



ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
FOR THE LOYOLA SCHOOLS

12 April 2023

MEMO TO: The Loyola Schools Community

FROM : [Sgd.] Maria Luz C. Vilches, Ph.D.
Vice President for the Loyola Schools

SUBJECT: **Commencement Speaker for the Class of 2023**

I am pleased to announce the selection of

MARIA A. RESSA

as

Commencement Speaker for the Class of 2023.

Last year, the Ateneo de Manila Board of Trustees resolved to confer the Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, honoris causa, on Ms. Ressa. The honorary degree shall be presented to Ms. Ressa during the LS-wide Commencement Rites on 30 June 2023. The Commencement Address shall be delivered right after the conferment ceremony.

This year's commencement theme is *Tugon sa panahon: mangahas, manalig, at manindigan para sa katotohanan*. The schedule of the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises for Class 2023 is as follows:

Friday, 30 June 2023

Venue:	Ateneo High School Covered Courts
7:30 am	Baccalaureate Mass
9:00 am	LS-wide Commencement Rites
3:00 pm	Commencement Exercises for the Gokongwei Brothers School of Education and Learning Design (GBSEALD), the School of Humanities (SOH), and the School of Social Sciences (SOSS)

Saturday, 1 July 2023

Venue:	Ateneo High School Covered Courts
3:00 pm	Commencement Exercises for the John Gokongwei School of Management (JGSOM) and the School of Science and Engineering (SOSE)

We hope that our graduates will be inspired by Ms. Ressa's courage and commitment to pursuing truth, justice, and freedom.