

**Chief Justice Panganiban Professorial Chairs on Liberty and Prosperity
Public Lecture**

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Reaction:

Judge Joselito C. Villarosa

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1. The total liberation of the people entails not merely giving them freedom of movement or freedom from arbitrary detention. In order to liberate the people, there is need to also focus on their economic needs. The economic well-being of the people is enshrined under various international instruments of which the Philippine state is a signatory. These instruments have the force and effect of law in our jurisdiction considering that the Philippines adheres to the principle of incorporation. Notwithstanding these, the Philippines is still reluctant in affording these economic rights the status of an enforceable right, thereby denying them of their access to justice concerning these same rights. Why is that so?
2. There are significant differences in the legal systems if Colombia and the Philippines. Tutelary principles are expressly provided under the Colombian Constitution, while these are not provided in our present Constitution. What are the possibilities of its direct application in the Philippines?