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Prof. Jose Maria Sison (8 February 1939 – 16 December 2022)



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The Filipino proletariat and toiling peoples grieve the death of their teacher and guiding light. Prof. Jose Maria Sison, Founding Chairman of the Communist Party of the Philippines and Chief Political Consultant of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines, passed away peacefully in the early afternoon of 16 December, after two weeks' confinement in a hospital in Utrecht, The Netherlands. He was 83. On 17 December, the CPP Central Committee said, "With Ka Joma's passing, the Party lost a great leader. Indeed, he is among the greatest of Filipinos of the past century for masterfully and creatively applying Marxism-Leninism-Maoism to the Philippines and the Philippine revolution, and giving the Filipino

people the strength to carve the country's future and attain their aspirations for national freedom and democracy."

The CPP declared, "Let us forever keep red his memory and legacy and strengthen our determination to continue and bring forward the revolution that he ignited together with other great leaders of the Central Committee and its Political Bureau and Executive Committee.

"Through his writings, Ka Joma laid out the theoretical foundation of the Philippine revolution. He also left us with a rich and deep Marxist-Leninist-Maoist treasure trove which will serve as guide for the Party's continued growth in the next stage of the Filipino people's revolutionary struggles."

The Party added, "We affirm as well the important role that Ka Joma played as a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist torch bearer who helped inspire the proletariat across the world, and keep the embers of the international communist movement as it enters a new phase of resurgence.

"We declare Ka Joma as the greatest hero of the Filipino people in their past century of resistance against imperialism. His immense contributions to shaping the patriotic and revolutionary consciousness of the Filipino people and breaking open the path towards national and social liberation, will never be erased," the CPP concluded.

Prof. Sison's remains lie in state at the Barbara Uitvaartcentrum in Utrecht, The Netherlands. The NDFP International Office announced that visitors are welcome on 18 – 22 December 2022, from 7:00 – 9:00pm CET. On Friday, 23 December, international groups and political parties will hold a tribute to Ka Joma from 4:00 – 8:00pm CET. Prof. Sison's cremation will take place at 10:30am CET, 27 December, at the Crematorium Daelwijk in Utrecht, the NDFP confirmed.

The NDFP International Office further announced that messages may be sent to kjl.msgs@protonmail.com and editors@updatesphilippines.info. Additional information on the wake and cremation can be accessed at ndfp.info. **UP**