

May 12, 1995

Consul-General Alfredo Almendrala
Philippine Consulate-General
447 Sutter Street, Sixth Floor
San Francisco, CA 94108

Dear Consul-General Almendrala:

It is my great pleasure to inform you that Mrs. Corazon C. Aquino will visit the University of Oregon campus next month to receive an honorary doctoral degree and to deliver the commencement speech at our graduation ceremony on June 11. We would be honored if you and a guest would accept our invitation to join us at Commencement and at other activities associated with Mrs. Aquino's visit.

We invite you and your guest to attend several events on Sunday, June 11: the Commencement ceremony at 1:00 p.m., where we will provide special reserved seating; a public reception for Mrs. Aquino scheduled from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., where we would be honored if you would say a few words of introduction for Mrs. Aquino; and a Presidential Dinner scheduled from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. We will provide lodging for the nights of June 10 and 11, and will arrange for local transportation including trips to and from the Eugene airport.

Mrs. Aquino's acceptance of the honorary doctorate is an exciting moment and a high honor for the University of Oregon. The University Senate unanimously approved Mrs. Aquino's nomination as the recipient of the first honorary doctorate given by the university in nearly 50 years in recognition of her strong moral leadership in defense of democracy and human rights. Moreover, the University of Oregon has a long association with Asia and the Philippines, which we consider important to underscore with this award. Students from the Philippines have studied at our university since 1906, and we currently have approximately 35 members in the university's very active Kultura Pilipinas student organization.

Since your staff may receive inquiries from members of the Filipino-American community about Mrs. Aquino's visit to Eugene, the following brief outline of her schedule may provide helpful information. Mrs. Aquino will arrive in Eugene sometime on Friday, June 9, and will depart for the Philippines on Monday, June 12. She has requested that no activities be planned for Friday, and her schedule is filled on Saturday and Sunday with official university functions. To provide an opportunity for the Filipino-American community to meet Mrs. Aquino, we have scheduled a public reception from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. If your staff members desire further information, they may contact Ms. Susan E. Plass, assistant vice provost for international affairs, at (503) 346-5851. She is coordinating all aspects of the visit.

We are most hopeful that you will be able to accept our invitation. Please respond at your earliest convenience by calling my office at (503) 346-3036.

Sincerely,

Dave Frohnmayer
President