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Memo to : The University Community
Subject : On Dr Ambeth R Ocampo

Ateneo stands with Dr Ambeth R Ocampo, as well as with all other historians and academics, in the face of a sustained campaign to malign their work and their reputation.

Ambeth has, for years now, been one of the nation's most distinguished historians, and we are proud to call him one of our own. His track record speaks for itself: a sought-after professor and lecturer, columnist, and author renowned the world over for his knowledge and insights into many aspects of Philippine history.

But despite this, he, like many others who fight to preserve facts in understanding our nation's story, is now the subject of harassment, attacks, and intimidation just because he is standing up for the truth. We condemn these attacks, not just because it maligns Dr Ocampo, but because it severely undermines our battle against historical distortion and disinformation.

Only with truthful history can we move forward as a nation, and only through recognition of the failures and successes of the past can we create solutions for the problems that beset our society.

Ateneo de Manila will remain steadfast in our commitment to uphold, preserve, and communicate truth, especially in a world where truth is being overshadowed by lies.

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