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Arroyo's 2010 bets known in June—Palace

by JOEL GUINTO
Inquirer.net

THE administration coalition will name its standard bearer and senatorial slate by June, Malacañang said last March 23.

Track record and "winnability" are the main criteria for the selection of administration candidates, deputy presidential spokesperson Lorelei Fajardo said, adding it will not matter whether or not a candidate is a traditional political or a reformist.

"The selection process for candidates is ongoing, hopefully by June, we will be announcing the list of candidates," Fajardo told a news conference at the Palace.

"This is not about being a reformist or a traditional politician, even if you are a traditional politician you can have good performance... Madaling magsalita, ano yung

gawa? [Talk is cheap. How did he perform?]," she said.

"But we also have to be realistic, it's the winnability aspect," she said.

Fajardo said the possible departure of Cabinet secretaries who might run for the Senate was "being discussed."

A committee headed by Presidential Political Adviser Gabriel Claudio is drafting the criteria for administration candidates, and is at the same time pursuing the merger between the two administration parties—Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats and the Kabalikang Malayang Pilipino (Partner of the Free Filipino, Kampi).

Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. is the latest personality identified with the administration to declare his intention to run for president in 2010. He joins another presidential aspirant, Metro Manila

Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman Bayani Fernando.

Vice President Noli de Castro is also reportedly being eyed for the presidency.

Over the weekend, a movement was launched to urge Pampanga Governor Ed Panlilio, a Catholic

priest, to run for president, with Isabela Governor Grace Padaca as his running mate.

Panlilio and Padaca became symbols of reform after they trounced political dynasties in their respective provinces.

Fajardo said a possible Panlilio-

Padaca ticket was a "welcome development" because this would give the public more choices in next year's vote.

"Anybody can try, but at the end of the day, the people will be the judge," she said.

Press Secretary Cerge Remonde has floated at least eight Cabinet officials for the Senate, including, Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap,

Cabinet Secretary Silvestre Bello III, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Director General Augusto Syjuco, Education Secretary Jesli Lapus, Social Welfare Secretary Esperanza Cabral, Tourism Secretary Ace Durano, and presidential adviser on climate change Heherson Alvarez. ■

Malacañang tells Panlilio to go slow on presidential plans

by PAOLO ROMERO
Philstar.com

MALACAÑANG suggested last March 23 to Pampanga Gov. Ed Panlilio to go slow on his presidential ambitions, pointing out that running a province is much different from governing an entire country.

Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Lorelei Fajardo, however, reiterated that the Palace respects Panlilio's intention to seek the presidency because it would be the voters who would have the final say.

"Anybody can pursue their plans, everybody can try but at the end of the day, it's the people who still have to decide, that's why we really have to study the qualification of the people presenting themselves to us," Fajardo said.

She also dismissed comparisons between Panlilio, viewed by some as a "reformist," to other aspirants considered to



Pampanga Gov. Ed Panlilio

be "traditional politicians."

She said: "You are a traditional politician, and your performance is good, I think performance should be the basis (of voters' choice)."

"If your performance is not good in a lower position, let's say as mayor or governor or any position for that matter, how can you lead the entire nation. That's what we have to be careful about," Fajardo said.

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