

## INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

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Bago ko ipakilala si Secretary Follosco gusto kong batiin ang ating mga panauhin na nagbigay dangal sa ating sesyon. Natutuwa kami at nandidito si Undersecretary Lantican ng DOST. Asst. Secretary Ancog, si Asst. Secretary Tansinsin, Ginoong Mijares, Ginoong Orillo at ang ating mga national scientists, at si Ginoong Santos at Lagmay.

Our guest speaker today who is simple, very energetic and dynamic was born in Malabang, Lanao del Sur. His motto is for excellence. His outstanding scholar, his being always in number one. He finished his elementary course in 5 years, can you imagine that, as valedictorian; his high school also as valedictorian. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering as Magna Cum Laude and his B.S. in Electrical Engineering as Summa Cum Laude. These records have been surpassed only by his unbroken record of completing a master of science degree in agricultural engineering as Fulbright Smithmoon Scholar in only eight months with a straight A. He topped the professional mechanical engineer's board exam in 1984 for his honors while being very active student leader as President of school organizations and editor of school paper.

He was awarded most outstanding professional mechanical engineer by the Professional Regulation Commission and as most outstanding agricultural engineer by the Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineers in 1981. Before joining in July 1986 in six agro-industrial firms he was actively involved with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry as Vice-President. On his international activities he has been a Consultant and expert of United Nations Agencies such as UNIDO, ESCAP and so forth. In government, he was first appointed Undersecretary of Department of Trade and Industry with responsibility for regional operations, domestic trade and small business and product standards.

In recognition of his leadership and performance, President Aquino designated him to be the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) effective April 7, 1989 with instructions to accelerate the development of science and technology in the Philippines so as to enable us to attain an NIC status by the year 2000.

As a prolific writer, he has written more than 100 technical papers on productivity, science and technology, and industrialization. Leading a very active life and believing in effective management and full utilization of time, he is the President

of the Philippine Foundation for Science and Technology Incorporated, Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers, Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineers, Association of Management to Industrial Engineers of the Philippines and many others.

As a person, he is what we call the magic of leadership. As you know, so many wars have been lost due to indecision. He has the ability to make things happen on time, never believes in half measures. Although he may appear to top person but his heart is very compassionate and enviewed with the deep social philosophy. He cares for the poor as human beings. He is a hard task master, but he can afford it because he works the hardest in the office, he is the earliest and he leaves the office the latest.

He believes that the basic element for leadership is to set example. On weekend he visits the outlying areas, the barrios and the villages to be with the masses and to learn from them.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me give you a scholar, professional civic leader, former business leader, internationalist, writer, farmer and now government democrat and a dutiful and affectionate husband and father to his children. Siya ay isang maginoong tao. He believes that the President is our national freedom but he double believes that in spirit there are masters, ang mamamayan and he is first accountable to them. Ang sabi nila ang tumpak gawad ganap na scientist, member of KMU, Secretary Follosco.