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## DILG joins EDSA People Power 30th Anniversary celebrations



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Former President Fidel V. Ramos leads the wreath laying ceremony at the Libingan ng mga Bayani to give honor to all military heroes who fought for the nation's freedom. The event contextualizes the 1986 EDSA Revolution as the culmination of a long struggle of the Filipino people for freedom and self-governance.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) joins the whole nation in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the historic EDSA People Power Revolution.

This year's anniversary with the theme, "Pagbabago: Ipinaglaban n'yo, Itutuloy ko!", is being spearheaded by the EDSA People Power Commission (EPPC).

Employees of the DILG together with war veterans, military and police officials, and students witnessed the wreath laying ceremony at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Taguig City to give honor to all military heroes who fought for the nation's freedom.

"Our People Power Revolution at EDSA was a shining moment in Philippine history. It was our people's collective act of courage and powerful resolve, a selfless offering of life and fortune on the altar of patriotic ideals," said former President Fidel V. Ramos who was the guest of honor of the ceremony.

"We must remember that EDSA (Revolution) belongs to all Filipinos of all times. Iyan po ay hindi pag-aari ng isang pamilya, ng military, mga obispo, at mga beterano. Sa palagay ko, iyan ay

mas pag-aari ng kabataang Pilipino," said the 88-year old former Philippine President, who was among the prime movers of the revolution.

Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin also pointed out that the 1986 Revolution "berated us from the shackles of dictatorship. Equally important is it has restored the enjoyment of the blessings of freedom and liberty and the social ideals of democracy."

EPPC Commissioner Cesar N. Sarino, a former Secretary of the DILG during the administration of the late President Corazon C. Aquino, said local chief executives should tell the teachers of public and private schools to teach what the EDSA Revolution is all about.

"Hindi iyong date o mga pangalan ng mga sumali sa EDSA kundi bakit ba nagkaroon ng EDSA. It was just the beginning, not the end. Democracy is a never ending task. We have got to work on it so we can be where we want to be," he said.

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