

# The 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution Theme: PILIPINAS NATIN, ABOT-TANAW NA!

## **Pilipinas Natin**

Pilipinas Natin is the country we all aspire to have. A vibrant unified nation; aware of its heritage and of what can be achieved when its citizens and its institutions move together for positive change.

## Abot-Tanaw Na

Now that we have reached the midstream of our journey on the straight path towards inclusive growth (Tuwid na Daan) where the current is at its strongest and deepest, we renew our pledge for change and we forge on with even more resolve because the change we all dream of is within reach.

In 2011, we reignited the spark of EDSA. In 2012, we asked what we as a people can do for our country towards change. In 2013, we ask everyone to stay the course.

## ACTIVITIES

#### February 23, 2013

Wreath Laying Ceremony at Libingan ng mga Bayani

To commemorate the collaboration between civilian and military forces in 1986, a wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Taguig in the morning of February 23. Former President Fidel Ramos will be invited to lead the activities.

#### February 24, 2013

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## Run for Juan, Run for Good Governance

Simultaneous with the wreath laying ceremony, the EDSA People Power Commission (EPPC) in partnership with Association of Philippine Medical Colleges Student Network-NCR (APMCSN-NCR) has organized a fun run at EDSA. The route of the fun run covers White Plains Avenue to EDSA Santolan. This will be participated in by the 13 medical school members of APMCSN-NCR. The race aims to promote responsibility, patriotism and good governance.

# February 25, 2013—EDSA Day

For February 25, events will be held in Metro Manila and ten provinces to show that the spirit of People Power is alive throughout the country. In the morning, the traditional celebration of the anniversary, including the flag-raising ceremony and the Salubungan, will be held at the People Power Monument.

# The Memory Museum and the extension of the People Power Monument

The highlight of this year's program at the People Power Monument will be the launch of one of the major projects of the EPPC, the Memory Museum and the extension of the People Power Monument.

The extension of the People Power Monument involves pushing back the Castrillo sculpture towards the perimeter of Camp Aguinaldo, raising the monument two stories higher and setting it against a ten-story green backdrop of plants to provide visibility of the Monument two to three kilometers away.

The planned Memory Museum for the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution will hold memorabilia that have to do with that dark period of Martial Rule in our history, and the final People Power event that ended it. There will be a study area where students will be able to access taped interviews of the many people, celebrities and ordinary folk, who have their own stories to tell about those times. It will be a place where the nation can recall one of the most glorious events of our history.

It is also being proposed that a Memory Walk along EDSA and White Plains Avenue be built depicting various moments in history with sculptures by National and other notable Filipino Artists.

The Museum and Monument will be connected to the Memory Walk with elevated walkways along White Plains Avenue. The complex will be accessible through a proposed MRT station to be built at the corner of White Plains Avenue that will cross EDSA.

It is also proposed that half of the avenue be converted into a one-kilometer linear park to provide green space for joggers and bikers much like the Highline of New York.

The extension of the People Power Monument is in conjunction with the Quezon City Government's efforts in pinpointing several areas where park connectors can be built as part of the City's vision to reshape the metropolis.

After the activities at the People Power Monument, the City of Manila will host an activity at the Luneta.

# Tatak EDSA: Salo-Salubungang Pambata

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In the afternoon, Malacañang will open its gates to welcome children from various orphanages to the Kalayaan grounds from 1-6PM. The program opens with storytelling activities imparting Filipino values. They will also be able to enjoy playing traditional Filipino games, watch performances and listen to young leaders who will take a lead in inspiring them to make their own pledges of what they can contribute for the country.

There will also be celebrations in ten provinces to be spearheaded by the provincial councils of the EPPC.