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Seminar

Use of the Legal Process in Curtailing the Basic Human Rights of Advocates and Activists in the Philippines

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Room LG101, LG 1 Floor KK Leung Building, HKU**

The use of the legal process to curtail the basic human rights of advocates, activists and to generally suppress dissent is a recent and very disturbing trend in the Philippine judicial system. Drawing on his own experience as a human rights lawyer and political detainee in the Philippines, Attorney Remigio Saladero Jr.'s talk will cover a brief overview of the human rights situation in the country, the anti-insurgency policy of the Arroyo administration and how it relates to human rights violations, the recent use of "legal offensives" by the government as part of its anti-insurgency policy, and what can be done to prevent the issues from exacerbating.

Attorney Remigio Saladero, Jr. is a prominent human rights lawyer who recently argued before the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of President Gloria Arroyo's calibrated preemptive response policy (CPR). In October 2008 he was forcibly arrested in relation to charges filed by the military accusing him being a member of the New Peoples' Army, and of committing various acts associated with the group. He was detained for a period of three months prior to being released on technical grounds, but the court stopped short of dismissing the case and quashing the warrant. Saladero is a respected labor lawyer handling nearly 700 labor cases before various tribunals. He is a member of the National Union of Peoples' Lawyers (NUPL), the chief legal counsel of Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) and Board Chairperson of the Pro-Labor Legal Assistant Center (PLACE). He is also a member of the media as a columnist of Pinoy Weekly.

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