

**AID-TAMU, Institute of Pacific Asia, & India Association  
Present**

**Arvind Kejriwal  
Raman Magsaysay Awardee**



**The Right  
To Information**

Wednesday, October 25

MSC 201

5:30 pm

Arvind Kejriwal, a mechanical Engineer from IIT-Kharagpur, who founded 'Parivartan' (Change), was given the award for 'Activating the right to information (RTI) movement at the grass root levels'. This pioneering new law gives Indians the right to access information held by the government. The nationwide law is aimed at increasing transparency in public life and helping curb corruption. Mr Kejriwal, an office holder in Indian Reveue Services, has also led an anti-graft campaign in India's capital, New Delhi. He has also campaigned against the privatization of water supplies in the city.

*The Ramon Magsaysay Award was established in April 1957 by the trustees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) based in New York City. With the concurrence of the Philippine government, the prize was created to commemorate Ramon Magsaysay, the late president of the Philippines, and to perpetuate his example of integrity in government, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society.*

**The Ramon Magsaysay Award is often considered as Asia's Nobel Prize.**

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