

**Heherson T Alvarez**

*Commissioner, Climate Change Commission, Philippines*

Senator for 12 years has occupied 5 Cabinet positions including, Secretary of Department of Agrarian Reform, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Chairman, Senate Committee on Environment for 10 years, made the **environment** a major national concern. Authored all major environmental laws, among which, the **Clean Air Act**, **Solid Waste Management Act**, **National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act** (umbrella law on forest protection), and, the **Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program** and the creation of **The Department of Energy**. Brought about the removal of lead and reduction of sulfur from transport fuel in 1994.

Since 1988, consistently warned of the disasters of global warming. Organized the **1<sup>st</sup> Climate Change Conference in Asia** participated by 32 Ministers and 3 Heads of government in February 1995 in Manila, before the 1st COP in Berlin of December 1995. Crafted the Philippine **Framework Strategy on Climate Change**.

MASTERS DEGREE, Kennedy School, **Harvard University**, USA.

Bemedalled freedom fighter, underground and in exile against the Marcos Dictatorship, 1973-February 1986.

Recipient, **Order of Lakandula-Grand Cross Bayani (Hero)**, one of the highest honors conferred by the Republic upon an individual whose life is worthy of emulation by the people.