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**Arts, Literature and Culture**

**Fernando Amorsolo  
Revered as the "Grand Old Man of Philippine Art," Fernando Amorsolo was the first "National Artist of the Philippines."**

**Francisco Baltazar  
Popularly known as Francisco Balagtas, he was great poet and novelist who profoundly influenced Filipino literature. His greatest literary work was "Florante at Laura."**

**Freddie Aguilar  
A folk and pop musician, Freddie Aguilar became a recognized singer and composer in 1978 with his hit single "Anak." The song was so popular that it was translated into many languages by foreign artists.**

**Gregorio Zaide  
He was a great Filipino historian and a legendary writer of books on Jose Rizal.**

**Honorata "Atang" de la Rama  
Atang de la Rama was known as the "queen of zarzuela" and "queen of kundiman." In 1987, she was proclaimed "National Artist of the Philippines." (Zarzuela is a Spanish musical play while kundiman is Filipino folk music.)**

**Levi Celerio  
He was a renowned Filipino music composer and a "National Artist of the Philippines." His music included some all-time favorites such as "Itik-Itik," Waray-Waray" and "Ang Pasko ay Sumapit."**

**Business and Industry**

**Henry Sy, Sr.  
Reputedly the richest man in the Philippines (2009), Henry Sy, Jr. is the Chinese-Filipino tycoon who established the SM Group of companies which include Banco de Oro (banking), SM Development Corporation (property) and SM Prime Holdings which operates a chain of shopping malls in the Philippines.**

**Jaime Zobel de Ayala  
Jaime Zobel de Ayala was the former head of one of the largest, if not the largest, conglomerates in the Philippines (Ayala Corporation) and one of the well-known and richest businessmen in the country.**

**John Gokongwei, Jr.  
One of the richest men in the Philippines, John Gokongwei, Jr. is the founder and Chairman Emeritus of JG Summit Holdings. His business empire includes companies such as Cebu Pacific (airline), Robinson's Land (property) and Universal Robina Corporation (food).**

**Lucio Tan  
A Filipino-Chinese tycoon, Lucio Tan owns the Philippine National Bank (banking), Fortune Tobacco (cigarettes), Asia Brewery (beverage and alcohol) and the Philippine Airlines (aviation).**

**Education**

**Alex Angara Moises  
A teacher and guidance counselor by profession, Alex Moises loves to study, interact with children, stay in touch with nature, eat good food, keep things organized at home and travel if given the chance. He has created a few highly informative websites.**

**Gabriella "Little Angel" Moises  
Gabriella Moises, nicknamed Mabi or Gabby, is an endearing, darling child with a kind heart, a sound mind and a happy disposition. She is a senior nursery pupil (2009).**

**Lope K. Santos  
A Filipino language writer and former director of the Institute of National Language ("Surian ng Wikang Pambansa"), Lope K. Santos is the "Father of the Philippine National Language Grammar."**

**Manuel L. Carreon  
Manuel L. Carreon was a psychologist and educator. During the 1920's, he was an instructor of psychology and director of the psychological clinic of the Philippine Normal School, the most prestigious school for teachers; later, he became a professor at the University of the Philippines. In 1946, he was appointed director of private schools and began the reorganization of the private school system in order to uplift its educational standards.**

**Rosa Sevilla Alvero  
A woman ahead of her time (1879-1954), Rosa Sevilla Alvero believed character formation of women was the key to a "perfect family." During the period of revolution (1892-1900), she worked in a newspaper publication controlled by General Antonio Luna. In 1900, she established the first school for girls managed by Filipinos. During the early 1930's, she became dean for women and, later, professor at the College of Education of the University of Santo Tomas.**

**Filipina**

**Aurora Pijuan  
Aurora Pijuan was the Filipina beauty queen who won the Miss International contest in 1970.**

**Corazon Aquino  
Quite happy in her role as housewife, Corazon Aquino was thrust into the political limelight when her husband, Benigno S. Aquino, Jr., was assassinated in 1983. Three years after the assassination, she became the first woman president of the Philippines.**

**Geronima T. Pecson  
Geronima Pecson was the first woman senator of the Philippines.**

**Gloria Diaz  
One of the sexiest women in the Philippines during the 1970's, Gloria Diaz was the Filipina beauty queen who won the Miss Universe Pageant in 1969.**

**Margie Moran  
Margie Moran was the Filipina beauty queen who won the Miss Universe Pageant in 1973.**

**Melchora Aquino  
Melchora Aquino was the old woman who provided support to the katipunero (Filipino revolutionaries) engaged in a war against the Spanish colonial administration during the last decade of the 19th century. She was affectionately called "Tandang Sora" ("Old Sora").**

**Government**

**Carlos P. Romulo  
He was a general, diplomat and Pulitzer-prize awardee. He served the General Assembly of the United Nations as president from 1949 to 1950 and, later in his life, he worked for the Philippine government as education secretary and foreign affairs minister.**

**Corazon Aquino  
She was the first woman president of the Philippines (1986-1992) and the leader of the "People Power Revolution of 1986" that captured the hope and imagination of people the world over.**

**Fidel V. Ramos  
He was the first Protestant president of the Philippines and the first military man to be elected to the highest office of the land. He was called the "centennial president" since it was during his term (1992-1998) that the Philippines celebrated its 100 years of independence.**

**Leticia Angara-Moises  
She was a social worker who rose from the rank-and-file to become the undersecretary of the Department of Social Welfare during the Aquino administration (1986-1992).**

**Manuel L. Quezon  
He was the first president of the Philippine Commonwealth which was established in 1935 and a passionate advocate of a totally independent Philippines during the American occupation of the Philippines.**

**Ramon Magsaysay  
He was the third president of the Philippines after World War II (1953-1957). He was affectionately called the "man of the masses."**

**Romeo Laygo Pena  
Romeo "The Best" Pena was a deputy director (police general) of the Philippine National Police (PNP) when he died of cancer in 2001. He was the composer of the PNP hymn, "Lingkod ng Bayan" ("Public Servant").**

**History**

**Andres Bonifacio  
He was the founder of the revolutionary organization called the Katipunan and the "father of the Philippine revolution of 1896." Many Filipinos consider him as the foremost national hero of the Philippines.**

**Deodato Arellano  
He was one of the founding members and the first president of the Katipunan, a revolutionary society whose goal was to establish a free and democratic Philippines during the Spanish colonial era.**

**Emilio Aguinaldo  
He was the first president of the Philippines.**

**Jose Rizal  
He is the national hero of the Philippines.**

**Marcela Agoncillo  
She was one of the three women who made (hand-woven) the first, original Philippine flag. The flag's design was created by Emilio Aguinaldo and his men.**

**Melchora  Aquino  
Known as the "mother of the Katipunan," Melchora Aquino was the famous old woman who provided support to the Filipino revolutionaries who led the uprising against the Spanish colonial government in 1896.**

**Politics**

**Aquilino Pimentel, Jr.  
Elected to the Senate in1987 and in 1998 and 2004, Aquilino Pimentel was the author and co-sponsor of  Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, Republic Act No. 6678 or the Generic Drugs Act, and Republic Act No. 6734 or the Act Creating the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. He is best remembered as the outspoken critic of President Marcos who placed the entire country under martial law in 1972.  
  
Bellaflor Angara Castillo  
A lawyer by profession, Bellaflor Angara Castillo is the current governor of the province of Aurora (2009) who has never lost a vote in her life in a country where "overt-and-covert" machoism is one of the norms in politics.**

**Benigno S. Aquino, Jr.  
He was the leader of the political opposition in exile in the United States. He was assassinated upon his return to the Philippines in 1983. The assassination shocked the nation and, consequently, galvanized the Filipino people to fight back against the Marcos dictatorship. His wife, Corazon, became the leader of the opposition.  
  
Blas Ople  
He was a writer, a diplomat and a statesman. He was a member of the Constitutional Commission that wrote the Philippine Constitution of 1987. He was elected to the Philippine Senate in 1992 and re-elected in 1998. He died in 2005.**

**Geronima T. Pecson  
Geronima Pecson was the first woman senator of the Philippines.**

**Jose Diokno  
A lawyer by profession," Jose "Ka Pepe" Diokno was a senator (1963-1972) when martial law was declared in 1972. He, then, became a human rights advocate and got intensely involved in the struggle against the Marcos dictatorship. He died in 1987.**

**Juan C. Angara  
He was the first elected governor(lieutenant governor) of the sub-province of Aurora (consisting of 8 municipalities) during the 1950's.**

**Juan Ponce Enrile  
Elected to the Senate in 1995 and 2004, Juan Ponce Enrile is, probably, the most controversial and most "colorful" politician during the last quarter of the 20th century.  He was once an ally of Ferdinand Marcos whom he deposed in 1986 in a bloodless revolution, yet he was critical of the new administration of Cory Aquino. At present (2009), his work in the Senate deals, for the most part, with consumer protection.**

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Salipada K. Pendatun  
Salipada Pendatun was a lawyer and military officer with the rank of brigadier general and the first Filipino-Muslim senator of the Philippines.**

**Santanina Rasul  
Santanina Rasul was the first Muslim woman to be elected to the Philippine Senate.**

**Religion**

**Felix Manalo  
Felix Manalo was the founder of a homegrown church called "Iglesia ni Cristo" (INK) or "Church of Christ." It was established in 1914. Today (2009), the Iglesia ni Cristo has many branches throughout the Philippines as well as in other parts of the world. Its main headquarter is located in Quezon City.**

**Gregorio Aglipay  
Gregorio Aglipay was the first supreme bishop of the Philippine Independent Church (Iglesia Independente Filipina or Aglipayan Church). The church was formed during the turbulent decades when the Philippines was fighting for its independence from foreign colonial rulers.**

**Lorenzo Ruiz  
Lorenzo Ruiz was the first Filipino to be canonized as saint (1987) by the pope of the Catholic Church.**

**Sports  
  
Carlos Loyzaga, Sr.  
He was the legendary Filipino basketball player dubbed as "the great difference." He was a member of the Philippine team that placed third in the 1954 FIBA World Basketball Championship and he was named to the "Mythical Five" of that tournament.**

**Efren "Bata" Reyes  
Known as "the magician" worldwide, Efren Reyes is one of the world's great billiard player. He has helped transformed billiard from a favorite past-time of students and "kanto boys" ("street guys") to a "well-respected" sports in the Philippines.**

**Gabriel "Flash" Elorde  
Gabriel "Flash" Elorde is an icon in boxing, and he holds the distinction as the longest reigning junior lightweight (super featherweight) champion of the world (1960-1966).**

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