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**SUBJECT : The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS)**

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines would like to invite interested Filipinos in India and Nepal to submit their nominations for The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS), which recognizes outstanding Filipino women, 21 to 45 years old, who have exceptional accomplishments that have created an impact on the Philippines, and contributed to nation-building. Attached are the rules and regulations, nomination form, and contact information of the TOWNS foundation, Inc. for reference.

Further inquiries and nominations may be directly addressed to the TOWNS Secretariat c/o Cristina de la Paz through mobile number +63 917 8124836 and office address Unit 9A MDI Corporate Center, 39<sup>th</sup> Street corner 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. The deadline of submissions is on 30 July 2016.

Awardees will automatically become members of the TOWNS Foundation, Inc. and are expected to continue their exemplary work in their own fields.

  
MA. TERESITA C. DAZA  
Ambassador

New Delhi, 3 May 2016

## **THE OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN THE NATION'S SERVICE (TOWNS) 2016 SEARCH**

TOWNS Foundation, Inc. announces the opening of the 15<sup>th</sup> Search for the Outstanding Women in the Nations' Service. Nominations are open to Filipino women aged 21 to 45 years old. Any person, organization, or entity may nominate one or more women who meet the following criteria:

1. Aged between 21 and 45 years old by October 2016.
2. A Filipino citizen.
3. Is distinguished in her field of specialization.
4. Has a well-balanced personality that is worthy of emulation.
5. Is committed to the promotion of well being and upliftment of Filipinos and the Philippines.
6. Possesses a pioneering spirit as evidenced by projects that she has initiated in the service of our country.

TOWNS Foundation, Inc. conducts this triennial search for the purpose of identifying outstanding Filipino women who, in their various capacities have served the country well. TOWNS awardees are true role models for Filipino women and girls who wish to dedicate themselves to nation-building. Once selected, they are expected to continue their excellent work as leaders in their respective fields.

Note: The nomination form is enclosed.

# TOWNS SEARCH 2016

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Nominations for TOWNS shall be open to all Filipino women. Any person, organization, or entity may nominate one or more candidates subject to the following requirements:

1. The nominee should have been born NOT EARLIER than October 31, 1970 but must be at least 21 years old.
2. The nominee must be a Filipino citizen.
3. The nominee must sign the nomination form, attesting to all facts contained in the form, give consent to publication of said facts, and indicate willingness and ability to attend the TOWNS Press Conference and Awarding Rites in Manila, if adjudged a winner.
4. Nominations shall be made on the prescribed TOWNS Nomination form, although additional sheets (regular-size bond paper) may be used.
5. Nominations shall be accompanied by a certified true copy of the nominee's birth certificate or any equivalent proof of the nominee's date and place of birth.
6. Five copies of the nominee's latest colored picture (2" x 2", with light colored background) should accompany the nomination form with the name of the nominee printed at the back.
7. The decision of the Board of Judges is final.
8. The nominee, if adjudged a winner, shall become a member of the TOWNS Foundation and must participate in all its activities.

The evaluation process considers the personal, career, and other relevant measures of accomplishments, foremost of which are:

- I. **Achievement.** An evaluation of the nominee's exceptional accomplishments in her line of specialization or advocacy.

It must be proven that she is distinguished in her particular field or advocacy, the distinction backed up by solid achievements, not mere reliance on her public image. She must have done outstanding work even in a small scale as long as it has contributed to the field of knowledge, national well-being, and upliftment of the Filipino people.

- II. **Personality.** An evaluation of a well-balanced personality as evidenced by certain manifestations which would make the nominee worthy of emulation.

She must be vibrant and articulate, poised and self-confident, dignified and respectable, and intellectually honest.

- III. **Commitment.** An evaluation of dedication and complete involvement in projects of great significance.

She must have shown a totally committed pursuit of a well-defined objective leading to the infusion of knowledge, promotion of well-being and/or upliftment of our nation and our people.

- IV. **Pioneering Zeal.** An evaluation of her ardent interest and accomplishments in a line of activity that is out of the usual and stereotyped.

She should preferably possess a pioneering spirit and has achieved success despite the challenges attendant to new endeavors.

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Nominations for TOWNS 2016 Awards shall be received from different individuals and organizations through the TOWNS Secretariat. Nomination forms may be obtained and submitted or mailed to any of the offices listed below and must be received, postmarked, or hand-carried before **July 30, 2016**.

### TOWNS SECRETARIAT

c/o Cristina de la Paz  
Unit 9A, MDI Corporate Center  
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Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila 1634  
mobile #0917-8124836

### TOWNS 2016 SEARCH COMMITTEE

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# TOWNS 2016

The Outstanding Women In the Nation's Service

## NOMINATION FORM

(Please Type or Print)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Nominee's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Surname) (Given Name) (Middle Name)
2. Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(No. & Street) (Town/District) (City/Province)
3. Landline \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nationality \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
6. Civil Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_
7. Children's Name (Age/s) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

9. Schools Attended
- |                  | <i>Name of School</i> | <i>Year Graduated</i> | <i>Degree</i> |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| a. Grade School  | _____                 | _____                 | _____         |
| b. High School   | _____                 | _____                 | _____         |
| c. College       | _____                 | _____                 | _____         |
| d. Post Graduate | _____                 | _____                 | _____         |

10. Scholarships/Fellowship
- | <i>Sponsoring Agency/Institution</i> | <i>Name of Award/Grant</i> | <i>Period</i> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| _____                                | _____                      | _____         |
| _____                                | _____                      | _____         |
| _____                                | _____                      | _____         |

AFFILIATIONS

11. Organization/s
- | <i>Name of Organization</i> | <i>Position Held</i> | <i>Period</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| _____                       | _____                | _____         |
| _____                       | _____                | _____         |
| _____                       | _____                | _____         |

PROFESSION/OCCUPATION

12. Business

<i>Business Name</i>	<i>Nature</i>	<i>Date of Incorporation/ Establishment</i>	<i>Position Held</i>	<i>% of Ownership</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

13. Present Employment

- a. Name of Employer/Company \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Date of Employment \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Position/s Held \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Present Position \_\_\_\_\_

14. Immediate Past Employment

- a. Name of Employer/Company \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Date of Employment \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Position/s Held \_\_\_\_\_

15. Profession

<i>Institutional Affiliation</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Period</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

b. Is Nominee engaged in private practice? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ As what \_\_\_\_\_  
Nature of Clientele \_\_\_\_\_

AWARDS

16. Awards/Recognition Received (Please submit certified true copies or photographs)

<i>Award</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Awarding Body</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Please feel free to use additional sheets)

PUBLICATIONS

17. Publication (articles, books, songs, poems, other creative works, etc.)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Nature of Material</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Date of Publication</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Please feel free to use additional sheets)

CONFERENCES

18. Major Conferences participated in as Resource Person or Organizer

<i>Host Organization</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Nature of Participation (Resource Person/Organizer)</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Please feel free to use additional sheets)

- On a separate sheet of paper (regular-size bond paper) respond to items 19-22.
- 19. Describe briefly the career of the nominee, including some background and scope of her work activity.
- 20. Describe briefly her exceptional achievement/s.
- 21. In what way did the nominee's achievement/s
  - a. benefit the common people, her community or region, or her chosen field?
  - b. result in the advancement of public interest in/her profession?
  - c. promote interest in nation building?
  - d. become an outstanding contribution to public welfare and the country's development?
- 22. How does the candidate demonstrate courage, integrity, dedication, initiative and pioneering zeal in her work?

**(Nominator and nominee must affix signature on every additional sheet submitted)**

23. References (please cite three (3) people from nominee's professional organization, socio-civic organization, religious community or institution whom we could contact for clarifications)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Business/Association Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Tel. No.</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

_____	_____	_____
Name of Nominator and Signature	Designation	Contact Number/Address

- 24. Please summarize on a one-page regular-size bond paper, using Times New Roman font size 11, the reasons why you (the nominator) believe that your nominee should be selected one of The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service.
- 25. I attest to the truth of everything contained in this form and give permission for them to be used for publication. If I am selected as one of the TOWNS 2016 winners, barring extreme circumstances, I shall attend the press conference and the awarding ceremonies. I shall also become an active member of the TOWNS Foundation, Inc.

_____	_____
Date	Signature of Nominee

1. 5 copies of a recent 2" x 2" colored photograph (with light-colored background)
2. Birth Certificate (Certified True Copy) of the Nominee
3. Proof (documents, pictures, papers, and other materials) of awards and recognitions, publication, accomplishments, professional and socio-civic involvements, etc.)

***All attachments shall be treated as confidential and shall become the property of the TOWNS 2016 Search Committee.***

## **TOWNS FOUNDATION INC.**

The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) award is presented by the TOWNS Foundation to outstanding Filipino women ages 21 to 45 years old who have contributed positively to strengthening national capability and shaping the nation's future and served as catalysts for economic, social and cultural development, national security and national unity by providing their time, talent and resources. The award is given every three years during the last week of October and the search for these women is held nationwide for a period of one year. Since its inception in 1974, TOWNS has cited 158 women.

In 1995, the TOWNS Foundation was incorporated to support and harness the talent and capabilities of the TOWNS awardees as members in activities that influence national issues such as workshops and lecture series, regular educational trips, photo and art exhibits, fun runs and publications among others.

TOWNS Foundation, Inc. is a national organization of dynamic and effective women who by their common shared activities help transform the lives of Filipinos. All TOWNS awardees become automatic members of TOWNS Foundation, Inc.

**TOWNS Foundation Inc.  
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