

Press Release

## **TEODORO L. LOCSIN, JR. TAKES HIS OATH AS NEW FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY**

Ambassador Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr. was sworn in by H.E. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte as Secretary of Foreign Affairs in Malacanang on Wednesday, 17 October 2018.

Secretary Locsin succeeded former Senator Alan Peter S. Cayetano who concluded his tenure as Secretary of Foreign Affairs on the same day.

A lawyer by profession and a journalist by trade, Secretary Locsin holds a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School, and was a publisher, editorial writer, and co-anchor and host of a number of national broadsheets and radio and TV news shows.

He was publisher of Today and Globe newspapers, host and co-anchor of radio shows "Teditorial", "The Assignment" and "Points of View," and co-anchor of radio shows "Executive Session" and "Karambola". He was also editorial writer of the Philippine Press and writer of Interaksyon.

He had a brief stint in the academe as lecturer at the U.S. National Defense College.

In government, he served as legal counsel and speech writer to President Corazon C. Aquino, and speechwriter to Presidents Joseph E. Estrada and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

He was also elected to the Philippine House of Representatives, where he represented the First District of Makati City from 2001 to 2010.

He served as the 20<sup>th</sup> Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations, of which the Philippines is a founding member, succeeding a long line of distinguished diplomats such as Carlos P. Romulo.

He is married to Ma. Lourdes Barcelon Locsin and has four children.



Ambassador Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr. takes his oath as Secretary of Foreign Affairs before H.E. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte at the Malacanang Palace on 17 October 2018.