

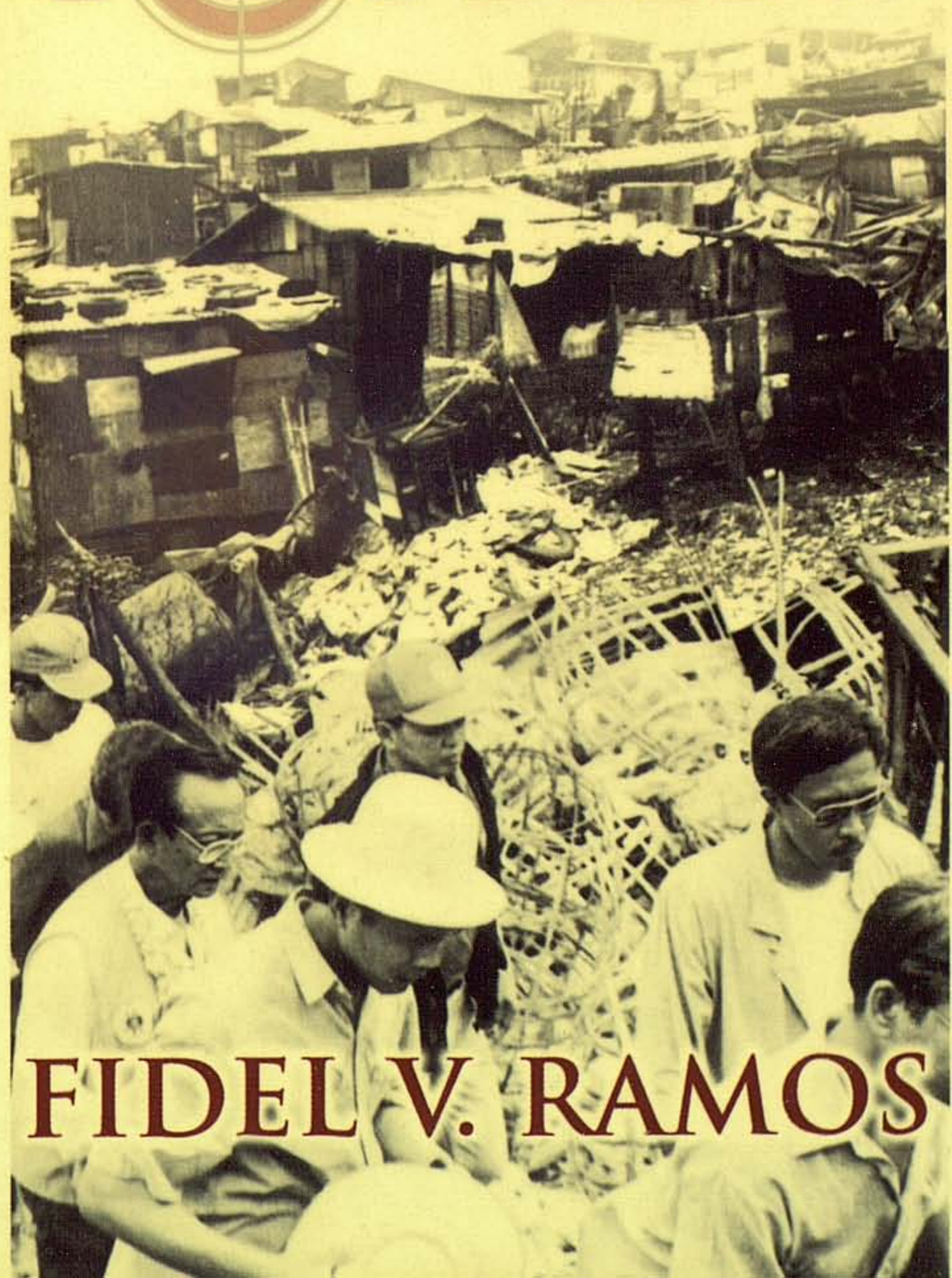
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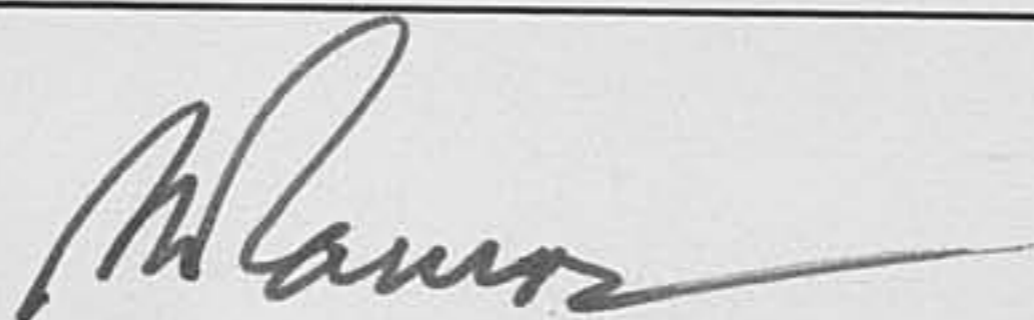
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# Fighting Terrorism by Fighting Poverty

The need for closer collaboration between the rich and poor countries in dealing with political, economic and social challenges is underscored by the truism that globalization is binding all our countries into ever-closer interdependence. No longer can any nation—however self-sufficient—afford to stay complacent and heedless of whether others sink or swim.

The interfaith and intercultural dialogue already started in the U.N., as initially proposed by the Philippines, Pakistan and Indonesia, would create a powerful mechanism for bridging the gaps. The global community must look beyond the war on terrorism—to deal once and for all with the inequities that remain in the global order. The G-8 nations and the global alliance America leads must aim not merely to defeat terrorism. They must also see to the other side of the coin of human security—which is people's well-being and safety in their homes, neighborhoods and workplaces. And they must win people's allegiance by the power of their values and their ideals. Not only must they isolate terrorists and extremists; they must also help, in meaningful ways, poor countries to prosper; and they must aim for a world order that offers full participation to all of Earth's peoples.

*From the Preface*

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# Foreword

Four years after the publication of *The Continuing Revolution* or Volume 9 of the series of books by former President Fidel V. Ramos, the SGV Foundation, Inc. once again takes pride in co-publishing with the Ramos Peace and Development Foundation, Inc. (RPDEV), Volume 10 entitled ***Fighting Terrorism by Fighting Poverty***. We also welcome the participation of the Print Town Group of Companies in producing this volume.

As with the preceding publications, this edition features a collection of speeches delivered by President Ramos in various forums. It also contains a special chapter with contributions from former colleagues on their thoughts and reminiscences of working with him, giving readers a glimpse of the former President's "lighter side."

Since becoming a private citizen in 1998, President Ramos has not stopped working for the country and for his fellow Filipinos through the RPDEV. He remains an influential voice as he continues to inspire us to meet head-on our challenges as a nation. Still tireless in his pursuit of improving the welfare of the Philippines and its people, he is relentless in advising and getting people involved, encouraging them to care, share, and dare. As one of the anecdotes in this volume says, he is "always with the troops, always with the people."

In *Fighting Terrorism by Fighting Poverty*, he turns his focus on terrorism, a dark specter that has loomed over the world since September 11, 2001. He writes on

issues of national security and development, and the Philippines' role in the Asia-Pacific region and international security. President Ramos also delves into the social, political and economic dimensions of the reality that is poverty.

The title for this volume sums up succinctly his conviction – if the huge chasm between the haves and the have-nots is somehow bridged or even filled in completely, there would be no dissatisfied and desperate people seeking to destroy the institutions they perceive as oppressing them. The road to security and stability runs parallel with development and the eradication of poverty.

It is a message that is both timely and timeless.



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