

## **ATTY. OSCAR P. PALABYAB**

Our fifth awardee is a native of Bulacan and a 1964 high school honor graduate of Paco Catholic School. Right after graduation he entered the UP Diliman where he took up A.B. Political Science and graduated with the degree in 1968. He then took up law in the same school and finished his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1972, just before Martial Law was declared.

His first assignment was as Registration Licensing Processor of the National Grains Authority and later as Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Grains Business Regulation Department of NGA.. Shortly after, in 1974, he was promoted as Senior Executive Assistant just before he decided to join the private sector.

In the next four years, he was legal consultant for Mitsubishi Corporation. He was sent to Jakarta on special mission until 1982 when he went back to Manila to engage in active law practice. He became the senior partner of Cruz, Palabyab, Llorin and Associates until 2001 when he joined the Department of Tourism.

He is a Senior Active member of the Rotary Club of Balintawak of District 3780 in Quezon City ,of which he was Assistant District Governor in 1988 -89 and its president in 1989 -1990.

He was formerly the Secretary General of the Philippine Badminton Association, a member of the selection committee created by the of the Philippine Olympic Committee for the 1993 SEA Games in Singapore and a member of its Arbitration and Election Committees.

This gentleman is a music enthusiast who played the violin and saxophone during his student days. He was a member of the Manila Cathedral Choir in high school and the UP ROTC Band in college.

Presently, he is the Undersecretary for Tourism Services and Regional Office of the D.epartment of Tourism and as DOT Cabinet Action Officer. Within the office, he sits as Chairman of the Bids and Awards Committee and was appointed Chairman of the Department's Change Management Team.

In 2002, he was conferred the honor of being a "DATU" by the Marawi Sultanate, as the "*Prince of Peace and Development*".

The remarkable success of the recently concluded ASEAN Tourism Forum 2006 held in Davao City, where he sat as Vice-Chairman of the Philippine Host Committee, proves his ability to steer the country to a high level of dynamism in ASEAN Tourism.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is with pride that I present to you our Distinguished Alumnus Awardee, Atty. Oscar P. Palabyab.