

Mr Richard Gordan

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Sen. Richard Gordon has had a life and career so varied and full of incident that anyone with the task of introducing him to an audience could easily exceed the senator's own remarks.

He has been by turns a constitutional convention delegate, a city mayor, a chairman and administrator of a public authority, a cabinet secretary, and a senator of the Republic. In the civic sphere, he has been for the longest time a volunteer of the Philippine National Red Cross, among other advocacies and causes that he has championed. At present, he is the chairman of the PNRC and a governing board member of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

But it is not the titles of office that distinguish Senator Gordon's public service and civic life. It is the stamp of action and achievement he has impressed on each stop of his life and career.

For his work and contribution to national life, Senator Gordon has received numerous awards from national and international organizations. The Japanese Red Cross conferred on him the Gold Humanitarian Award early this year for voluntary efforts in alleviating human suffering. The University of the Philippines, where he took his degree in law, honored him Outstanding Alumnus in Public Administration in 1984 and later bestowed on him its highest recognition as The Most Distinguished Alumnus for 1997. Ateneo de Manila recognized him in its Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. He was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) in 1982 and the youngest to be conferred as The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) in 1996.