

April 19, 1995

BY FACSIMILE
632-817-9309

His Excellency
Miguel Perez Rubio
Ambassador of The Philippines

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Mrs. María Elena A. Cruz, Mrs. Corazon Aquino's personal secretary, has suggested that I contact you at the above facsimile number. As you may know, Mrs. Aquino has accepted the University of Oregon's offer of an honorary doctorate and will be our guest and commencement speaker at the university's commencement ceremony on June 11. The University of Oregon's Office of the President has asked me to be the coordinator of Mrs. Aquino's schedule and activities associated with her visit.

This is the first honorary degree that the University of Oregon has awarded since 1946 and the first to a person of such high international stature. We are most concerned to honor and show due respect for Mrs. Aquino by following appropriate protocol, and Mrs. Cruz has recommended your office as the place where I may seek advice in this regard. She also has suggested that I contact Mrs. Deedee Siytangco of your office, also at the same facsimile number, for assistance with publicity. I am writing a separate letter to her.

I would appreciate a response from you or a member of your staff advising me of a telephone number or e-mail address through which I may begin my education on protocol. I will appreciate any advice that your office can provide.

Thank you very much for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Plass
Assistant Vice Provost for International

Affairs