

AMBASSADOR CHARLES C. JOSE



H.E. Charles C. Jose is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Philippines to Malaysia. A seasoned diplomat and a member of the Philippine Foreign Service career corps, he commenced his diplomatic assignment in Kuala Lumpur on 15 April 2017.

Before assuming his present position, Ambassador Jose was the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Spokesperson and Assistant Secretary for Public Diplomacy from 17 March 2014 to 14 April 2017.

Previously, he also served as the Consul General at the Philippine Consulate General in Shanghai from 26 March 2011 to 28 February 2014, and Consul General at the Philippine Consulate General in Chongqing, China from 22 February 2009 to 25 March 2011.

His other foreign assignments included stints as Minister and Consul General, and Deputy Permanent Representative to UNESCAP at the Philippine Embassy in Bangkok; First Secretary then Minister at the Philippine Embassy in Singapore (on secondment as Program Director in the APEC Secretariat); Third Secretary and Vice Consul, Second Secretary and Consul, then First Secretary and Consul at the Philippine Embassy in Beijing.

At the DFA, he served as the Executive Director at the Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs; Special Assistant at the Office of Policy Planning and Coordination; Director at the Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Assistant Director then Acting Director at the Office of ASEAN Affairs.

He is the co-editor of the book: “A Handbook on Philippine Public Diplomacy (2016).”

He is the recipient of the following awards: 1) “Gawad Mabini,” with the rank of *Dakilang Kamanong* (Grand Cross), conferred by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on 26 June 2019 for distinguished service; and 2) “Presidential Medal of Merit” conferred by President Benigno S. Aquino III on 28 June 2016 for his contribution to the successful hosting by the Philippines of APEC 2015 in his role as APEC 2015 Spokesperson.

Ambassador Jose earned his degree in AB Economics in 1982 from the University of the Philippines in Diliman and Master’s degree in Southeast Asian Studies in 2002 from the National University of Singapore.

He is married to Mrs. Maria Victoria Hizon Jose, and they have two daughters.