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A Packaging Professional for more than 40 years and currently President of G... Packaging Technology Partners, Inc. an international packaging consulting organization formed in 2001. He is also the Vice President for Technology and Consultant for Packaging Technology Center, Inc. an independent and full service package testing (ISTA & NCC certified) and consulting company in Houston, Texas.

Served as Director of Packaging – Riviana Foods Inc., a Houston, Texas based multi-national and diverse food processing and distribution company with annual sales of \$475 million for 28 years until October 2001. Was responsible for directing the company's worldwide corporate technical packaging function, and also managed its testing and consulting services group (RVR Package Testing Center). Currently retained by Riviana Foods as Consultant for packaging.

Holds a B. S. in Chemical Engineering degree from Mapua Institute of Technology, Manila; is a Lifetime Certified Professional in Packaging, CPP (IoPP-USA), is a Certified Member (M Inst Pkg) of the Institute of Packaging, UK and is a Registered Chemical Engineer in the Philippines.

Formerly held Packaging Engineering, R&D, QA and Technical Management positions at S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc. (household, consumer & chemical specialties). Hunt Wesson Foods, Inc. (foods), International Packaging, Inc. (plastics packaging products), Edward Keller, Ltd. (plastics & packaging machinery/systems), and Procter & Gamble (foods & consumer products), Philippines.

Packaging Hall of Fame Member, Class '97 of the Packaging Education Forum (USA); Honorary Life Member and Member of the College of Fellows of the Institute of Packaging Professionals (IoPP-USA); Honorary Member, Packaging Institute of the Philippines (PIP); Honorary Member, Mexican Institute for Professionals in Packaging (IMPEE); Executive Vice President-International, International Safe Transit Association (ISTA). Holds Professional Membership with IoPP, ASTM, SPE, TAPPI, NIPHLE, IoP (UK).

Participated as Speaker/Moderator in international Seminars and Conferences in Packaging sponsored by the American Management Associations (AMA-Pack Expo), International Safe Transit Association (ISTA), PIRA International (UK), Pack Alimentaire-USA, Institute of Packaging Professionals (IoPP-USA), PMMI-IEFP Packaging Solutions-USA, Asociacion Mexicana de Envases Y Embalaje (ASMEE) - Mexico City, Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), Packaging R&D Center of the Philippines-DOST, Packaging Institute of the Philippines (PIP), University of Houston (Texas), Central Philippine University and Mapua Institute of Technology (Philippines).

Authorized by the U. S. Department of Transportation for Packaging Technology Center designated (+AM) as a Third Party Certification Agency authorized to certify hazardous materials packaging designs in accordance with the United Nations (UN) Performance Oriented Packaging standards since 1989.

Packaging Development Awards include the 1977 Food and Drug Magazine's Package of the Year for shelf stable foods, "Success Rice" boil-in bag rice and the 1981 Flexible Packaging Association's Silver Award for rice film packaging. Co-holder of a U.S. Patent #4,268,967 for a package sizing device. Member, Editorial Board of the Encyclopedia of Packaging, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 1997 – John Wiley & Sons, New York and author of numerous published technical articles in packaging and plastics testing.