

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Gawad Bayani ng Kalikasan 2011

Parangal sa Magigiting na Pakikibaka para sa Kalikasan at Karapatan

The Philippines is endowed with rich natural resources that can support the country's national development and ensure that the Filipino people can live in peace and prosperity. For the past century, however, our environment has gone through severe destruction and depletion. The degradation of our ecosystems has proceeded alongside poverty and the dislocation of communities from their lands and livelihoods.

In the face of these worsening environmental and socio-economic impacts, many among the Filipino people have offered their talents, efforts, time, and even their lives to defend the rights of the people and the country's national patrimony. These heroes and heroines serve as an inspiration for the generations to come.

In salute and recognition of these struggles, the Center for Environmental Concerns, in cooperation with Gawad Bayani ng Kalikasan Awards Committee, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Foundation for the Philippine Environment, Agham-Advocates of Science and Technology for the People, Haribon Foundation, Ecowaste Coalition, Panalipdan Mindanao and Central Visayas Fisherfolk Development Center Inc., is pleased to launch the second **Gawad Bayani ng Kalikasan (GBK)**, an awards event and lecture series recognizing exemplary individuals and organizations who have become part of the people's movement to defend our environment, lives, and rights.

The *Gawad Bayani ng Kalikasan* aims to:

- a. To promote awareness of critical environmental issues and the situation of communities directly relying on the natural resources
- b. To recognize the valiant struggles of the people to defend the environment, lives, and rights, to serve as an example and lesson to the people who continue to confront similar challenges.
- c. To recognize the exemplary deeds and initiatives of simple individuals and organizations who have contributed to the upholding the environment and people's welfare at the national and/or local levels
- d. To strengthen the link between the sustainable preservation and conservation of the environment with the struggle for social, economic, and political rights.

CATEGORIES

Seven recipients of the Gawad Bayani ng Kalikasan will be chosen by the Board of Judges: composed of three (3) individuals (**Gawad sa Indibidwal**), three (3) organizations (**Gawad sa Organisasyon**) and a recipient of **Natatanging Gawad (Most Distinguished Award)**.

From a shortlist of ten awardees, the Board of Judges will choose one (1) recipient of the **Natatanging Gawad (Most Distinguished Award)**, in recognition his/her/their being an inspiration and example to the Filipino people for offering time and talents for the defense of the environment and advancement of the people's welfare.

Gawad sa Indibidwal (Individual Award) – Awarded to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary ability and effort to uphold the environment and people's welfare, whether in the form of advocacy, campaigns, education, research, technology development, community services, mass media, or cultural work.

Gawad sa Organisasyon (Award for Organizations) – Awarded to people's and community organizations and institutions that have demonstrated unity in upholding the welfare of the people and of the environment by exemplary actions and advocacy, campaigns, education, research, technology development, community services, mass media, or cultural work.

GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATIONS

1. The *Gawad Bayani ng Kalikasan* may be awarded to individuals and organizations advancing significant and valiant struggles or exemplary initiatives to defend the environment and the Filipino people's rights to their natural resources.
2. Each prospective awardee for the *Gawad Bayani ng Kalikasan* must be nominated by at least two individuals, organizations, communities, or institutions.
3. Individuals or organizations can not nominate themselves for the Gawad Bayani ng Kalikasan.
4. Please send two (2) hard copies each of the nomination forms and required documents stated below and one (1) electronic copy saved in a CD (Adobe or PDF format), sealed in a long brown envelope, addressed to the Secretariat of the *Gawad Bayani ng Kalikasan* (see mailing address below), personally delivered or postmarked on or before **12 midnight of 15 July 2011**.

Requirements for Individual Nominations	Requirements for Organizational Nominations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nomination Form</i> • <i>Biography</i> • <i>Two (2) or more Letters of Recommendation (from individuals, organizations, communities, or institutions)</i> • <i>One (1) page essay on the exemplary contributions of the nominee on his/her advocacy and struggles for the environment and the people. Essay should be typewritten or computerized (Font size 12, Arial), double spaced on 8.5 x 11 bond paper, 1' margins on all sides)</i> <p>Optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Published speeches by the individual nominee</i> • <i>List of awards and recognitions received, if any</i> • <i>Published articles, images or documents (news clippings, photographs, website or blog entries, video footage) about the individual nominee</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nomination Form</i> • <i>Organizational History stating how it reached its aims and objectives as an organization</i> • <i>Two (2) or more Letters of Recommendation (from individuals, organizations, communities, or institutions)</i> • <i>One (1) page essay on the exemplary contributions of the organizations and its advocacy and struggles for the environment and the people. Essay should be typewritten or computerized (Font size 12, Arial), double spaced on 8.5 x 11 bond paper, 1' margins on all sides)</i> <p>Optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Organizational Publications and productions (Annual Report, brochure, newsletter, book, website or blogsite, video-documentaries, films, etcetera)</i> • <i>List of awards and recognitions received, if any</i> • <i>Published articles, images or documents (news clippings, photographs, website or blog entries, video footage) about the organization</i>

4. Documents submitted must not exceed 30 pages all in all.
5. Documents submitted for nominations will not be returned.
6. Nominations and documents should be written in English or Filipino.
7. Please address all completed nomination documents to:

**Gawad Bayani ng Kalikasan Secretariat
#26 Matulungin Street, Barangay Central, Diliman,
Quezon City, Philippines 1101**

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

The Board of Judges will be composed of three personalities selected by the GBK Steering Committee. They will choose the final list of awardees based on the following guidelines and criteria set by the Steering Committee:

Individual Awards (Gawad sa Indibidwal)	
Service and Devotion to the People Contributed to the defense of the people's welfare	30%
Defense of the Environment and National Patrimony Actively defended the people's rights to a healthy ecology and national patrimony serving the welfare of the people	25%
Leadership Gave inspiration to the people to continue engaging in the defense of the environment and people's welfare	25%
Integrity Demonstrated integrity and principles in the face of challenges and adversity	20%

Organizational Awards (Gawad sa Organisasyon)	
<p>Characteristics of the Organization Maintains a significant and active grassroots constituency and upholds the principles of self-reliance and democracy</p>	10%
<p>Organizational Objectives and Principles Upholds a scientific, pro-people, pro-environment, patriotic and progressive orientation</p>	20%
<p>Campaigns and Actions Initiates activities and campaigns to defend the environment and people's welfare</p>	40%
<p>Result or Concrete Achievements Attained concrete victories, helped communities through projects or campaigns, and enabled the organization to build its capacity and unity</p>	30%