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Mr Joshua Villalobos

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Joshua is an environmental and climate justice activist from Negros Island, Philippines. He is one of the founding convenors of a coalition called Youth for Climate Hope, a coalition of youth organizations and individuals who were at the forefront of the successful campaign against a 300MW coal-fired power plant proposal. Because of his work for environmental justice and its impact on protecting people's rights, he was nominated in 2019 for Amnesty International's Ignite Awards for Outstanding Young Human Rights Defender. In the same year, he was invited to address education leaders in the Philippines during the 3rd National Climate Change Conference. Now, he co-chairs their University Student Government's Environment Committee who lobbied for the University's Board to declare a climate emergency which their University adopted, making them the first university in the Philippines to declare a climate emergency and spell out their commitment to climate mitigation and adaptation.

As of the moment, he is also an active advocate of renewable energy, just transition, and climate justice, and climate education, among other environmental issues in the Philippines. He is the youngest member of the Provincial Power Sector Study Group, a group of researchers tasked to identify pathways for transition to renewable energy in his province. He is also a member of Greenpeace Philippines' Climate Justice Youth Advisory Committee.