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Memo to : The University Community
Subject : Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Maria Ressa



The Ateneo de Manila University joins the Philippines and the global community in congratulating Maria Ressa for being conferred, together with Dmitry Muratov of Russia, the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize.

In their communiqué, the Norwegian Nobel Committee cited Ressa and Muratov for their courageous fight for freedom of expression and freedom of the press, representing all journalists who stand up for these ideals.

Using independent and fact-based journalism to report corruption, abuse of power, and violence against our fellow Filipinos, as well as disproving fake news which have proliferated during these recent years, Maria Ressa has shown herself to be a true patriot, serving the nation by ensuring that the public remains well- and correctly-informed. Despite the numerous attacks against Ressa and the news organization she founded, *Rappler*, she remains committed to truth and democracy which she believes is a prerequisite to “meaningful human interaction to solve the existential problems we face—coronavirus or climate change.”

As we celebrate the international recognition and prestige bestowed on Maria Ressa, let us strive to equal her courage and commitment to build a world dedicated to truth, freedom, and peace.

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