



# **DISRUPT. Filipina Women: Proud. Loud. Leading Without A Doubt**

**His Excellency Mr Antonio A. Morales**, Ambassador of the Philippines to Singapore

**SYNOPSIS** • Many women from the Philippines work as domestic helpers in Singapore, Hong Kong, the Middle East and other countries, creating an often disturbing stereotype of Filipina women as maids. The new book, *DISRUPT. Filipina Women: Proud. Loud. Leading Without A Doubt*, seizes the challenge of redefining Filipina women. It is the first book on leadership written by Filipino women leaders from around the world. Published by the Filipina Women's Network, the book examines how Filipina women in diaspora tackle and prosper in the challenges of living in the modern, multi-cultural and global environment. Containing personal essays by 37 Filipino women leaders in diaspora, the book aims to change public perception of Filipino women and showcase their capacity to lead. These leaders share their career journeys, sacrifices they endured to seek better lives for themselves and their families, and successes enjoyed in many countries. The stories provide insights into shaping leaders' identities, cultural adjustments, and victories over poverty, discrimination and harassment. Students from the LKY School will read excerpts from the book. Implications for women as agents, decision-makers and leaders will be discussed.

**SPEAKER** • **His Excellency Mr Antonio A. Morales**. Prior to his assumption as top Philippine envoy to Singapore, Ambassador Morales served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Philippine Embassy in Beijing. He also served as Consul General in Milan, Italy and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and as Deputy Consul General in San Francisco. He was also posted in Rome and Ankara.

In the home office, Ambassador Morales served as Special Assistant at the Office of the Undersecretary for Ocean and Special Concerns, Executive Director at the Office of Consular Affairs, Director at the Authentication Division of the Office of Consular Affairs and as Acting Director at the Office European Affairs. Before joining the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Morales worked at the Office of the Press Secretary.

Ambassador Morales earned his law degree at the University of the Philippines in 1990 and passed the Bar Examinations the same year. He undertook further studies in diplomacy and foreign relations at the Multilateral Diplomacy, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, and at the International Relations Course, Escuela Diplomática, Madrid, Spain.

**CHAIR** • Dr Astrid S. Tuminez, Regional Director, Legal and Corporate Affairs (Southeast Asia), Microsoft & Adjunct Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

**WHEN** • Friday, 17 April 2015,  
12:15pm-1:30pm

**WHERE** • Seminar Room 3-5,  
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Light Refreshments will be provided after the book launch

