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Ms. Bernadette Romulo Puyat graduated from the University of the Philippines where she pursued her Bachelor and Master's degrees in Economics.

She was a former lecturer at the UP School of Economics from 1994 to 2006, which preluded her life dedicated to public service. She served as an Economic Consultant at the Housing and Urban Development Coordination Council (HUDCC) (2001-2002) and the Presidential Management Staff (2005-2006), and was Deputy Cabinet Secretary at the Office of the President in 2006.

From 2007 to 2018, she served as Undersecretary at the Department of Agriculture where she handled Special Concerns, Administration and Finance, Agribusiness and Marketing, and Regional Engagements. Among her notable accomplishments in the DA include the promotion of local ingredients locally and internationally. She specifically conceptualized and spearheaded the conduct of the Philippine Harvest Trade and the Kain Na! Food Festival.

Furthermore, she strengthened the Department's engagement with special sectors such as the women, elderly, youth, and indigenous people through her leadership in the Gender and Development Focal System and the Organic Agriculture Board. She was also designated to handle agricultural credit while serving at the DA. From 2018 to 2022, she served as Secretary of the Department of Tourism, with Sustainable Tourism as the overarching theme of her leadership. The said campaign inspired the rehabilitation of many tourism destinations and reinforced the observance of environment-friendly practices in the tourism sector. Equally important were her efforts towards the recovery of the tourism sector during the COVID-19 pandemic such as the vaccination of tourism workers, as well as the institutionalization and planning of health and safety protocols in various tourism establishments and destinations.

In June 2022, she was appointed as Deputy Governor for Regional Operations and Advocacy Sector (ROAS) at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) where she currently oversees the programs, projects, and activities of the following units: Regional Offices and Branches; Strategic Communications and Advocacy; New Clark City-Project Management Office; Financial Inclusion Office; and the Consumer Protection and Market Conduct Office. She also serves as an alternate to the Governor in eight Governing Boards of National Agencies.

Ms. Romulo-Puyat is also a recipient of prestigious local and international awards such as the Ordre du Mérite Agricole (Order of Agricultural Merit) with rank of Officier (officer) which was awarded by the French Government in June 2022, as well as the Presidential Merit Award which was conferred by President Rodrigo R. Duterte in June 2022.