



Ambassador (ret.) Al La Porta

Retiree Representative



Ambassador La Porta retired from the U.S. Foreign Service in the fall of 2003 after 38 years of service in the Department of State and an overall government career of 44 years. He was president of the United States-Indonesia Society from 2004 through 2007 and is presently (*pro bono*) president of the new Malaysia-America Foundation.

He served as Ambassador to Mongolia (1997-2000) and Political Advisor to the Commander of NATO Forces in Southern Europe, Naples, Italy (2000-03). He also was stationed overseas in Indonesia (twice), Malaysia, New Zealand, and Turkey. He has also worked extensively on the Philippines as executive director to the Special Envoy for the Multilateral Assistance Initiative/Philippine Assistance Program, on Cambodia as director of the Office of Cambodian Genocide Investigations, and on the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands while stationed in Washington, DC. During his active duty, he also was State Vice President and President of AFSA in 1995-97.

In retirement since late 2003, he chaired the Southeast Asia area studies course at the Foreign Service Institute, serves part-time as a senior shift director in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, and is a consultant on Asian affairs to the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), headquartered in Honolulu, Hawaii. He also advises the Joint Staff/J7 and the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) in Stuttgart, Germany in its military exercise program.

Ambassador La Porta is a graduate of the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University (BSFS), New York University (MA), and later did PhD study at Georgetown University. He is also a graduate of the United States National War College.