

## Gavino Alfredo Benitez, Legal Executive Assistant



Atty. "GA" (short for Atty. Gavino A. Benitez) as he insists to be called is the latest addition to NDA's manpower. Assigned at the office of the Administrator, he reviews all contracts and legal documents involved in NDA's relationship with farmers, partners and other industry stakeholders.

Atty. GA is a bachelor of law graduate from the Far Eastern University and had worked with various NGOs like the NASSA-CBCP and Grassroots Philippines Services, Inc. He also worked as a legal researcher for the University of the East Legal Department and with UNICEF. After graduating from law school and passing the bar, he joined the PABLAW Offices in 1996 as an associate and later become a partner of the law office. He taught a few subjects at the FEU Institute of Law for a couple of years and in 2005, he became the managing partner of the Belarus Law Offices. He was engaged in private law practice until he joined the NDA last April.

To Atty. GA, welcome and ... as they say in legal parlance, **DURA LEX SED LEX!** (The Law may be harsh, but that is the Law.)

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