World Bank forms award after Filipino

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THE World Bank (WB) has created an award and named it after the late Filipino manager of the World Bank Institute's leadership program, Dr. Jose Edgardo "Ed" Campos.

WB President Dr. Jim Yong Kim made the announcement during the "Daylight Dialogue: The Good Governance Challenge" at the Rizal Hall of Malacañang Palace.

Kim said the WB employs nearly 400 Filipino citizens, who constitute the sixth largest nationality represented at the WB group.

"Ed was a pillar in the governance and public sector community within the bank. He held a number of high-profile positions, most recently, as manager for the World Bank Institute's leadership program," he said.

He recalled that Campos always strived to make a difference, taking several years away from his bank career to return and work for the Philippine government, where he helped secure the passage of the 2003 Government Procurement Reform Act.

"In his memory, I am pleased to announce that the new governance global practice will create the Jose Edgardo Campos Award. This award will honor bank staff who follow in Ed's footsteps by returning to their countries of origin to advance the cause of governance reform," Dr. Kim said.

Campos had served as adviser to the World Bank Institute's vice president on governance and political economy and practice manager for governance.

Prior to this, he served as governance advisor for Bangladesh at the World Bank in Dhaka, lead public sector specialist and coordinator of the Bank's Governance and Anticorruption Thematic Group.

He also worked at the Asian Development Bank as a senior economist, providing advice and guidance on governance-related activities and programs.

Back in 2010, he served as senior strategy adviser for public sector reforms at the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), where he helped develop and implement a strategy to support efforts to reform government procurement and tax administration.

In 1996, he co-authored the book, The Key to the Asian Miracle: Making Shared Growth Credible, which won the Charles Levine Prize for best book on comparative politics the following year.

Campos passed away last April 10 in Dunn Loring, Virginia, USA. He is survived by his wife, Rica and six children. (SDR/Sunnex)

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Jose Edgardo Lopez Campos, 60, a resident of Dunn Loring, Va., passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at Fairfax Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Rica, his 6 children, Mylin, Mychal, Chit, Eric, Teddy and Franki. his brothers and sisters, Patricia Domingo, Jimmy Campos, Wilfredo Campos, Mimi Abadesco and Jocelyn Dayao.

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