

**TRANSPARENCY 3.0 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION:  
Asian Perspectives, Philippine Impact**

December 1, 2014 1:00-5:30PM | Asian Institute of Management

Time	Duration (mins)	Speaker	Content/Key Questions	Remarks
1:00-1:10PM	10	<b>Ms. Suyin Liu Lee</b> Executive Director Asia Society Philippines	Opening Remarks	Podium
<b>PANEL 1: UNDERSTANDING THE LAW</b>				
1:10-1:15PM	5	<b>Prof. Mario Lopez</b> Core Faculty Asian Institute of Management	Introduction of Panel Topic <i>* Speakers will be introduced individually, before their presentations</i>	Podium
1:15-1:30PM	15	<b>Sen. Sonny Angara</b> Committee on Public Information & Mass Media, Senate	1) What are the key aspects of the Senate's FOI bill? 2) Is the Philippines ready for FOI? 3) How do you foresee the Bicameral committee?	Podium
1:30-1:45PM	15	<b>Cong. Jorge Almonte</b> Chair, Committee on Public Information, House of Representatives	1) What are the key aspects of the FOI bill approved by the House Committee on Public Information? 2) Is the Philippines ready for FOI? 3) Do you foresee any potential challenges in passing it in the House?	Podium
1:45-2:00PM	15	<b>Cong. Teddy Baguilat Jr.</b> House of Representatives	1) How would you evaluate the content of the current FOI bills? 2) Is the Philippines ready for FOI? 3) Are there any unintended consequences with the current versions of the bill such as national security?	Podium
2:00-2:30PM	30	<b>Moderator: Prof. Mario Lopez</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> 1) What are the tangible outcomes of FOI passage, as it relates to ordinary citizens and the different sectors? 2) How will FOI be implemented? What are needed for effective implementation?  OPEN FORUM (3-4 questions from audience)	Seated
<b>PANEL 2: ASIAN PERSPECTIVES ON FOI</b>				
2:30-2:35PM	5	<b>Prof. Francisco L. Roman</b> Executive Director, RVR CV Starr Center for Corporate Governance & Hills Program for Governance	Introduction of Panel Topic <i>* Speakers will be introduced individually, before their presentations</i>	Podium

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2:35-3:00PM	25	<b>Shri Yashovardhan Azad</b> Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, India	OUR FOI STORY 1) before FOI 2) law in brief	Podium
3:00-3:25PM	25	<b>Ms. Natalia Soebagjo</b> Chair of Executive Board, Transparency International Indonesia	3) Now - challenges, strategies, successes 4) Road ahead - what else needs to be done	Podium
3:25-3:50PM	25	<b>Moderator: Prof. Francisco L. Roman</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> 1) For Mr. Azad: India's RTI law has a broad base of users. How did you come to encourage grassroots participation? 2) For Ms. Soebagjo: What role did civil society and other sectors play in the passage & implementation of FOI? 3) For both: What role has technology and other innovations played? 4) For both: What role has FOI/RTI played in the new government (Modi, Jokowi)? 5) For both: What key elements do you think will be critical for the law's successful implementation in the Philippines?  OPEN FORUM (3-4 questions from audience)	Seated
3:50-4:00PM	10	BREAK/SNACK SERVICE		
PANEL 3: THE IMPACT ON PHILIPPINE SOCIETY				
4:00-4:05PM	5	<b>Mr. John Nery</b> Editor-in-Chief, Inquirer.net	Introduction of Panel Topic and Panel Members <i>* Moderator will introduce all panelists at the beginning</i>	Podium
4:05-4:15PM	10	<b>Mr. Vincent Lazatin</b> Executive Director, Transparency & Accountability Network	1) How will FOI complement current efforts to improve transparency & accountability?	Seated; Moderator will prompt panelists with questions
4:15-4:25PM	10	<b>Mr. Ramon del Rosario</b> Chairman, Makati Business Club	1) How will the passage or nonpassage of FOI affect the business community and the growth potential of the Philippine economy?	
4:25-4:35PM	10	<b>Ms. Melinda Quintos de Jesus</b> Executive Director, Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility	1) How can we ensure responsible use of FOI among users? 2) How can we strike a balance between right to information and right to privacy?	

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4:45-5:20PM	40	<b>Moderator: John Nery</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> 1) Will FOI encourage a more active and informed citizenry? 2) What about information held by private entities? 3) What is the impact and what will this law mean for an ordinary citizen in a post-2016 scenario?  OPEN FORUM (3-4 questions from audience)	Seated
5:20-5:30PM	10	<b>Prof. Francisco L. Roman</b>	Closing Remarks	Podium