



MA. THERESA P. LAZARO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Maryknoll College

Bachelor of Laws, College of Law, University of the Philippines

POSITIONS HELD IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Philippine Embassy, Paris, France (2014 – 2020)

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Philippine Embassy, Berne, Switzerland (2008 – 2011)

Consul General, Philippine Consulate General, Sydney, Australia (2005 – 2008)

Deputy Consul General, Philippine Consulate General, New York, USA (1999 – 2002)

Minister and Consul General, Philippine Embassy, Madrid, Spain (1998 – 1999)

First Secretary and Consul, Philippine Mission to the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland (1996 – 1998)

Second Secretary and Consul, Philippine Embassy, Bangkok, Thailand (1988 – 1993)

POSITIONS HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Secretary of Foreign Affairs (01 July 2025 to present)

Undersecretary for Bilateral Relations and ASEAN Affairs (1 June 2021 – 30 June 2025)

Assistant Secretary, Office of Consular Affairs (18 January 2021 - 31 May 2021)

Assistant Secretary, Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs (2011 – 2014)

Executive Director, Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs (2002 – 2005)

Director, Southeast Asia Division, Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs (1993 – 1996)

AWARDS

Gawad Mabini, Dakilang Kamanong

Order of Sikatuna with the rank of Grand Cross (Datu), Gold Distinction