



Dr. Grace H. Aguilong-Dalisay
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Dr. Grace H. Aguilong-Dalisay has dedicated over 45 years of her life to academia and civil society. She is a graduate of the University of the Philippines Diliman (UPD) where she earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Psychology. As former Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy and Chair of the Department of Psychology at UPD, she championed the integration of service-learning and volunteerism into academic curricula, fostering a culture of active citizenship among the faculty, students, administrators and staff. As a Professor and practitioner in Developmental Psychology, she has advanced research and the advocacy of *Sikolohiyang Pilipino*- indigenous psychology in the Philippines- in addressing human changes over the lifespan.

Dr. Aguilong-Dalisay is President and CEO of the Center for Educational Measurement, a nonprofit organization that has pioneered educational assessments and services for equity and quality in education. She is Board Chair of the ChildFund Philippines Foundation and President Emeritus of the Volunteer Organizations Information Coordination and Exchange (VOICE Network). She served as UP System and UP Diliman Director of the *Ugnayan ng Pahinungod*, the institutional volunteer office of the University of the Philippines System, Chair of the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) *Bahaginan* Philippines, Philippine Representative to the VSO International Board, Chair of the Philippine Coalition on Volunteerism (PhilCV), President of Republican College and President of the *Pambansang Samahan sa Sikolohiyang Pilipino*. She was Governing Council Member of the Philippine Social Science Council, and Core Group Member of the ASEAN University Network University Social Responsibility and Sustainability.

Within and outside UP, both local and international, her continuing life-long advocacy for engaged scholarship and volunteerism for development as a powerful force that transforms communities has had significant impact especially by empowering individuals and groups to better address unmet needs and education challenges, promoting individual well-being,

strengthening social connections, and ultimately contributing to the pursuit of a more just and equitable Filipino society.

Dr. Grace is a 2021 Amazing Alumni Achiever Awardee of the Maryknoll/Miriam College Alumni Association. She is a recipient of the first UP Gawad Pahinungód of the University of the Philippines System for her service to the University and the country through volunteerism. In 2024, she was named by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) as Outstanding Professional of the Year in the field of Psychology. She is the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Awardee for Human Capital Development of the UP Alumni Association, the 2026 Distinction Awardee from the Council of Health Professionals- Federation of Professional Associations in the Philippines (FPAP) and the Excellence Awardee (Academe Category) of the FPAP.

Dr. Grace is mother to Wit and Mikko, Paulyn and Tonyo, Tin and Anton and grandmother to Pablo, Santi and Vika. She is the daughter of the late Horosi Sison and Milagros Hular Aguilung and wife to the late Pablo Sunga Dalisay.