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President Nakao speaks at joint UP and ASEAN Society Forum

President Nakao on 25 November hosted by the ASEAN Society Philippines (ASP) and University of the Philippines (UP) at the Malcolm Theater, UP College of Law. He spoke on how Manila was chosen as ADB HQ, and shared his views on the importance of legal principles and reforms in nation building, the relevance of ASEAN to economic cooperation in Asia, and ADB's deeper relationship with the Philippines.

President Nakao expressed appreciation to ADB staff who are UP graduates for their contributions to ADB's work. UP President Danilo Concepcion and ASP Chair Ambassador Delia Albert thanked President Nakao for ADB's work on regional cooperation and an expanded Philippine portfolio. The forum was attended by representatives of the academe, business community and civil society. See [photos](#). *Rosemarie Marquez, 1016*



University of the Philippines President Danilo Concepcion (left) greets President Nakao before the start of the forum entitled “The ASEAN Economic Community: Cooperation Amidst Diversity” at UP College of Law Malcolm Theater.



President Nakao speaks before the academe, business, and civil society representatives at the forum entitled “The ASEAN Economic Community: Cooperation Amidst Diversity” at UP College of Law Malcolm Theater where he spoke about economic developments in Asia and the Pacific, regional cooperation, and ADB’s work in the Philippines.



President Nakao (center) answers questions from the audience. From left, former Foreign Affairs Secretary and Chair of the ASEAN Society Philippines, Delia Albert, and Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy President, Amina Rasul-Bernardo.



President Nakao with (from left) UP Executive Vice President Teodoro Herbosa, UP College of Law Dean Fides Cordero-Tan, and former Foreign Affairs Secretary and Chair of the ASEAN Society Philippines Delia Albert.