

Cecile Guidote-Alvarez

Brief Professional Background

Cecile Guidote-Alvarez is the youngest Filipina to receive the *Ramon Magsaysay Outstanding Asian Award for Public Service* in 1972 and honored as a *UNESCO Artist for Peace* in 2003 for **her** collective work of a socially integrated **performing** group of *differently-abled*, out-of-school and indigenous youth. She is **the director of the** Earthsavers, also designated by UNESCO as the 6th in the world DREAM Center. **Mrs. Guidote-Alvarez is the** first Filipina to be **elected** in **the** ITI Executive Council as foremost exponent of dynamically applying cultural diversity for achieving the Millennium Development Goals. (MDGs) She was designated as ITI spokesperson in UNESCO's **UN** high-level meetings.

- **She is the** founder of the Philippine Educational Theatre Association (PETA), a National Theatre Movement that initiated the use of the national language and mother tongues, and of historic locales as performance spaces.
- She pioneered the promotion of broadcast theatre on TV and radio through *Balintataw*, a consistent winner **for** Best Drama program hailed by CNN.
- As an author, her book *"Theatre for the Nation: A Prospectus for the National Theater of the Philippines"* won the Annual **Awards** for Outstanding Philippine Books in 2003 **given** by the Manila Critics Circle.
- In exile, her production at La MaMa Theatre reaped honors as *Outstanding Political Theatre and UN Human Rights Day Award for Cultural Innovation*. Her staging of two original zarzuelas **for** Dr. Alejandro Roces' *"Something to Crow About"* and Isagani Cruz' *"Baler sa Puso Ko"* have won **the** Aliw Awards **for** *Best Musicale* and *Best Musical Director*.
- She served as executive director of the **National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)**, the equivalent of a **Ministry of Culture**. **She also** pushed for **the** inclusion of a cultural ingredient in *Rio Declaration* and provided intercultural input in **the** UN Climate Conference.