaving the rich ethnic heritage of the IPs in the national Filipino cultural fibre; to strive for economic stability and social equity for the Indigenous Peoples and their communities through the establishment of mechanisms for their full participation in the development process; and to work for the protection and recognition of ancestral lands and domains through the review and repeal of all national and local laws, rules and regulations that adversely affect the debts of the Indigenous Peoples to their ancestral lands and domains, the sincere implementation of the provisions of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act, and the documentation and recognition of the validity of traditional concepts and systems of land use and ownership."

Partido Katutubong Pilipino

Founded/Registered: 1992

Headquarters: No. 165, 20th Ave., Cubao, Quezon City

Leadership: Atty. Joseph B. Banghulot (Chairman), Atty. Melanio Andresen (Sec-Gen), Atty. Pablo Bernardo (Head-Education), Atty. Emmanuel de Guzman (Head-External Affairs), Engr. Elpidio Apostoi (Head-Finance)

Objectives: "To establish an effective political organization led by the tribal leaders of the Philippines; to secure the interests and welfare of the citizens, particularly the tribal people; and to provide a policy-making body in all matters involving particularly the cultural communities and the entire Filipino citizenry in relation to the community, the nation and the rest of the world."

Tribal Communities Association of the Philippines (TRICAP)

Founded/Registered: February 10, 1987

Headquarters: Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife, Quezon Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Bae Trinidad Sibug (President), Juan B. Dait, Jr. (Exec. Vice-President), Datu Saligan Jose Enginco (Sec-Gen)

Objective: "To unite various tribal communities and its members in the bonds of brotherhood, friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding."

Handicapped

Alyansa ng may Kapansanan sa Pilipinas (AKAP)

Founded/Registered: 1997

Headquarters: K.S.K.P.I., AFPMEC Compound, V. Luna Rd., Quezon City

Leadership: Capt. Oscar J. Taleon, PN (President), Luis Ramirez de Arellano (Vice-President), Nicanor B. Gatmaytan (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To instill in every Filipino with disability a sense of his own human dignity that will give him the impetus to seek his own empowerment by honorable society; to inculcate in every Filipino with disability the spirit of oneness and kinship with all people, to better promote his social acceptance and integration; to make available to Filipinos with disability the devices, equipment, mechanisms and venues that will facilitate their empowerment and social integration; and to take whatever measure that may be necessary to boost the empowerment strength of the Magna Carta of Persons with Disability as well as to ensure to the fullest implementation thereof."

Pilipinong May Kapansanan Party

Founded/Registered: June 28, 1997

Headquarters: 2620 F.B. Harrison St., Pasay City

Leadership: Jess Docot (Chairman), Oscar Taleon (President), Katrina Cariño (Vice-President), Antonio Manikan (Sec-Gen)

Objective: "To demonstrate and spread the good tidings that physical, sensorial, neurological and mental disabilities are no longer hindrance to the attainment of a meaningful and fruitful life, neither are they excuses for a life of self-pity, selfishness, seclusion, segregation and apathy."

Elderly

PHILPOST Retirees Association of the Philippines (PRAP)

Founded/Registered: October 11, 1996

Headquarters: Manila Post Office Bldg., Liwasang Bonifacio, Manila

Leadership: Reynaldo R. MarLinez (President), Lorenzo F. Barda (Vice-President), Hipolito S. Yoro (Secretary)

Objectives: "To maintain, enhance, enrich and strengthen the professional and social bonds among postal retirees of the Philippines; and to establish a juridical and common utility which would act in representation of the retirees, protect, advance and defend their individual and common interest."

Senior Citizens/Elderly Sectoral Party of the Philippines

Founded/Registered: 1996

Headquarters: DSWD, Batasan Complex, Quezon City

Leadership: Rufino G. Seril (President), George Gerardo (Vice-President-Luzon), Hilario Cadugdug (VP-Visayas), Pacifico Padua, Sr. (VP-Mindanao), Benjamin Calma (SecGen)

Objectives: "To promote the general welfare and well-being of all citizens 60 years old and above, regardless of sex, religion, political affiliation or nationality; to organize a strong working body that will help and coordinate with government and non-government agencies in the promotion of the general welfare of the elderly; to provide a unified and dynamic organization that shall support social legislation in order to achieve social equity through substantive and peaceful process of change; and to initiate programs and social activities that will involve the elderly citizens to the point that the remaining years of their lives may become more productive, more useful, more meaningful and filled with joy and happiness."

Women

Ang Bagong Pilipina Women (ABP-WP)

Founded/Registered: October 2, 1997

Headquarters: 354 A & M Bldg., Quezon Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Andrea D. Domingo (Chairman) Lydia C. Sol (President), Avelina U. CariF) (Exec. Vice-President), Elizabeth G. Tana (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To unite and strengthen all women, individuals, federations and associations both in the regional, municipal, and provincial level down to the barangay level, extending development support to members and their families, empowering them towards a better way of life; to facilitate assistance of their basic needs such as housing, social services and welfare benefits and protection from exploitation and abuse; to participate in the policy issues, develop and formulate action plans for the enhancement of the economic and social well-being of the members, their dependents and beneficiaries; and to coordinate development programs to enhance the economic and social well-being of Filipino women and their families."

Abanse! Pinay

Founded/Registered: August 8, 1997

Headquarters: No. 10 Makadyos St., Sikatuna Village, Quezon City

Leadership: Regina Jimenez-David (Chairman), Katrina Legarda (President), Margarita Gomez (Vice-President), Karina Constantino-David (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To work for the delivery of quality basic services, particularly water, shelter and health, that most affect the quality of life of women and their families; to work for laws on family violence and partner abuse as well as laws that will require the establishment of crisis support services and mechanisms for survivors of violence against women; to propose the creation of the office of a Children's Advocate and of special courts for child offenders and child victims; to provide incentives for the education of children from the poorest families; to strengthen the Family Code and the Women in Nation Building and Development Law and enact more laws to ensure equity for women in the home, workplace and in economic life; to promote the rights of Filipino Overseas Workers especially migrant women workers, require the review of bilateral agreements and require women labor attaches and welfare officers where majority of the overseas workers are women; and to ensure a better representation of women in government and in all levels of decision-making."

Babae at Bayan, Isulong (BABAYI)

Founded/Registered: October 30, 1997

Headquarters: No. 7 Big Horseshoe Drive, Horseshoe Village, Quezon City

Leadership: Elizabeth Angsioco (Chairman/President), Myra Nazarra (Vice-Chairman), Eva Ma. Cayanan (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To seek concrete expressions of gender equality by opposing all forms of discrimination against women; to promote a concept of development that recognizes the co-equal and co-responsible role of women in the development process; and to seek venues and work towards the substantive and effective participation of women in all levels of decision-making both in the formal structures of government and alternative structures of mass government."

Gloria's League of Women (GLOW)

Founded/Registered: January 1996

Headquarters: Suite 1503, Security Bank Center, Ayala Ave., Makati City

Leadership: Ma. Lourdes T. Arroyo (President), Rita M. Arroyo (Secretary)

Objectives: "To initiate and promote social and national awareness, specifically on issues concerning women, to enable them to be partners in nation-building; to serve the women and other communities promote lasting peace and unity, fight poverty, ensure that economic progress and social reforms are equitably shared by every Filipino in their homes, workplaces and communities; to advocate for the protection of women against all forms of violence and discriminatory practices that impede on the full development of women; to uphold at all times the rule of law and of the majority; and to ensure that the people's right to life, liberty and property is affirmed."

National Council of Women of the Philippines (NCWP)

Founded/Registered: 1947

Headquarters: No. 128 G. Roxas St., San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City

Leadership: Justice Regina G. Ordoñez-Benitez (President), Fiscal Lea T. Castelo (VicePresident at Large), Dr. Amelia Lourdes B. Reyes (VP-NCR), Mary Jane C. Ortega (VP-Northern Luzon), Nanette T. Lopez (VP-Southern Luzon), Carmen de Venecia-Lim (VP-Visayas), Rosellyn E. Magsaysay (VP-Mindanao)

Objectives: "To seek the full integration of women in society through active participation in the decision-making process; to seek the inclusion of women's programs into government plans and women's direct involvement in all stages of development; and to develop the capabilities of women non-government organizations and consolidate their efforts and involvement towards the promotion of well-being of its constituents, communities and the nation."

Womenpower Inc.

Founded/Registered: February 11, 1997

Headquarters: Suite 304, Agustin Bldg., No. 139 Malakas St., Central District, Quezon City

Leadership: Zenaida P. Reyes, ESQ (President), Angelita D. Ago, MD (Vice-President), Eden R. Divinagracia (Secretary)

Objectives: "To seek representation of women in policy-making bodies; to lobby gender-responsive and people-oriented legislation, policies and development programs; and to build women's constituency and machinery to support women in politics."

Youth

Alliance for Youth Solidarity (AYOS)

Founded/Registered: 1996

Headquarters: 4th Fl., Domingo Bldg., PasongTamo, Makati City

Objectives: "To attain an education level commensurate with the aspirations of the youth; to access employment opportunities equal to their abilities; to secure food and nutrition adequate for full participation in the life of society; to secure a physical and social environment that promotes good health and protection from disease and addiction, and that is free from all types of violence; and to secure the fundamental freedoms and basic rights without distinctions as to race, sex, language and religion."

Aliyansa ng Nagkaisang Kabataan ng Sambayanan Para sa Kaunlaran (ANAKBAYAN)

Founded/Registered: Oct. 25, 1995

Headquarters: No. 7 Big Horseshoe Drive, Horseshoe Village, Quezon City

Objectives: "To work for increased budget allocations for all levels of education e.g. free elementary education, subsidized tertiary education, teachers' development training, increased provision for textbooks, equipment and facilities; to work for the institutionalization of a genuine socialized tuition fee scheme to improve access of the poor to quality tertiary education; to work for the improvement of the matching between education and actual jobs to encourage enrollment and degree completion in labor market-friendly fields of study; to work for the establishment/strengthening of guidance or crisis centers for distressed and violated youths; and to seek channels to develop the youth sector's policy advocacy capability, to effect the sector's direct and substantive participation in both formal and alternative venues of policy-making."

Bago at Responsableng Kabataan Para sa mga Demokratikong Hangarin (BARKADAHAN)

Founded/Registered: 1995

Headquarters: No. 5112 Filmore cor. Curie Sts., Palanan, Makati City

Leadership: Jowanes Ablog (Chairman), Ferdinand Trinidad (Vice-Chairman), Cecille Desesto (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To organize a broad mass organization making them a potent and powerful force in transforming society; to formulate a legislative agenda that will highlight the problems and the needs of the youth; to launch an educational campaign on social, political, economic and cultural issues that beset Philippine society; to push for the implementation of laws against sexual harassment; to push for the full and strict enforcement of labor standards and the strict enforcement on the ban on child labor; and to adhere to the democratic principle of *salus populi is suprema lex* (the welfare of the people is the supreme law)."

Kabataan ng Masang Pilipino (KAMPIL)

Founded/Registered: August 1996

Headquarters: No. 49 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City

Leadership: Joseph Victor Ejercito (Chairman), Ceasar Chavez (President), Ronald Lumbao (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To lobby for the formulation of a national youth environment plan which shall define the youth's role as a resource and partner in the protection of the environment; to channel the youth's vast resources in volunteer work in the communities during calamities; to make every student a clear stakeholder in the Student Council/Student Government; and to form a national confederation of youth organizations to serve as regular partners of policy-making officials and government youth agencies."

Kilos Kabataang Pilipino (KILOS)

Founded/Registered: 1995

Headquarters: No. 3742 Bautista St., Palanan, Makati City

Leadership: Epimaco V. Densing III (Chairman), Hazel P. Jiloca (Exec. Vice-Chairman), Edwin Monares (VC-Luzon), Raymond C. Moderes (VC-Visayas), Raymond A. Egal (VC-Mindanao), Francisco C. Aquilar (VC-NCR), Marion G. Cabrera (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To have relevant education based on democracy and the enactment of a genuine Magna Carta of Students Rights; to make the Sangguniang Kabataan more effective and autonomous in local governance which would ultimately benefit the youth in the barangays; and to lobby for the protection of and preservation of the country's natural resources."

Philippine People's Parliament Youth (PPP-Youth)

Founded/Registered: September 12, 1997

Headquarters: No. 77 Panay cor. Timog Aves., Quezon City

Leadership: Harmony Francisca A. Cabie (Sec-Gen), Rejam Rey S. Quilaia (Director for Luzon), Roderick C. Cruz (Dir. for Visayas), Benedicto B. Bulaclac (Dir. for Mindanao), Carlo M. Bernabe (Dir. for NCR)

Objectives: "To institutionalize youth power through the People's Initiative and Referendum Act and other relevant laws; to educate and enlighten the Filipino youth regarding their real right to undertake socioeconomic and political reform that would address problems affecting the youth; to contribute to the improvement of education by providing venues of achievement of academic excellence; to provide for, to instill and to protect a sense of social awareness, good moral character, environmental concern and public responsibility in the youth. in pursuance of social justice and human rights; to promote patriotism and nationalism in the youth; and to prepare young people for genuine leadership anchored on the true essence of public service.'

Solid Youth Philippines (SYP)

Founded/Registered: October 21, 1997

Headquarters: No. 9374 San Miguel, Apas, Cebu City

Leadership: Jose Ian D. Serana (President), Hannah Eunice D. Serana (Vice-President), Ann Jarelyn D. Serana (Secretary)

Objectives: "To encourage bonding among Filipino youths; to promote responsiveness to the specific needs of the barangay through a very convenient and manageable chapter group that breaks down the national goal of development and social services into small, attainable and realistic tasks."

Veterans**Federation of Sons and Daughters of Philippine Veterans, Inc. (LAHING VETERANO)**

Founded/Registered: April 8, 1988

Headquarters: Unit 8-B Sagittarius Condominium, Dela Costa St., Salcedo Village, Makati City

Leadership: Amand M. Salvador, CPA (Nat'l. President), Magio Vent Come [(Exec. Vice-President), Antonio M. Murillo (Secretary)

Objectives: "To honor the men and women who fought our battles against invaders and colonial powers, the values that imbued their sacrifices must be kept alive; to pursue and serve the national interest through patriotism and nationalism and not by the

critical embracing of the popular slogans of the hour such as 'globalization,' 'world without borders,' 'free trade,' 'comparative advantage,' 'privatization,' 'level playing field,' 'foreign investors,' etc.; to cultivate patriotism, nationalism and heroism as bedrock values in our schools and in government policy and their propagation of popular culture; to liberate the working man from 'marginalization' and 'tokenism' in order to release creativity and productivity.'

Sectoral Party of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP)

Foundect/Registered: August 20, 1997

Headquarters: PVAO Bldg. Annex, Arroceros St., Manila

Leadership: Emmanuel V. De Ocampo (President), Peregrino M. Andres (Exec. Vice-President), Rene R. Garcia (VP-Affiliate Organizations), Esmeralda Acorda (VP-Charter Organization), Francisco T. San Miguel (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To uphold and defend the democratic way of life as envisioned in the Constitution of the Philippines; to represent and defend the interest of all Filipino veterans; to coordinate the efforts of all veterans organizations in behalf of the interest of respective members; to promote mutual help among former comrade-in-arms, perpetuate their common experience in war; and to undertake acts of charity and relief work, preserve peace and order, foster love of country and all things Philippine and inculcate individual civil consciousness."

Veterans Care and Welfare Organization (VETERANS CARE)

Headquarters: No. 710 EDSA, Cubao, Quezon City

Leadership: Atty. Enrique H. Abila (President), Mayor Pablo Valdez (Exec. Vice-President), Atty. Tomas Nufable (Nat'l. Vice-President-Luzon) Leg. Medina S. Portugal (NVPVisayas) Comdr. Angel Suarez (NVP-Mindanao), Leg. Ricardo Madayag (Natl. Sectors)

Objectives: "To establish an effective sectoral organization led by veterans and the elderly; to secure the interest and care of the marginalized sectors of society, the welfare of their sons and daughters, those of the retirees, the Armed Forces, the police and their descendants and dependents; and to remove the stigma that the veterans and the elderly are hand-out paupers by passing laws and resolutions for the upliftment of their way of life.'

Overseas Workers

Ang Bagong Bayani-Overseas Filipino Workers Labor Party (ABB-OFW)

Date of Registration/Organization: July 6, 1996

Headquarters: Rm. 302 OWWA Center, Gil Puyat cor. F.B. Harrison Sts., Pasay City

Leadership: Hon. Felicisimo Josen (Party President), Hon. Danilo Coronacion (Exec. Vice-President), Hon. Mohd. Omar A. Fajardo (Sec-Gen)

Objective: "To study, advise and recommend legislative measures in the interest of the Filipino overseas workers and to represent them and their contracts with public officials and authorities within the limits provided by law."

Ang Lakas ng Overseas Contract Workers (ANG LAKAS OCW)

Headquarters: 2nd Flr., Permaline Trade House, East Drive, Parang, Marikina City

Party for Overseas Contract Workers' Empowerment and Reintegration (POWER)

Founded/Registered: August 1, 1997

Headquarters: Unit 217 Cityland Condominium 8, No. 98 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City

Leadership: Aurora A. Navarra (Chairman), Jose J. Tesoreno (Vice-Chairman-internal Affairs), Efren R. Jabla (VC-External Affairs), Enrique S. de Leon (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To promote truly democratic institutions and socially responsive political structures by way of decentralization and people empowerment; to promote and economic structure that will ensure a sustainable economic development and global competitiveness in conformity with our national aspirations; to promote social security structures that will truly be responsive to the needs of the people, especially the disadvantaged and underprivileged; to re-direct society's values and priorities from crass materialism and consumerism towards building up for one's family future and stability; and to apply and implement the laws of the land without fear or favor to ensure order, promote justice, preserve peace and uphold the people's right to life, liberty and property."

Pinoy Overseas Party (POP)

Founded/Registered: January 7, 1981

Headquarters: Ground Floor, Benlor Bldg., 1184 Quezon Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Arnel F. de Guzman (Chairman), Nelson Ramirez (Vice-President), Remy Borlongan (VP), Jeremy D. Cajiua (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To organize OCWS, both land-based and sea-based, and their families to generate awareness and support for the protection of OCWs' rights and welfare; to empower OCWs and their families by politicizing the sector to engage in activities that will enhance their economic, political, social as well as moral stature; and to participate in national development by building programs and activities that will advance national industrialization and promote genuine land reform."

Union of Filipino Overseas Workers, Inc. (OCW-UNIFIL)

Founded/Registered: January 29, 1993

Headquarters: No. 95 Iba St., Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City

Leadership: Meycauyan A. Atil (Chairman), Berlito E. Amer (Vice-Chairman), William C. Chavez (Secretary)

Objectives: "To organize and unite all Filipino OCWs in the spirit of fraternal cooperation and solidarity; to promote the socioeconomic development and general welfare of their members and constituencies; to monitor employer-employee relations for OCWs and identify problems involving terms and conditions of their contracts; to coordinate with the appropriate government offices matters prejudicial to the welfare and interest of overseas workers; and to conduct seminars and disseminate educational information for the general information of OCWS."

Visayan Association of the Philippines (BISA)

Founded/Registered: July 13, 1994

Headquarters: 5th Fl., PISO Bank Bldg., No. 853-A Arnaiz Ave., Makati City

Leadership: Teodulfo Paddila, Jr (President), Portia Valdez (Exec. Vice-President), Adelaida M. Ginete (VP-Membership), Dayangdayang Nava (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To foster unity and cooperation among the various Visayan sectors in Metro Manila and other parts of the country; to look after the social, medical and welfare needs of the less-fortunate Visayans in the depressed areas of Metro Manila and

other parts) of the country; to explore, develop and provide opportunities for income generation, employment and livelihood for the benefit of the members of the association and of the Visayan sector; and to promote the assimilation into our natural culture Visayan historical and cultural heritage, tradition and values, and Visayan words to become a major part of our national language.'

Professionals

Alliance of Concerned Professionals in Business (ALL PRO)

Founded/Registered: October 23, 1997

Headquarters: Trans Union Group of Companies, 3rd Fl., Union Ajinomoto Bldg.

Leadership: Aurelio Periquet (Chairman), Miguel B. Varela (President), Sergio Ortiz-Luis, Jr. (Vice-President), Rogelio D. Garcia (VP), Aniano G. Bagabaldo (VP), Francisco R. Floro (VP), Romulo P. Ayos (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To work for the adoption of policies and/or the enactment of laws aimed at fostering and sustaining the growth of the economy that will redound to the well-being not only of professionals in business but of the people as a whole; to uphold the law and fight for what is fair, just and equitable, particularly in the areas of employment, productivity, taxation, agrarian reform and related social policy issues; and to support the growth of small and medium enterprises which comprise the bulk of business activities in the country."

National Constructors Association of the Philippines

Founded/Registered: January 7, 1986

Headquarters: Suite 210, Eagle Court Condominium, No. 26 Matalino St., Diliman, Quezon City

Leadership: Willy E. Castor (Nat'l. President), Datu Farouk Macarambon (Exec. Vice-President), Armando Sanchez (VP-Luzon), Robert Cerrada (VP-Visayas), Datu Salaman Mangca (VP-Mindanao)

Objectives: "To promote a government that shall devote more attention and resources at improving the lives of our marginalized citizens; to ensure the protection of its own citizens from unfair competition from foreign constructors/consultants who are more often than not subsidized by their own governments; to help our own local industries that produce the materials needed for construction and development; to do away with foreign consultants who not only charge exorbitant fees but also whose technical expertise is easily matched by our own people; and to see to the enhancement of the construction profession to bring out innovative and quality performance on par with international standards."

Pag-asa ng Sambayanan (PAG-ASA)

Founded/Registered: October 16, 1997

Headquarters: No. 7 Big Horseshoe, Horseshoe Village, Quezon City

Leadership: Florangel Braid (President), Nemesio Prudente (Chairman), Wilfrido Villacorta (Vice-President), Tonisito Umali (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: To serve as a political party that shall advance the economic growth, peace and prosperity of the country through genuine people empowerment; to instill political awareness and patriotism among the Filipino people and encourage their participation in the decision-making processes of government at all levels of society; to play an active role in the resolution of economic, social, moral and political issues confronting Philippine society and the nation as a whole; to advance the interest of marginalized sectors of society and secure the upliftment of their social, economic and political conditions; and to promote good citizenship and good governance."

Philippine Technological Council (PTC)

Founded/Registered: June 3, 1995

Headquarters: PSME Bldg., No. 19 Scout Bayoran St., South Triangle, Quezon City

Leadership: Jaime C. Marquez (President), Danilo Q. Bulanadi (Vice-President), Nelson O. Irasca (Secretary)

Objectives: "To create an environment wherein all professionals can participate in the promotion and provision of quality and better life for the people and better future for the nation; to hasten the growth and development of the technological profession to world class standards; to encourage innovations, research and development by giving incentives and funding assistance; to provide motivation to Filipino professionals by giving recognition to their outstanding achievements and excellent accomplishments in the technological field; and to instill discipline among Filipino professionals by establishing and enforcing a code of ethics for professionals especially its penal provisions."

Professional Alliance for Reforms, Integrity, Brotherhood and Advancement (PROARIBA)

Founded/Registered: November 11, 1997

Headquarters: Unit 111, Prince Plaza, No. 106 Legaspi St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

Leadership: Atty. Efren Dizon, CPA (President), Atty. Rodrigo A. Reyna (Vice-President), Frederick William D. Crespillo, Jr. (Secretary)

Objectives: "To participate in nation-building and protect professionals; to recognize merits and accomplishments in public employment service; to provide opportunities of livelihood to professionals during and after their employment; to advance and promote the rights of employed professionals; to return the control of GSIS/SSS funds to the employee sector; to integrate board/bar flunkers with rights though limited in their profession; and to equalize benefits in the public and private sectors."

Organizations**Aabante Ka Pilipinas (SAGIP-BAYAN Movement)**

Founded/Registered: August 23, 1997

Headquarters: Suites 23-24 JER Apartelle, No. 9023 Aranga St., San Antonio Village, Makati City

Leadership: Jayme O.B. Lorenzo (Nat'l. President), Glicerio G. Gervero (Exec. Vice-President), Venancio A. Lucas (Sec-Gen), Cesar E. Jornacion (Deputy Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To engage in the dynamic quest for political power as a democratic and effective vehicle for promoting the party's ideals in the service of the common wealth and good of the country and the nation; to promote the highest ethical standards of behavior in government, business, the professions, livelihood activities and community service; and to uplift Filipino morals and values that shall advance national cultural traditions and family ties."

Abante Bisaya (AB)

Founded/Registered: June 19, 1997

Headquarters: Sta. Isabel St., Jaro, Iloilo City

Leadership: Vicente Pellobello (President), Reinieer Pasquin (Vice-President), Aurora Cutanda (Secretary)

Objectives: "To establish a genuinely democratic government by developing, through direct actions, the empowerment of the people - particularly the toiling masses - and ensuring their participation through their organization, at all levels of government decision-making; to develop a pro-people army, police and citizens militia with a high degree of self-reliance and capable of defending the nation against external aggression and upholding national sovereignty on Philippine territory; to establish a legislative system based on pluralism and capable of formulating and enacting laws that promote social justice and social progress; to strengthen the independence and professional effectiveness of the judiciary that upholds democratic principles; to ensure the self-determination of the Bangsa Moro, Cordillera, and other indigenous peoples and eliminate all forms of oppression and discrimination against them; and to deepen the political consciousness of the people through the promotion of educational campaigns on the programs and principles of the people's movement for genuine democracy, justice and social progress by giving due course to their just demands for changes and basic reforms in social order."

Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association (ARBA)

Founded/Registered: November 14, 1979

Headquarters: Tamayong Calinan, Davao City

Leadership: Eben Martiziano (President), Servillano Regacho (Nat'l. Vice-President), Narciso T. Sewa (VP-Luzon), Luceano Perias (VP-Visayas), Oscar Piallago (VP-Mindanao), Mario Valdenarro, Sr. (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To free the farmer from poverty by giving him land, increasing his income, empowering him through training, education and technology; to inculcate in the farmers the efficient and wise use of land and resource; to work for the passage of laws and enforcement of policies and programs which shall benefit the farmers; and to provide effective socio-political support to the agrarian reform program."

Alliance for Natural Law

Founded/Registered: January 3, 1985

Headquarters: No. 49 Stockholm St., BF Int'l., Las Piñas, Metro Manila

Leadership: Policronio G. Castillo (President), Bernardo del Rosario (Vice-President), Patricio C. Abalo (Secretary)

Objectives: "To bring into awareness of the whole nation that the success of our government depends on the quality of the collective consciousness of the whole population, that to make the government more effective in making every citizen of our country peaceful, prosperous, healthy and happy, it is necessary to raise the level of the collective consciousness of the people from being a disorderly to a more orderly state, for as long as the collective consciousness remains incoherent and disintegrated the government will always be a failure; to encourage government institutions, private organizations and significant citizens of the country to implement in their respective spheres of influence scientifically proven technologies that can raise individual and collective consciousness to a level where every citizen in the country is capable of living life in full accordance with Natural Law (or the laws of nature) - a life at peace and harmony with everyone and everything in the environment - in order for the government to be successful in establishing peace and prosperity in the country."

Alliance of Cooperatives (ALL COOP)

Founded/Registered: 1996

Headquarters: Ground Fl., Philippine Cooperation Center, No. 90 Balet Drive Ext., Bgy. Kristong Hari, Quezon City

Leadership: Dr. Virginia Teodosio-Queano (President), Edilberto Lagrimas (Vice-President NCR), Rufino Adejano (VP-Luzon), Fr. Benedicto Jayoma (VP-Visayas), Erlinda Vicen (VP-Mindanao)

Objectives: "To strengthen the cooperative tradition and promote the values of self-reliance, self-responsibility, honesty and mutual trust; to build cooperative and economic and political solidarity among small producers, women, professionals, the entrepreneurs, and other sectors for whom cooperation can acquire the strength and leverage to secure their economic and social needs."

Alliance of Multisectoral Organizations and Parties (AMORP)

Founded/Registered: October 10, 1997

Headquarters: Vinzons, Camarines Norte

Leadership: Ex-Gov. Wenceslao G. Vizons (President), Atty. Sancho B. Almeda (Exec. Vice President), Roberto Rodulfo (VP-Luzon), Former Judge Jose A. Aguilang (VP-Visayas), Omeira Dianalan-Lucban (VP-Mindanao), Dennis Sergio (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To promote social justice. for those who have less in life but should have more in law; to strive for sustained economic growth, agricultural productivity and increased investments."

Alyansa ng mga Batayang Sektor (ABS)

Founded/Registered: October 27, 1997

Headquarters: No. 7745 Pitong-Bahay St., Maligaya Parks Subd., Bo/ 177, Kalookan City

Leadership: Protacio Naga (Chairman), Renato Olegario, Jr. (Vice-Chairman), Ric Domingo (Secretary)

Objectives: "To promote a strategy for development based on justice and equality for an overall program of growth for the country; to increase budget allocation for asset reform programs in agriculture, urban land reform and ancestral domain; and to ensure the improved delivery of basic services for the poor, particularly health and education."

AMPO Party

Founded/Registered: February 1997

Headquarters: Quezon Ave., Midsayap, Cotabato

Leadership: Mario P. Cacabelos (President), ret. Col. Isidro G. Callejo (Sec-Gen), Japal Giuani Jr. (Deputy Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To make reforms to develop quality public services and civil -service efficiency; to do away with red tape and superfluity in government personnel staffing; to improve the quality of education; and to initiate legislative measures to hasten industrialization of the nation."

Anak Mindanao (AMIN)

Headquarters: Rm. 7, Doasin Residence, Oblate Drive, Cotabato City

Leadership: Datu Jainudin K. Ali (President), Nasser Lidasan, Al,-Haj (Vice-President-Moro/ Media Relations), Cabayashi C. Lumbos (VP-Lumad/treasurer), Victor D. Layasan (VPSettler/Coalition), Tripona Interone (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To develop a comprehensive economic, political, socioeconomic and environmental alternative model of development for Mindanao that really responds to the basic social needs of the people and ensures the development of the country and Mindanao."

Ang Lakas ng Bagong Kooperativa, Inc. (ALAB)

Founded/Registered: September 23, 1997

Headquarters: Arellano University, Legarda St., Sampaloc, Manila

Leadership: Rex Tantiongco (President), Abundio Marapao (Vice-President), Danilo Roleda (Sec-Gen)

Objective: "To uplift the living conditions of its members by assisting them in the establishment of livelihood facilities, services and enterprises; to encourage the members in the effective utilization of local resources in livelihood activities and thereby improve the living condition in the community; and to acquire loans or other financial accommodations from the government and private lending institutions in order to finance productive livelihood resources."

Aniban ng mga Magsasaka, Mangingisda at Manggagawa sa Agrikultura (AMMMAKAPITUNAN)

Headquarters: Bgy. Calios, Sta.Cruz, Laguna

Association of Philippine Electric Cooperatives (APEC)

Founded/Registered: October 23, 1997

Headquarters: 4th Flr., Casman Bldg., Quezon Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Pio B. Mariñas (President), Rosalino M. Culalic (Sr. Vice-President), Oscar Peñafiorida (VP-Luzon), Reynaldo B. Mate (VP-Visayas), Jesus Y. Castro (VP-Mindanao)

Objectives: "To center on a policy that promotes cooperatives as a means of democratizing ownerships in the energy sector; to maintain a strong focus on economic growth within a governance climate of responsive, regulative and prudential oversight of the market to prevent the excesses of globalization; and to improve access of the rural poor to the means of production, especially through a reformed market-assisted rural land reform combined with production oriented investment in rural infrastructure and improvement of agricultural extension services."

Bagong Bayani Organization (BAGONG BAYANI)

Founded/Registered: 1990

Headquarters: SR Bldg., No. 83 EDSA cor. Boni Ave., Mandaluyong City

Leadership: Gerardo del Mundo (President), Reginald C. Planas (Exec. Vice-President), Roland C. Cabrera (VP-Luzon), Felicisimo C. Rely (VP-Visayas), Eddie M. Alih (VP Mindanao), Virglio M. Roxas, Sr. (Sec-Gen), Gregorio M. Bonifacio (Deputy Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To support a leadership by example in government; to equalize and decentralize power and support the great mass of our people in their fight against poverty and ignorance; to provide safety nets and mechanisms to protect OCWs and their families from corrupt and abusive foreign employers and host countries; and to promote in all levels of society people's empowerment to protect and preserve our environment and natural resources."

Bantay Bayan Foundation Party

Founded/Registered: December 13, 1991

3rd Rr., ODC Int'l. Plaza Bldg., No. 21 9 Salcedo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City

Leadership: Bienvenido C. Orlanes (Nat'l. President)

Objectives: "To conduct community projects particularly in the area of maintenance of peace and order, traffic support, child abuse and protection; to help the poor particularly the marginal farmers and fishermen and poor vendor entrepreneurs raise their standard of living through technical and financial assistance and; and to adopt a direct and interventative approach to focus on and ensure the delivery of services to those in difficult circumstances and the poor."

Barangay Association for Nation Advancement and Transparency (BANAT) Founded

Registered: 1997

Headquarters: 4th Flr. Orient Pearl Shopping Arcade, No. 1907-1 977 C.M. Recto Ave., Sampaloc, Manila

Leadership: Alex L. David (Chairman), Leonardo S. Caranto (Vice-Chairman), Noe S. Andaya (Secretary to the Board)

Objectives: To work for the social amelioration and advancement for the barangay members, particularly those who reside in far-flung barrios all over the country; to initiate through individual and collective action worthwhile projects for barangays calculated to improve the livelihood of the barangays and accelerate national economic progress in general; to work for the maintenance of peace and order nationwide; and to work for the reconciliation of all groups, factions, ideological aggroupations, political minorities who in opposing government policy either for personal, political, religious or ideological reasons, in order to attain economic progress and prosperity."

Citizens Movement for Justice, Economy, Environment and Peace (JEEP)

Founded/Registered: 1997

Headquarters: 26th Flr. Pacific Star Bldg., Gil Puyat Ave., Makati C4

Leadership: Roberto N. Aventajado (President), Roberto Oca (Vice-President-NCR), Edicio dela Torre (VP-Luzon), Salvador Garbanzos (VP-Visayas), Rufus Rodriguez (VP-Mindanao)

Objectives: "To work for a society that assures justice for all and equality before the law; to foster a broad-based development that is sustainable, where the use of the nation's wealth is guided by the environment; to uphold the rights of the Filipino people, especially the youth, women, labor and the fishermen and peasants; to protect the integrity of the electoral process so that the results thereof will truly reflect the will. of the people; to pursue closer collaboration between the citizenry and government in the prevention and investigation of crime, especially organized crime and graft and corruption in government; and to promote human rights by exercising the utmost vigilance against violators thereof."

Cooperative NATTCO Network Party (COOP NATTCO)

Founded/Registered: 1997

Headquarters: No. 227 J.P. Rizal St., Project 4, Quezon City

Leadership: Cresente Paez (President), Felicisimo Gale (Vice-President-Luzon), Renia Salinas (VP-Visayas), Fermin Gonzales (VP-Mindanao)

Objectives: "To promote a just and equitable distribution of economic power mainly through broader participation of the different classes of people in control of the productive assets of the nation; to create economic structures that will ensure stronger and broadly-based participation of people involved in the production process to the fruits and benefits of their work; and to work for government that is equitably representative of every social class and of every sectoral interest of whatever political ideology."

Cooperative Union of the Philippines, Inc. (CUP)

Founded/Registered: 1979

Headquarters: CUP Bldg., A. Roces Ave., cor. Mother Ignacia St., Quezon City

Leadership: Filomeno Bautista, Jr. (President), Myron Gawigawen (VP-Luzon), Toribio Quiwag (VP-Visayas), Antonio Salang (VP-Mindanao), Felix Borja (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To institutionalize the Cooperative Movement of the Philippines as a cohesive and dynamic vehicle for the economic, social, moral and spiritual advancement of the people; to promote the cooperative idea as a way of life for the people, especially the poor and marginalized; to develop cooperatives within the context of national policy through research and information, education and training, audit, technical services and transfer of technology; to advise the appropriate authorities in all matters relating to cooperatives; and to represent its member organizations in the Philippines and abroad."

Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (FEJODAP)

Headquarters: No. 65-F Scout Reyes St., Quezon City

Leadership: Romualdo S. Maranan (Chairman/President), Dante P. Mercado (Vice-Chairman), Danilo Villaruel (Vice-President-West), Jose U. Franco (VP-North), Jose Crispin (VP-South), Reynaldo Almeda (VP-East), Roberto Peralta (VP-D(ivers), Epifania Velasco (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To uplift and alleviate the economic status of the members and those working in the transport industry who have been left ignored and forsaken by those in government; to work for the interest of its members through valid legislative measures that will protect and promote their welfare and the rest of the Filipino people; and to be a potent force in the socioeconomic development of the country and its people."

Green Philippines

Founded/Registered: 1995

Headquarters:Basement 11, Aguirre Bldg., No. 2211 Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City

Leadership:Felizardo R. Colombo (President), Richard Alvin Nalupta (VP-Luzon), Jose Mari Jonathan T. Antonio (VP-Visayas), Rey Faizal Millan (VP-Mindanao)

Objectives: "To achieve ecological sustainability, equity and social justice and self-reliance through the strengthening of rural and urban industries; to provide citizens their basic human needs and full opportunities for personal and social development through the equitable distribution of power and resources; to protect the diversity of ecological resources such as the atmosphere, the oceans, the tropical and temperate forests; to protect the rights of women and indigenous peoples; and to develop a more self-reliant nationalistic economy and transform the Philippine economy into a democratically controlled one."

Lady Local Legislators' League of the Philippines, Inc. (FOUR "L')

Headquarters: Binalonan, Pangasinan

Leadership: Hon. Editha G. Demetria (Nat'l. President/Chairman), Hon. Leah G. Bromo Exec. Vice-President), Hon. Marilyn Marquez (VP-Luzon), Hon. Socorro Tallo (VP-Visayas), Hon. Nenita B. Lacaya (VP-Mindanao), Hon. Bella Takinan (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To promote women's rights; to support legislative and executive measures for the welfare of women; to assist in government programs and policies that enhance the role of women in society; to engage in partisan activities and support

the causes of persons who promote and protect women's rights; and to help foster and strengthen national unity through peaceful means."

Maharlika Foundation for National Transformation, Inc. (MAHARLIKA)

Founded/Registered: August 29, 1996

Headquarters: Suite 203, Ferros Bel-Air Tower Condominium, No. 30 Polaris St., Makati City

Leadership: Former Senator Edgar U. Ilarde (Chairman), Ramon M. Devora (President), Abelardo L. Basa Pau (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To propose to change the name of our country, the Philippines, to Maharlika and in the process effect a national transformation for stability and progress and to establish a basic program for community development and self-sufficiency, skills training, environmental protection, physical, mental and spiritual development, cultural development, leadership training for every barangay, rehabilitation for street children, drug addicts, and the creation of the Maharlika Barangay Council."

Metal Engineering Industry Foundation, Inc.

Founded/Registered: 1984

Headquarters: MIRDC Compound, Gen. Santos Ave., Bicutan, Tagig, Metro Manila

Leadership: Ramon C. Cura (Chairman), Ruperto C. Magno (Vice-Chairman), J. Hermes D. Bautista (Secretary)

Objectives: "To set a legislative agenda to stimulate and cause the speedy development and further advancement of the industry to place the Philippines at par with other developed countries, thus ensuring her competitiveness in the global economy and in the process of making her self-sufficient in her industrial economy and truly attain NIC-hood by the year 2000."

Movement for Reform and Enlightenment (MORE)

Founded/Registered: November 5, 1996

Headquarters: No. 28 Garcia St., Xavierville 111, Quezon City

Leadership: Edgar Maranan (Chairman), Teresa 1. Gutierrez (Secretary), Atty. Leonito Tapel (Sec-Gen), Robert R. Ong (Exec. Director)

Objectives: "To instill among our people the ideals of patriotism, nationalism, heroism and dignity of the Filipino as the foundations of meaningful reform in our society; to organize the citizenry as responsible, peace-loving, reform-oriented, pro-active and inspired members of the community; to enlighten the citizenry on the relevance of the historic struggles of our people led by our national heroes on our present-day quest for genuine nationhood and a better life through social, political and economic reforms."

National Federation of Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines (NACTODAP)

Founded/Registered: August 14, 1995

Headquarters: No. 2231 Tejaron St., Sta. Ana, Manila

Leadership: Ariel P. Um (Nat'l. President), Rogelio Lapid (Nat'l. Vice-President), Nicasio Agustin, Jr. (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To promote the interest of the tricycle transportation sector as well as the other labor and transport groups; to develop the moral, intellectual, social and economic wellbeing of the tricycle transport sector by way of industry seminars in order to acquaint them of the existing laws, rules and regulations; to extend financial assistance and moral support to the deserving members of the sector through the Bayanihan system; and to strengthen the cooperatives of the transport sector."

Pambansang Sangguniang Katipunan ng mga Barangay Kagawad ng Pilipinas, Inc. (KATIPUNAN)

Founded/Registered: September 6, 1997

Headquarters: No. 30 Matiwasy St., UP Village, Quezon City

Leadership: Atty. Pacifico Lejano (President/Chairman), Serafin M. Benaldo (Nat'l. Chairman), Israel Cruzado (Secretary)

Objectives: "To effectively exercise and protect the rights, powers and privileges granted to the Barangay Kagawad under the Local Government Code; to provide a forum for ventilating, articulating and crystallizing socioeconomic and political issues affecting the barangay interest in particular and the national interest in general; to be involved in the attainment of goals geared towards the total development of the barangays in consonance with the policies, programs and projects of the government; and to assist in the Liga ng mga Barangay and other leagues in the promotion of local autonomy."

Partido Kooperatiba ng Pilipinas (PKP)

Founded/Registered: April 1997

Headquarters: 5th Flr., Benlor Bldg., No. 1184 Quezon Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Alberto B. Zingapan (Chairman), Arthur Penili (President), Datu Padilla Pundaodaya (Vice-President), Manuel Articulo (Secretary)

Objectives: "To develop cooperatives as the alternative to poverty and economic hardship for our people; to propagate the cooperative concept amongst the different sectors of our people through information and organizational drives; to enact laws which shall serve to make the cooperative a reality as opposed to just being an ideal on paper; to initiate mass actions, if needed, to ensure the faithful implementation of the laws on cooperatives."

Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (PCCI)

Founded/Registered: December 6, 1977

Headquarters: Ground Flr., East Wing, Secretariat Bldg., PICC, CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City

Objectives: "To foster closer relations, understanding and cooperation among the agricultural, commercial and industrial sectors of the economy; to serve as the voice of Philippine business and an independent forum for the development of a consensus of the business community on matters of national concern; and to establish and maintain linkages with global organizations representing agriculture, commerce and industry."

Philippine Grains Industry Council, Inc. (PGIC)

Founded/Registered: February 24, 1993

Headquarters: 3rd Flr., Matimyas Bldg., No. 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Rorencio G. Tamargo (President), Nellie M. Islas (Vice-President), Agapito Casalla (Secretary), Rustico Z. Tagarda (Asst. Secretary)

Objectives: "To aid and assist in the production and distribution of good quality and reasonably priced local staple cereals; to support the price stabilization and monitoring functions of the government; to improve continuously the production, post-harvest and marketing efficiencies in the world market; and to hold regularly dialogues and consultations between and among the various sectors of the grain industry to discuss and tackle common issues, plans and programs."

Philippine Jury Movement (JURY)

Founded/Registered: 1995

Headquarters: No. 1943 San Marcelino St., Malate, Manila

Leadership: Judge Juan Nabong, Jr. (Nat'l. Chairman), Atty. Teotico Quevedo (Nat'l. Vice-Chairman), Dean Ponciano Subido (Nat'l. President), Dr. Primitivo Chua (Exec. Vice-President), Benito Lim (VP-Luzon), Ma. Girlene Alcantara (VP-Visayas), Eddie Tamondong VP-Mindanao), Ma. Victoria Embestro (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To overhaul the judicial/justice system by the introduction and adoption of Trial by Jury/Peers in the Philippines; to educate the people in their active and direct participation in the dispensation and administration of justice; and to help in elevating the quality of the legal system."

Progressive Alliance of Citizens for Democracy (PACD)

Founded/Registered: 1985

Headquarters: No. 1919 Piy Margal St., Sampaloc, Manila

Leadership: Senate President Ernesto Maceda (Chairman), Sen. Vicente Sotto III (Vice-Chairman), Sen. Anna Dominique Coseteng (Vice-Chairman), Safiro Vinarao (President), Rodolfo Feraran (Exec. Vice-President), Rafael Ombac (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To assist in the fair, honest and clean exercise of the right of suffrage and help in the selection of national leaders with unblemished backgrounds and well-known to champion righteous causes to vital positions of leadership; to strengthen democratic institutions through the provision of access and opportunities for participation in good government, economic emancipation via equitable distribution of income and wealth, opportunities and poverty alleviation, sociocultural enhancement, stronger cultural communities, techno-scientific capabilities and development; and to establish a graftfree democracy from the national to the local government levels."

SagIp-Kapwa Foundation, Inc.

Headquarters: No. 19 P. Nieva St., Iyam, Lucena City

Sama-sama, Kaya Natin To Foundation, Inc.

Foundeci/Registered: November 8, 1994

Headquarters: 5th Rr., PISO Bank Bldg., No. 835 A. Arnaiz Ave., Makati City

Leadership: Tomas I. Morales (Chairman/President)

Objectives: "To help secure safe and steady job markets and placement for Filipino workers and professionals; to ensure protection of prospective OCWs from unscrupulous recruiters and provide speedy pre-departure services; to ensure close monitoring of the conditions of all Filipino OOWs in their work posts and the provision of necessary services to them through the Philippine embassies and foreign posts; to establish a package of social amelioration and security for OCWs and their families, such as housing, education and health services; to help provide training and retraining opportunities for OCWs to upgrade and enhance their skills in order to improve their chances for better jobs abroad, and to establish new and improved careers when they shall have resettled in the country; and to establish a Return Program that shall take cognizance of the collective economic contributions of the OCWS."

Sanlakas

Founded/Registered: September 6, 1994

Headquarters: No. 51-C Matahimik St., Teachers Village, Diliman, Quezon City

Leadership: Renato Constantino (Nat'l. Chairman), Fr. Max Abalos (Nat'l. Vice-Chairman), Ben Velasco (VC-Luzon), Manny Calizo (VC-Visayas), Prof. Dionisio Lera (VC-Mindanao)

Objectives: "Lumahok sa pagpupundar ng isang tunay na demokratikong republikang bayan na gagarantiyahang iiral ang kagustuhan ng nakararaming mamamayan, ititindig ang mga demokratiko at makataong karapatan, isusulong ang kagalingan ng nakararami at titiyak sa partisipasyon ng lahat ng uri, sektor o grupo sa mga proseso ng pagdedesisyon at pagpapatupad ng mga usaping panlipunan, mapagkaisa ang sambayanang Pilipino sa pakikibaka para sa kanilang pangarap na makatarungan, mapayapa at masaganang lipunan na may pagkalinga sa kalikasan at kapaligran."

Solidarity of Liberals, Independents and Democrats (SOLID)

Founded/Registered: January 27, 1993

Headquarters: Rm. 202, Romarosa Townhomes, Luzon Ave., Quezon City

Leadership: Benito G. Rabat (Chairman), Florante T. Tarona (President), Ruffa A. Liparanon (Vice-President-Research), Manuel Buen (VP-Mobilization), Abraham Cirunay (VP -Networking), Bienvenido Mendoza (VP-Education)

Objectives: "To serve as a potent force in the pursuit of dynamic socioeconomic development through a rational, sustainable mobilization of human and material resources; to work for sustainable development that reflects the value of commitment, justice, equality and people empowerment; to form the various urban poor organizations into a potent lobby group that promotes that interests of the sector; to develop a highly competent, committed and self-reliant human resources; to create a conducive atmosphere for socioeconomic activities; and to maintain, preserve and conserve ecology."

The Maritime Party (TMP)

Founded/Registered: May 29, 1996

Headquarters: Rm. 303, VIC Bldg., United Nations Ave. cor. San Marcelino St., Ermita, Manila

Leadership: CAPT. Benjamin Tahedo (Chairman/President), Capt. Adonis B. Donato (Exec.Vice-President/Treasurer), Capt. Reynold Sabay (Director)

Objectives: "To promote the development of the maritime industry, the safety of life and property at sea, and the protection and preservation of the marine environment."

Tindog Para Han Kabubuwasan Para Han Waraynon (TINDIG! WARAY)

Founded/Registered: October 2, 1997

Headquarters: USA Village, Apitong, Tacloban City

Leadership: Cesar Sevilla (President), Benjamin Abella (Vice-President), Ladylyn Lim Mangada (Sec-Gen)

Objectives: "To harness the vast potentials of Region III with the end view of making them active participants in charting the naitōri's destiny; to accord the people in the countryside access to government service to enable them to become relevant and meaningful participants in Philippine society; to unite the people of Region III regardless of origin status and creed towards the promotion and preservation of the region's cultural heritage; to take an active and meaningful role in fostering environmental consciousness and ensuring ecological balance of the country; and to advance good and effective governance within the framework of full and genuine local autonomy of provinces and cities, municipalities and barangays within the region." ❀