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Biographical note

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Ambassador Libran N. Cabactulan **President-elect of the 2010 NPT Review Conference**



Ambassador Libran N. Cabactulan is the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations. A career diplomat with extensive experience in the United Nations, Ambassador Cabactulan was Assistant Secretary for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila prior to his appointment by Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo as envoy to the United Nations.

Ambassador Cabactulan was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Arab Emirates from 2004-2009. He also served at the Philippine Mission to the United Nations in Geneva and twice at the Philippine Mission to the United Nations in New York (1986-1990 and 1995-2000). He was also assigned to the Philippine Embassy in Brussels and the Philippine Consulate General in Sydney.

In Manila, Ambassador Cabactulan served as Executive Director of the Office of United Nations and Other International Organizations and the Office of Consular Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs. He also served as Special Assistant and Senior Special Assistant to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines.

Ambassador Cabactulan has extensive experience in negotiations. He led the Group of 77 and China in the negotiations on economic and related issues at the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Population Commission, United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Program in 1989 and in 1996.

While serving in Abu Dhabi in 2006, Ambassador Cabactulan received a Presidential Citation from President Arroyo for his role in the repatriation of hundreds of Filipinos during the Israel-Lebanon crisis.

Ambassador Cabactulan obtained his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Political Science and a Certificate in Development Economics from the University of the Philippines. He has a diploma with merit for Commercial Policy from the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the predecessor of the World Trade Organization (WTO), in Geneva. Before joining the Foreign Service, he worked at the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) in Manila as Staff Economist.

Ambassador Cabactulan is married with two children.