

RAFAEL MONTINOLA SALAS

Rafael Montinola Salas, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, is a world renowned leader and an exceptional administrator. Born in the Philippines, he received both liberal arts and law degrees from the University of the Philippines and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. He lectured in Political Science, Economics, and Law at the University of the Philippines and at Far Eastern University, and was for a time General Manager of The Manila Chronicle.

Mr. Salas served in several capacities with the Philippine government, rising to become Executive Officer, with cabinet rank, of the National Economic Council. As Action Officer, National Rice and Corn Sufficiency Program, he brought the "Green Revolution" to the Philippines so effectively that, within a period of two years, the Philippines became a rice exporting nation.

Mr. Salas' competent handling of many social and administrative problems at home led to his appointment in 1969 as Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and as Executive Director of the Fund and Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations in 1971. Under his leadership the Fund has developed a vital program that now supports about 1400 projects in more than a hundred developing nations. He is the author of an important book, People: An International Choice. With this Award, the University commends the outstanding ability with which Mr. Salas has worked to alleviate difficult human problems.