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**TUCP ELECTS TORRES AS PRESIDENT**

The Executive Board and the General Council of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP) have unanimously elected Ruben Torres as president, a position that recently became vacant due to the untimely demise of former senator Ernesto Herrera.

Torres is concurrently the president of the BPO Workers Association of the Philippines (BWAP-TUCP), an industry-wide association which recruits and organizes members from among the country’s 1.2 million call center workers. He was Labor Secretary from 1990 to 1992 under President Corazon Aquino, and Executive Secretary from 1995 to 1998 under President Fidel Ramos.

The General Council consists of presidents of national federations affiliated with TUCP, the largest national trade union center in the country with 1.3 million members.

Torres plans to strengthen TUCP by calling a national convention to be attended by all bonafide TUCP affiliates.

TUCP is a member of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and its Asia Pacific regional organization (ITUC AP) which unites autonomous and democratic trade unions representing 168 million workers in 155 countries.

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