



**ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO**  
**Former Secretary for Foreign Affairs**

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The late Secretary for Foreign Affairs Albert F. Del Rosario was born in Manila on November 14, 1939 and has worked for both the private sector and government. He attended Xavier High School in New York City and subsequently graduated from New York University with a Bachelor Degree in Economics.

He served as Secretary of Foreign Affairs from 2011 to 2016 and as Ambassador to the United States of America from 2001 to 2006.

In addition to his service in government, Secretary del Rosario had an extensive business career that spanned a vast field, which included insurance, banking, real estate, shipping, telecommunications, consumer products, retail, pharmaceutical, and food industries, among others. He was a member of the Board of Directors of various firms.

In September of 2004, Secretary del Rosario was conferred the highest possible award, the Order of Sikatuna, Rank of Datu, by H.E. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for his outstanding efforts in promoting foreign relations. He also received the Philippine Army Award from President Aquino for initiatives as Chairman of the Makati Foundation for Education in 1991. In early 2001, he received the EDSA II Heroes Award from President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in recognition of his efforts in promoting Philippine democracy. He is enlisted in the Xavier Hall of Fame in New York City.

Secretary del Rosario was married to Gretchen de Venecia. They have five children.