

UPMBA Graduate Appointed AFP Chief of Staff

Gen. Emmanuel T. Bautista (UPMBA 1985) was appointed as 44th Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) by President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino effective 17 January 2013. At the time of his appointment he was serving as the 54th commanding general of the Philippine Army.

Gen. Bautista has been decorated seven times in combat. He is known as the chief architect of the military's Internal Peace and Security Plan, known as "Bayanihan," the current anti-insurgency campaign of the government anchored on a multi-sectoral effort of "winning the peace" instead of carrying out a bloody campaign to end the decades-long insurgency problem of the country.



Last December 2012 the UP College of Business Administration has selected him as one of its Distinguished Alumnus Awardees. Gen. Bautista is the third UP MBA graduate to become AFP Chief of Staff. The first two are Gen. Narciso Abaya (2003) and Gen. Efren Abu (2004).