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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September 19, 2010

*Maligayang pagdating mga kaibigan!*

For over 30 years, Sariling Gawa has empowered our youth to do great things and to fulfill their life's passions. Today, we recognize the legacy that our honorees have selflessly given to the members of Sariling Gawa:

**A Legacy of Empowerment.**

Years ago, when I was at a crossroad in my life, I sought the advice of one of our honorees. He listened to my dilemma then said, in a very soft no-nonsense voice, "You can do it, you will find a way. Just think, there may be other young women who need someone like you to show them the way." What he said unquestionably influenced how I now carry myself as a Filipina. He inspired and empowered me to become the leader I am today. For this, I am eternally grateful.

Each of our honorees has modeled for us what it is to empower others. Through their encouragement, willingness to share knowledge, readiness to connect us with opportunities, and unwavering belief that we can do exceptional things, we have been empowered. Words cannot express the depth of gratitude, admiration, and respect that I have for our honorees and their countless contributions to Sariling Gawa. Let us take the opportunity today to convey our appreciation to these leaders for their inspiration and guidance. In doing so, we honor their legacy.

*Maraming salamat po!*

Erica L.C. Balbag-Gerard  
President

