

## **Secretary Nasser C. Pangandaman**

### **Secretary of Department of Agrarian Reform**

Secretary Nasser C. Pangandaman, who was born on 8 August 1956, in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur, has joined the Department since March 2002, as Undersecretary for Mindanao Affairs. On 8 June 2007, two years after his assumption as Officer in Charge of the Department and in recognition of his dedicated service and demonstrated leadership, Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo bestowed him a well-deserved appointment as Agrarian Reform Secretary.

Prior to his stint in DAR, he held vital positions in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). He served as Regional Chief of Staff in the Office of the Regional Governor, and was designated as Chairman of the ARMM Task Force for Flagship Projects in August 1997. He also worked as a Special Assistant to the ARMM Regional Governor from April to August 1997 in concurrent capacity and Chairman of the ARMM 2000 Executive Committee. He also served as Operations Officer in the Office of the SVP, Matling Industrial and Commercial Cooperation and President of the Matling Multi-Purpose Cooperative from 1984 to 1990.

At present, he also serves as the Chairperson of the PARC Executive Committee and Vice-Chairperson of the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council. He also sits as a member of the LandBank Board of Directors and a Director of the Quedancor Board.

Educated at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran for his Bachelor's degree in Political Science, he took up law in San Beda College and the University of San Jose, Cebu City. He also trained in Mediation/Conciliation as well as Human relation skills. He has attended various seminars and conferences here and abroad. Among his notable international exposure are the following:

Chairperson, 16th Governing Council Meeting of the Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP)

Member, Official Delegation of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's State Visit to Saudi Arabia

Official Representative, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) Headquarter's visit, Frankfurt, Germany

Head of Delegation and Official Representative of the President to the International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD), Porto Alegre, Brazil

Official Representative to the Korea Agriculture and the Cooperative System National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NAFC) Seoul, South Korea and Wongam Agricultural Cooperative, Kyonggi Province

Member, TWG regarding territory during the 10th GRP-MILF Exploratory talks, Fort Dixon, Malaysia

Member, GRP Panel, 7th Exploratory Talks between the GRP and MILF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Head, ARMM Delegation, International Labor Organization (ILO) Conference on Indigenous Communities, Chang Mai, Thailand

ARMM Representative in the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam

Head - ARMM Delegation, Senior Officials Meeting - Ujung Pandang, Indonesia

Head - ARMM Business Delegation, Manado, Indonesia

Head - Philippine Media Delegation, Ministry of Public Information, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Member, supervisory Group, Piel, Haj Mission to Mecca, Saudi Arabi

For his outstanding performance, he received several awards and citations including the Plaque of Recognition as Chairperson of the 16th Center of International Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) Governing Council meeting held in Manila on June 2007. He is a recipient of the First Farmers Convention and Training Award of the Capiz State University in Roxas City and the UP Forestry Development Center Award in Davao City. Media Organizations such as the Philippine Media Association and the Mindanao Inquirer lauded him as Outstanding DAR Undersecretary and Outstanding Public Servant respectively.

While a recipient of various awards and citations, Secretary Boy, as he is fondly called by his fellow officials and employees in the Department, remains unassuming and unaffected by the accolades he gets from his peers. Always the simple leader that he is, his first directives when he became OIC-DAR Secretary were to simplify the procedures in processing documents and activities in the department and to avoid lavish preparations during his field visits in the regions and provinces.

Secretary Pangandaman is the son of Atty. Liningding and Sittie Esther Pangandaman. He is married to Bai Yasmin Pacasum Pangandaman. They have three children.