

# ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER SPOTLIGHT

**"Read a thousand books, and your words will flow like a river."  
– Lisa See**

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## GREGORIO Y. ZARA

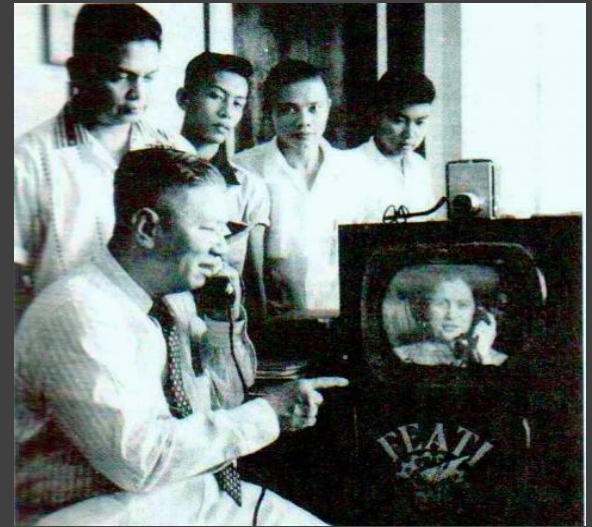
(1902 - 1978)

was a **Filipino engineer and physicist.**

Although Zara held 30 patents for devices and equipment, he is probably best remembered for inventing the first two-way video telephone.

Born in Lipa, Gregorio graduated valedictorian in elementary and high school before obtaining a scholarship to study mechanical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He went on to graduate with Highest distinction in aeronautical engineering and physics from the University of Michigan and the University of Paris, respectively.

Zara's video telephone invention enabled the caller and recipient to see each other while conversing, laying the foundation for video-conferencing. His other notable creations include an induction compass used by pilots for direction, a solar-powered water heater and an alcohol-fuelled aeroplane engine. Zara also discovered a law of electrical kinetic resistance known as the Zara effect.



## EVENTS

01

### FAPAC 2021 National Leadership Training Program

*Advancing Leaders Through Purpose-Driven Service*

**May 25-27, 2021 12-5:00 pm EST**

The Federal Asian Pacific American Council presents this training designed to provide development in leadership, diversity, inclusion, career advancement, and management. Register [here](#).

02

### Preserving Holocaust History: Collecting Oral Testimonies and Researching Family Fates

**May 27, 2021, 12:00-1:00 pm EST**

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum representatives who conduct oral history interviews that help us learn Holocaust history with authenticity and relevance to every new generation. Learn about the research process offered to Holocaust survivors, their families, and others wishing to discover more about the fate of those persecuted. Register [here](#).

03

### How to Pivot (Change) in Times of Uncertain

**May 27, 2021, 2:00-4:00 pm EST**

NMFS Presents: This workshop will provide critical learning for both leaders and emerging leaders who want to (1) understand the importance of effectively addressing change, and (2) how to do so in a manner that creates success, especially in these unprecedented times. Register [here](#).