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BIRTHDATE:

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EDUCATION:

Mr. Abanes receive his **Bachelor of Science (General Engineering)** degree, **Magna Cum Laude**, from the Philippines Military Academy in **March 1969**. He graduated as class valedictorian for which he received the Presidential Saber, along with other awards for academic excellent in science and engineering subjects. He also received his **Master of Business Management** degree from the Asian Institute of Management in **May 1972**.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Crisostomo Fran is *currently* the Executive Vice President and a Trustee of the **Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association of the Philippines** which is a founding member of the International Council of Aircraft Owner & Pilot Association (IAOPA) that represents the interests of the General Aviation sector in 66 countries.

He is *also* an active member of the Board of Trustees of the IVP (Philippines) Foundation, Inc. – an entity formed by alumni of the U.S State Department’s **International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)** of which he is a grantee in a 7-National Study Tour on U.S Perspective on Economic Assistance in 1989.

He served as Undersecretary and Chief of staff of the **Department of Transportation & Communications (DOTC)** in 1988-2001 for which he directly assisted the DOTC Secretary in the performance of the latter’s function and served as the DOTC Action Officer in various government coordinating entities. Such entities include, among others, the following: **Information Technology & Electronic Commerce Council (ITECC)**; **Governance Committee** of the Office of the President; the Technical Board of the **Mindanao Coordinating Council**; the Technical Board of the **Infrastructure Committee** of the National Economic & Development Authority (NEDA); and as the Secretariat Head of **Multi-sectoral Task Force on Maritime Development (MTFMD)** of the office of the President of the Philippines. He served also as the Supervising Undersecretary for the “Y2K” Remediation and Contingency Center and represented the DOTC in the **National “Y2K” Contingency Task Force** created for the purpose.

Other previous professional involvement of Mr. Abanes includes, among others, the following: as Instructor of Economic and History of Military Arts to senior cadets of the **Philippines Military Academy (1972-1973)**; as Head, Planning Staff of the **National Security Council Secretariat (1973-1977)**; as Director of the **Presidential Management Staff (1978-1986)** where he institutionalized the

Presidential Regional Officer for Development and the Inter-Agency Coordinating System to resolve socio-economic and infrastructure development issues & concerns; as Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning of the **Development Bank of the Philippines (1987-1989)** where he assisted in the bank's rehabilitation & turnaround; as Chief Advisor to the Chairman of the House of Representative's **Committee on Banks & Financial Intermediaries (1992-1994)** where he assisted in the formulation of "The New Central Bank Act" or R.A. No. 7653; as Senior Strategic Consultant of the **Department of Education, Culture & sports (1994-1995)** where he coordinate the setting-up of a Center for Enterprise Development; and as a Senior Consultant on Development & Security and Acting Legislative Liaison Officer of the **Officer of the Vice-President of the President of the Philippines (1992-1998)**, where he prepared and submitted for consideration a paper entitled "**Proposed Pro-Active GOP Finance & Investment Measure**".

In all these professional involvement, he traveled to major trade and investment centers of the world, ably representing the institution he worked with and delivering trend-setting speeches and/or presenting related papers.

OTHER ACTIVITIES / BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Having retired from both the government and business sector, he now serves as a Strategic Advisor to, and/or a part owner of a number of local and foreign business entities.

Mr. Abanes was a member of a Board of Governors of the **World Maritime University** based on Sweden for the school years 2000-2002 and now lifetime member of the **Maritime League of the Philippines**. He is a **retired (optional) Colonel** of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. He married to Ma. Luisa Rivera Abanes with whom they have five (5) children.