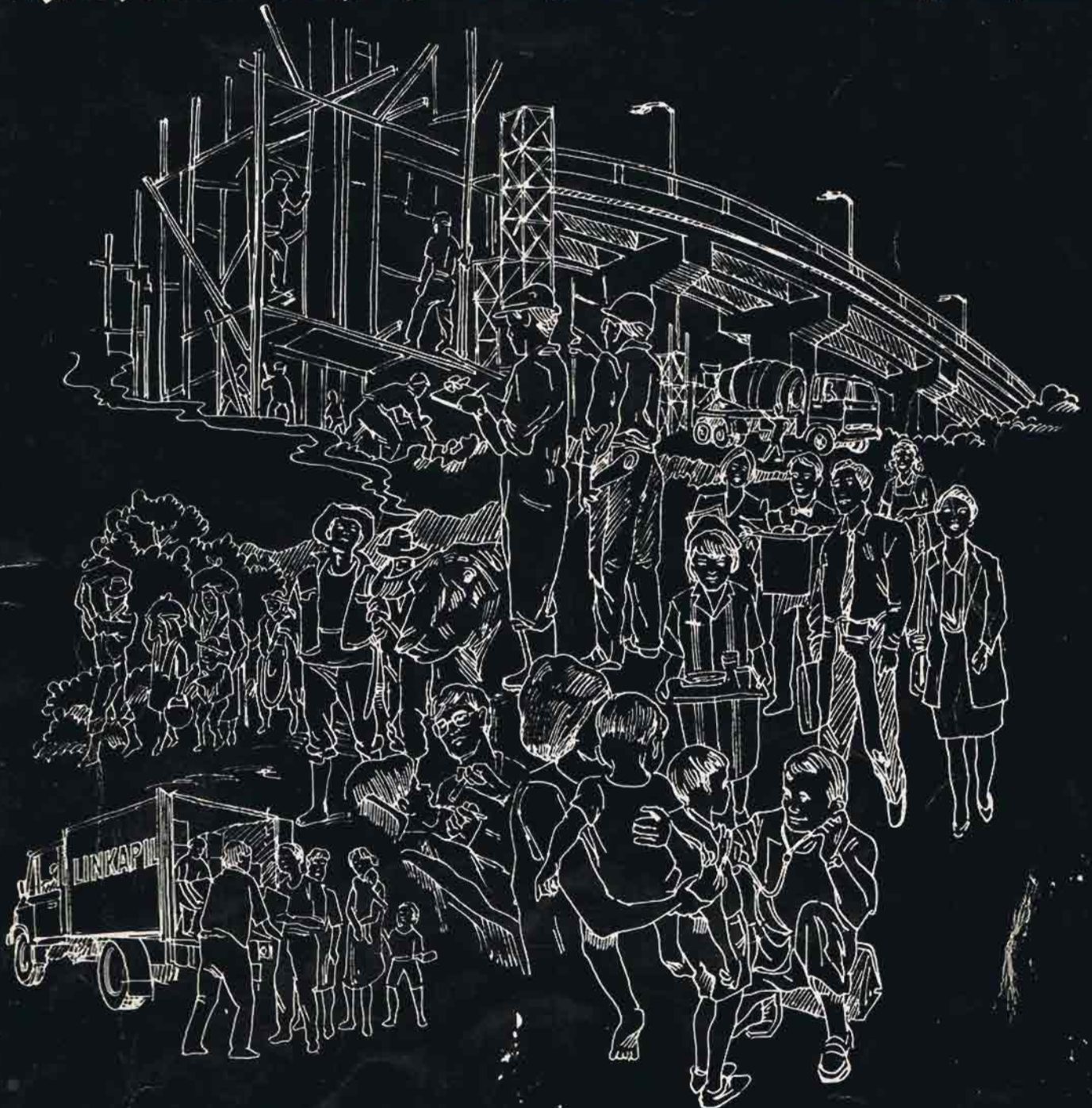


# AWARDS FOR FILIPINOS AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATION OVERSEAS



Commission on Filipinos Overseas

December, 1991



MALACAÑANG  
MANILA



## MESSAGE

*It is a pleasure to convey my warmest greetings to our countrymen and friends from abroad who have contributed significantly to the country's relief, rehabilitation, and development programs.*

*Through the noble efforts of these fine men and women and their vision of service to others, many lives have been uplifted and hopes rekindled. Despite our limited options and resources, we do not lack in what truly matters most. We are blessed not only with fortitude and resilience but with a multitude of well-endowed men and women from whom this nation derives the much needed strength and resolve to surpass the difficulties of our nation's day-to-day existence.*

*To my countrymen abroad and to the various organizations who have helped us, I extend to you the sincerest gratitude of the Filipino people. Your selflessness and concern give us much reason to hope that we shall survive, rebuild and enjoy a better future in spite of our present hardships.*

*My congratulations and best wishes to the recipients of the Awards for Filipinos and Private Individuals and Organizations Overseas of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas and the Department of Foreign Affairs!*

MANILA  
December 19, 1991

CORAZON C. AGUINO  
President  
Republic of the Philippines



**Department of Foreign Affairs**  
**MANILA**

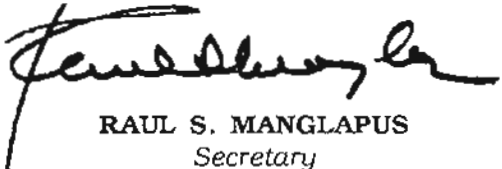
**MESSAGE**

*The noble feat of helping less privileged Filipinos is indeed a remarkable gesture which deserves no less than the accolade of the entire nation. In providing recognition to the individuals and organizations that have shared their resources, time, and skills with the humble people of this nation, it is hoped that others may realize the gains that may be achieved if partnerships are pursued in addressing the needs of the times.*

*In the process of identifying the honorees to the "Awards for Filipinos and Private Individuals and Organizations Overseas", we have realized even more the significant contributions to this nation's rehabilitation and development efforts. The recognition is perhaps but a miniscule representation of the nation's appreciation for these efforts, if compared to the benefits derived and the good-will generated by the partnerships that have come to evolve out of a common cause and desire to be of help to others.*

*Congratulations to the honorees and my best wishes!*

Manila  
December 19, 1991



**RAUL S. MANGLAPUS**  
Secretary

Department of Foreign Affairs



COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS



## MESSAGE

*The Commission on Filipinos Overseas congratulates the honorees of the "Awards for Filipinos, and Private Individuals, and Organizations Overseas".*

*It is a great honor to be a part of efforts to provide recognition to individuals and organizations that have pursued acts of concern and benevolence for a country that perseveres to realize its goals for progress and development.*

*The tasks at hand to achieve its goals are arduous, but with the help and compassion extended by the individuals and organizations who are subjects of this recognition, challenges are faced with greater ease and the hopes of the people, refurbished.*

*As this recognition is bestowed upon the new heroes of the country, a hope spews from the nation that the partnership born in recent times, will remain to be a part of the realities that will govern each man's relationship with others.*

Manila  
December 19, 1991

ALFREDO I. PERDON  
Executive Director

## COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS

The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), an agency under the Office of the President, and created by virtue of Batas Pambansa Blg. 79, is tasked with the responsibility of providing advice and assistance to the President and the Legislative Branch in the formulation of policies affecting Filipinos Overseas.

Central to CFO's function is the conduct of pre-departure orientation program for Filipino emigrants. The orientation seminars focus on living and social conditions of the host countries, as well as general travel and settlement tips to facilitate the adjustment of emigrants in their host countries. Guidance and counseling sessions are also conducted for fiancée-visa holders and spouses of foreign nationals.

Other programs undertaken by the CFO include the establishment of a data banking system on Filipinos overseas, the conduct of a public assistance and information program, conduct of researches, and institutionalization of a clientele feedback system. Special programs are also undertaken by the CFO, which include the Lakbay-Aral project, and the Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (LINKAPIL) Program.

### REGULAR PROGRAM

**Pre-Departure Registration.** Inherent to its mandate, the CFO is tasked to establish a data bank on Filipinos departing the country as emigrants. Toward this end, the CFO conducts the registration of all pre-departing Filipino immigrants. From 1981 to 1990, the CFO registered a total of 514,786 Filipino emigrants.



**Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar.** Conducted for departing emigrants, the seminar focuses on living and social conditions of the host countries, immigration policies, rights of immigrants, as well as general travel and settlement tips to provide information that would facilitate the adjustment and resettlement of Filipino emigrants in their host countries.



**Guidance and Counseling.** Designed to respond to the guidance and information needs of Filipinos migrating as fiancées or spouses of foreign nationals, the CFO conducts guidance and counseling services. The CFO's guidance services include counseling, information assistance, inventory service, and follow-up service. Ultimately, the guidance services are envisioned to provide information to the counsellee relative to cultural differences, their rights as fiancées/spouses of foreigners, available support and welfare services in other countries, marital tips, immigration policies, and other information relevant to their needs.

**Clientele Feedback System.** The CFO has institutionalized a feedback system which involves the provision of forms to be accomplished by immigrants and mailed back to the CFO, two weeks to three months after arrival in the host country. Information retrieved through this system are analyzed to determine problem areas and to gather recommendations on potential projects for implementation. Likewise, the system serves as a vital tool in assessing the impact of the Commission's services and programs.

**Public Assistance and Information Program.** The CFO has institutionalized a system of public assistance and information to afford a more personalized approach in the provision of services to the general public.

The services/assistance rendered by the CFO are in the areas of: Referrals/Inter-Agency Coordination; Public Information; Welfare Promotion; Research Assistance; and General Assistance/Services.

In view of the need to enhance public awareness and understanding of issues entrenched in international migration, the CFO also conducts information campaigns in various parts of the country, in joint coordination with government agencies and non-government organizations.



**Computerized Data Banking Services.** The CFO initiated the establishment of a computerized data banking system on Filipino immigrants. Philippine Embassies and Consulates are furnished with the masterlists on Filipino immigrants on a monthly basis.

**Research projects.** In aid of policy review and formulation, the CFO undertakes researches on areas relevant to migration and on issues affecting Filipinos abroad. The regular researches basically revolve around the areas of immigration policies, trends and patterns; intermarriages; country profiles; available welfare services for migrants abroad; and travel and settlement guidelines.

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS



**Lakbay-Aral.** The Lakbay-Aral is a short-term summer course on Philippine Studies conducted by the CFO for children of Filipino immigrants, with the end-view of providing them with opportunities to experience Philippine culture and discover their historic past. The University of the Philippines' Asian Center handles the academic component of the project, while the CFO, in joint coordination with other government agencies, handles the non-academic component of the project, highlighted by field trips and observation tours.

**Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (LINKAPIL).** The LINKAPIL Program has been developed by the CFO with the aim of evolving a partnership between Filipinos overseas and in the homeland, in pursuit of development efforts. The program seeks to provide a mechanism by which financial and/or technical contributions from Filipino overseas can be channeled to their less-privileged compatriots in the homeland.



## REVISITING A DECADE OF CHALLENGES

A decade after its creation in 1980, the Commission continues its commitment to promote the welfare and interests of Filipinos overseas. Its development as an agency remains closely linked with the changes in the local and international scenario, the generally increasing number of Filipino emigrants, the influence of family migration streams, and the evolving policies of receiving countries.

On the first working day of January 1981, the Commission officially started its operations. At the year's end, the aim of establishing a data bank on Filipinos overseas was no longer a vision. . . it was a reality which laid down the foundations for the establishment of bridges across the seas to firm up linkages with Filipinos abroad.

The second year was a period of feeling the pulse of its clientele. It was a period marked by the renewal of hopes. . . the hopes of Filipinos overseas for a more meaningful co-existence with their motherland.



1983 saw the birth of programs that would address the longing of Filipinos overseas for a genuine government concern for their welfare and interests. Undertakings were pursued, not to raise false beliefs in the capacity of the government to serve, but as a manifestation of the nation's desire to keep its citizens overseas a part of its agenda in framing a better future for tomorrow's generations.

*"I am pleased to note that the CFO continues to look after the welfare of our overseas Filipinos and provide them with vital services. It need not be over emphasized that these Filipino brothers abroad contribute greatly to our country's economic growth."*

**Raul S. Roco**  
Congressman  
2nd District, Camarines Sur



In 1984, the goals of the CFO as an agency became more distinct. . . goals that would allow it to transcend from its image as a mere instrumentality of government, into an agency that would service the needs of Filipino emigrants. The conduct of pre-departure services became a major undertaking with the view of establishing linkages with Filipino emigrants even before they set foot in countries away from home. . . so that their hearts may remain in touch with their country and with their roots.

The fifth year of its existence uncovered the maladies of migration which could shatter the dreams of migrants who have left in search of their life's ideals. The CFO developed a greater resolve to firm up its policy formulation and recommendatory role to assist the country's leadership in addressing the major concerns that affect Filipino immigrants.





The five years that followed its creation may be pictured as a critical stage in the CFO's quest for relevance as a social entity. It was a period of discovering frontiers for the involvement of government in the arena of Filipino emigration.

Then came a new dispensation. This resulted into greater transparency in the government. But the CFO was not to be guided solely by this policy. . . it strove to further expand the vision set forth by the leadership of the past. 1986 saw the rebirth of the CFO, brought forth, not so much by the political changes that characterized the period. . . but by the growing needs of the people it sought to serve.

The needs that were evident in the months that followed engendered the reasons for the CFO's being. A major build-up in its internal resources to respond to the growing needs of its clientele was pursued with much vigor. Computer systems were set up, paving the way for self-reliance in responding to its role as the sole repository of data on Filipino emigrants.

The rest was inevitable. . .



Affirming its belief in partnership to achieve its pre-determined ends, the CFO ushered in an era of shared responsibilities, where various well-meaning non-government organizations and its counterparts in various government agencies and foreign instrumentalities have been invited to share in the privilege of serving the Filipino immigrant. 1987 saw an expansion of the CFO network and the CFO vision. . . an eventuality which saw the CFO extending its services in various regions and among various sectors of the society. Action was demanded by its growing clientele, but the CFO gave not only that. . . it gave its commitment.



In 1988, the CFO was at the crossroads of its existence. It pursued its policy-formulation role with greater determination to address the issues attendant to intermarriages, post-migration needs and problems, overseas remittance procedures, and other migration concerns. It established more responsive pre-departure services with the hope of giving the Filipino emigrant a lasting token of the government's concern for its people. Linkages with Filipino associations were not only sustained. . . they were strengthened in preparation for the things to come in 1989.

Having achieved a milestone in its service-delivery task, the CFO turned its vision toward a new direction. . . a new path that would unfold a partnership between Filipinos overseas and the homeland. . . working together in pursuit of progress for the country. By providing the services that Filipino emigrants so deserve, the CFO realized a reciprocation of its best efforts. . . a reciprocation that turned out to be the desire of Filipinos overseas to be a part of the development efforts of the country.

In 1990, the services of the CFO were all in place. . . each one for a particular need. . . but more than that, the Filipino immigrant has become more aware, not only of his concerns, but that of his nation, as well.



## LINKAPIL (Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino)

The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), through Batas Pambansa Bldg. 79, has been tasked to promote the welfare and interests of Filipino immigrants. Programs and services developed by the CFO towards this end are many and varied, but increasing trends in the number of Filipino immigrants have prompted the CFO to review the statistics in relation to the possible participation of Filipinos overseas in the affairs of the motherland.

Thus, in late 1988, the "Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino" or LINKAPIL Program was designed by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) in recognition of the vast potentials of Filipinos overseas, who have consistently demonstrated their wanting for greater involvement in the development efforts of the country.

The LINKAPIL Program envisions to provide Filipinos overseas with opportunities to translate nationalist sentiments and desires into concrete services for Filipinos in the homeland. The mechanism involves the transfer of resources from Filipinos overseas to support small-scale but high impact projects in the country which would specifically address four (4) areas of financial and social concerns — industry and agri-business; infrastructure; education; and health. An evaluation and monitoring scheme has likewise been incorporated to assure Filipinos overseas of the status of the project(s) they have chosen to sponsor.

A wide array of individuals, institutions, communities in rural and urban centers, have been targetted as possible beneficiaries of the LINKAPIL Program.



# **AWARDS FOR FILIPINOS & PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS**

## **BACKGROUND**

The current leadership, recognizing the innumerable contributions of Filipinos overseas to the country, has declared December, through Proclamation No. 276, as the "Month of Overseas Filipinos". In a speech marking this occasion in 1990, President Corazon C. Aquino tasked the Commission on Filipinos Overseas to establish an awards system that will give recognition to their contributions to the country.

Following this directive, the CFO formulated the guidelines for the 1990-91 "Awards for Filipinos and Private Individuals and Organizations Overseas". During the celebration of this year's "Month of Overseas Filipinos" the CFO envisions to pay tribute to various Filipino/private associations and individuals who have rendered personal services, given an idea, financial/material contributions, or other acts of assistance which have contributed immensely to the country's relief, rehabilitation, and development efforts.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- 1) To give recognition to the valuable contributions of Filipinos & private individuals/organizations overseas in the nation's rehabilitation and development efforts as well as in the promotion of the interests of the Filipino community in their area of settlement, and
- 2) To encourage Filipinos overseas to be active partners in the country's bid for progress.

## **GENERAL CRITERIA**

The following attributes have been established by the joint panel of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas and the Department of Foreign Affairs to serve as basis for the evaluation of nominees:

- 1) Mode of contribution and extent of impact on over-all relief, reconstruction and development thrusts of the country;
- 2) Performance of an act that led to the channeling of resources to support the relief & rehabilitation efforts, or to benefit a particular sector, province, region in the Philippines; and
- 3) Outstanding community service or act resulting into direct benefits to the Philippines or to a particular sector, province, region in the country or to the Filipino community in their area of settlement.

## **EVALUATION PROCEDURES**

Philippine-Embassies/Consulates

- Established an AWARDS COMMITTEE for initial screening of nominations
- Received nominations
- Endorsed nominations to the CFO Secretariat

## Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO)

- Initiated the establishment of a TECHNICAL COMMITTEE and an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- Received nominations directly from nominating party or thru Philippine Embassies/Consulates
- Consolidated results of evaluation conducted on the nominations.
- Presented the final list of awardees for approval by the Executive Committee.

### Technical Committee

Composition:   DFA Panel — 2 members  
                  CFO Panel — 2 members

- Validated information pertaining to nominations
- Evaluated all nominations
- Endorsed final set of nominees to the Executive Committee

### Executive Committee

Composition:  
Chairman       — Sec. Raul S. Manglapus  
Vice-Chairman — Exec. Sec. Franklin M. Dilon  
Members       — Archbishop Leonardo Z. Legaspi  
                  Ms. Betty Go-Belmonte  
                  Exec. Dir. Alfredo I. Perdon

- Conducted final evaluation and selection of awardees

## CATEGORIES OF AWARDS

- Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino or (LINKAPIL) Awards
  - given to Filipino associations and individuals whose contributions are national in impact
- Kaakabay ng Bayan Award
  - given to Filipino communities overseas whose contributions are national in impact
- Kaanib ng Bayan Award
  - given to foreign organizations or individuals whose contributions are national in impact
- Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) or Banaag Award
  - given to Filipino associations, individuals, or private organizations whose contributions benefitted a particular region/province in the country, or whose efforts promoted the welfare of Filipinos in the area of settlement or operation

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROCLAMATION NO. 276  
DECLARING DECEMBER, 1988 AND THE SAME MONTH OF  
EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS  
"THE MONTH OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS"**

WHEREAS, millions of Filipinos are spread in many countries of the world as immigrants, workers, students, and professionals;

WHEREAS, many Overseas Filipinos contributed to the struggle against the prior regime and fought for the restoration of Philippine democracy;

WHEREAS, Overseas Filipinos continue to contribute to building up the Philippine economy through their taxes and remittances;

WHEREAS, there is a need to recognize and honor Overseas Filipinos;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby declare December, 1988 and the same month of every year thereafter as "The Month of Overseas Filipinos".

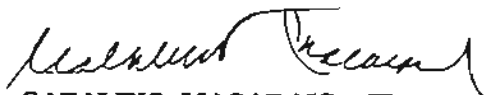
I call upon all citizen and residents of the Philippines to give the observance of this month their full support.

This supersedes Proclamation No. 91, dated March 18, 1987.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred eighty eight.

By the President:



**CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**  
Executive Secretary

## AWARDING CEREMONIES FOR FILIPINOS AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS

December 19, 1991, 2:30 p.m.  
Heroes Hall, Malacañang

- I. NATIONAL ANTHEM
- II. INVOCATION ..... Fr. Erno Diaz
- III. WELCOME REMARKS ..... Hon. Raul S. Manglapus  
Sec. Dept. of Foreign Affairs
- IV. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS ..... Her Excellency,  
Pres. Corazon C. Aquino
- V. RESPONSE FROM THE HONOREES ..... Dr. Ferdinand Littaua  
Awardee from Switzerland
- VI. INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST  
OF HONOR ..... Dir. Alfredo I. Perdon  
Commission on Filipino Overseas
- VII. MESSAGE ..... Her Excellency  
President Corazon C. Aquino

## DECEMBER 1991: MONTH OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

### ACTIVITIES

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| Dinner In Honor of the Awardees                                | December 17, 1991<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Hyatt Regency Manila  |
| City Tour  | December 18, 1991   |
| Awarding Ceremonies and<br>Call on President Corazon C. Aquino | December 19, 1991<br>2:30 p.m.<br>Heroes Hall, Malacañang<br>(All guests must be seated by 1:30 pm) |
| Tour of Malacañang Museum                                      | December 19, 1991<br>4:30 p.m.<br>Malacañang, Manila  |
| Tour of Lahar-damaged Areas                                    | December 21, 1991<br>7:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.<br>Pampanga  |

# RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Filipinos overseas have made substantial contributions to the Philippine relief, rehabilitation, and development efforts, in the form of dollar remittances, tax payments, and various financial and material donations;

WHEREAS, the country's leadership directed the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) to establish an appropriate incentives and awards system to recognize the contributions of Filipinos overseas to the country's developmental concerns;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 276, the President declared December of 1988, and every December thereafter, as the "Month of Overseas Filipinos" to give recognition to Filipinos abroad;

WHEREAS, in response to the directive of the country's leadership, and in an effort to recognize and hopefully, further encourage and expand the participation of Filipinos overseas in the development efforts of the country, the CFO, in cooperation with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), has established an awards system for Filipinos and private individuals/organizations abroad;

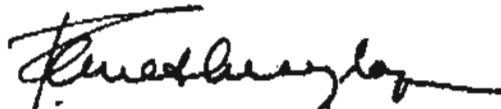
NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises mentioned herein, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that the members of the Executive Committee for the "Awards for Filipinos and Private Individuals/Organizations Overseas" approved the proposed awardees, as herein attached and endorsed by the CFO, as recipients of awards developed by the CFO and the DFA;


RESOLVED THAT, the said awards will be given in December of 1991, in commemoration of the "Month of Overseas Filipinos";

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the CFO shall identify and secure the assistance/support of appropriate government agencies and private organizations in ensuring the success of the activities marking the celebration of December as the month of overseas Filipinos; and

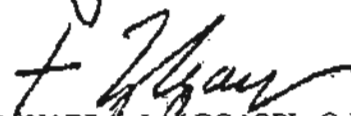
FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the members of the Executive Committee to the "1991 Awards for Filipinos and Private Individuals/Organizations Overseas" propose that the subject awards be institutionalized through the issuance of the appropriate legal paper.

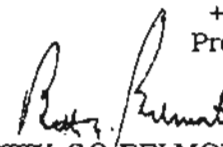
ADOPTED and signed this November 1991, in Manila, Philippines.

  
RAUL S. MANG LAPUS  
Chairman

  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
Vice-Chairman

  
ALFREDO I. PERDON  
Member

  
+LEONARDO I. LEGASPI, O.P., D.D.  
President, Catholic Bishops' Conference  
of the Philippines  
Member

  
BETTY GO-BELMONTE  
Member

# **LINKAPIL AWARDEES**





**LILIA C. CLEMENTE**  
"LINKAPIL AWARD"  
New York, New York, U.S.A.

**PROFILE:**

- o Chairman of the Philippine-American Foundation.
- o Chairman, Asian Securities Industry Institute.
- o Director and President of the First Philippine Fund (FPF), which was incorporated in the New York Stock Exchange on November 5, 1989. Valued at \$100 million, the FPF is a non-diversified, closed-end investment management company designed for investors wishing to participate in the Philippine economy through investments primarily in equity securities of Philippine companies;
- o Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Clemente Capital, Inc., New York (1979 - Present);
- o Awarded as Most Outstanding Overseas Filipino in 1976.
- o Given the Distinguished Service Award by the Jaycees.
- o Member of various civic groups in Asia; and
- o The first woman and youngest officer appointed in the Ford Foundation, New York (1969-76).

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Founded the Philippine American Foundation, of which she is the current chairman. The Foundation raised US\$ 300,000 for the Philippine Earthquake Fund and shipped over US\$ 1 million worth of medical supplies and equipment to earthquake victims;
- o Set up a scholarship fund to put deserving students through college;
- o Initiated the first Philippine Fund, Inc, encouraging foreign investors to participate in the Philippine economy;
- o Coordinated with other fund-raising groups concerned with the earthquake relief work; and
- o Wrote "Growing Up In World Street" which was published in Japan.



**JULIET A. CUENCO**

LINKAPIL AWARE

Orleans, Ontario, Canada K1C 2A5

**PROFILE:**

- o Former Executive Director, United Council of Filipino Associations in Canada (UCFAC);
- o Programme Officer, Race Relations & Cross Cultural Understanding Program, Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship, Federal Government of Canada;
- o Executive Member of the Canadian Ethnocultural Council, a coalition of 37 national ethnocultural associations;
- o Chairperson of the Canadian Institute for Philippine Development; and
- o Cited for Exemplary Volunteer Service by the Ottawa Carleton Immigrant Service Organization.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o As Executive Director of the United Council of Filipino Associations, lobbied for the involvement of the Filipino Community in Canada in the development of Canada's Development Plan in the Philippines;
- o Organized and served as the chairperson of BUKLOD, an organization concerned with supporting the Philippines' developmental concerns;
- o Organized various fora in Ottawa to raise awareness of the community on Philippine issues and concerns;
- o Organized the Ottawa Multicultural Homemakers Association in 1987, a support network for domestic workers;
- o Facilitated the networking with non-Filipino associations to develop coalition on a number of common issues, including immigration, equality, race relation, and development;
- o Assumed a leadership role in organizing a successful fund-raising activity to assist a women's center and primary health care training in the Philippines in collaboration with YMCA;
- o Assisted in the national campaign and organized an Ottawa-based fund-raising campaign to assist the families of the victims of the Philippine Sea Disaster in 1988;
- o Participated in fund-raising activities and set up an information booth in a shopping mall to raise funds for the Philippine earthquake victims;
- o Facilitated the national tour of the Barangay Cultural Dance Troupe; and
- o Assisted the Philippine Embassy in organizing activities to commemorate Independence Day celebrations.



**LEONARDO B. CUNANAN**

LINKAPIL AWARD  
British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

**PROFILE:**

- o Founder and former President of the League of Filipino Organizations in British Columbia;
- o Former Secretary General of the United Council of Filipino Associations in Canada;
- o Publisher of Filipino-Canadian Business Directory in British Columbia;
- o Bureau Chief for the Philippine Times and Senior Editor for the Silangan, a Winnipeg Filipino newspaper;
- o Occupies a position of high responsibility in the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia;
- o Recipient of the Outstanding Filipino-Canadians of British Columbia, awarded by the Jaycees in 1987;
- o Conferred the Honorary Lifetime Member of the YMCA International unit in Vancouver; &
- o Conferred the UCFAC Journalism Award in 1976 as a recognition of his work in publicizing the conditions of exploited Filipino seamen on board cargo ships.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Organized the Barrio Dolores Sub-committee in 1976 to raise funds to support a fishery project for the jobless residents of Bo. Dolores in San Pablo City in Laguna;
- o Paved the way for the establishment of the YMCA Philippine Service Club out of the Bo. Dolores Sub-Committee, which raised funds every year to support several projects for the poor in the Philippines;
- o During his term as President of the YMCA Philippine Service Club, raised \$85,000 which was sent to finance various projects in the Philippines;
- o Initiated the organization of the League of Filipino Organizations in British Columbia which intends to unite and coordinate the activities of Filipino associations in order to give more clout to the Filipino Community Centre;

- o Promoted the recognition of Filipino artistic talents by sponsoring the Bayanihan '83, an art show featuring the works of local Filipino artists;
- o Supported the cause of the Filipino artists by writing articles exposing their problems, particularly the restrictions being imposed by the Vancouver Parks Board on artists in displaying and selling their paintings at Vancouver's Stanley Park;
- o Crusaded on the unfortunate plight of the underpaid and overworked Filipino seamen aboard foreign-owned cargo vessels, docking in Vancouver Harbour by publicizing their conditions; and
- o Established the Philippine Chronicle in Canada in 1989.



## FILIPINO CHILDREN'S FUND (FCF)

LINKAPIL AWARD  
New Jersey, U.S.A.

### PROFILE:

A voluntary, non-profit organization established in 1986 in order to provide livelihood opportunities to indigent families throughout the Philippines by lending start-up support for small family businesses, providing loans for basic family housing units, and sponsoring health and social education programs.

### CONTRIBUTIONS:

1. The organization provides livelihood opportunities to indigent families across the Philippines through its various programs and projects, such as:
  - o Community Vegetable Gardening

Vegetable seeds and appropriate tools are provided to many families in rural districts to cultivate land and grow subsistence crops for home consumption and for sale at local markets. The FCF presently supports four (4) successful community gardening. These are located in Mintal and Cawa-Cawa in Davao del Sur; Sapad and Mirasol in Lanao del Norte.

o Infant Feeding and Responsible Parenting

Packaged formula milk, and vitamins are provided and distributed to supplement the nourishment of new-born infants and young children in Sapad, Lanao del Norte and Metro Manila. The FCF also provides a grant to Heart, Inc., an infant feeding program for orphaned children in Manila.

o Hog Raising and Dispersal

Loan support are provided to purchase animals, feeds, and medicines. The piggeries are located in Sapad, Mirasol and Karatagan in Lanao del Norte; Metro Manila; Mintal and Cawa-Cawa in Davao del Sur; Sorsogon, Sorsogon; and Cagayan de Oro City.

o Shirtmaking

Unemployed women in Sta. Ana, Manila have been assisted to purchase sewing machines and other materials to produce t-shirts out of recycled flour sacks. The end-products are purchased by FCF for resale in the United States.

o Low Cost Housing Loans

Low interest loans at flat rate are provided to displaced squatter families in Davao City to gain legal title to small plots of land and to build low cost permanent dwelling units.

o Low Interest Business Loans

Loans to underwrite small family business ventures, such as the making of soft drinks from local fruits, cooking and packaging food items, vending firewood, have been initiated in Davao City.

o Deep Sea Fishing

Seasonal and impoverished fishermen in New Washington, Aklan are provided with materials/know-how in applying the technique for lucrative open-sea fishing called "Boya" or sheltered fishing.

2. Shipped sewing machines, dictionaries, encyclopedias, textbooks, typewriters, and learning aids to regional supervisors of FCF for distribution to various projects and schools in poor districts in the Philippines.

**FOUNDATION OF THE PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN MEDICAL SOCIETY  
OF NEW JERSEY, INC.**

LINKAPIL AWARD  
Edison, New Jersey, U.S.A.

**PROFILE:**

A non-profit and tax-exempt organization which aims to encourage, promote and support the educational development of talented and deserving individuals of any race, creed or color where such development would enhance the interest of the Filipino-American community, and the American relations to the Philippines and to the free world; and to assist financially or otherwise any educational, cultural, and charitable activity by any individual, group of individuals or organizations which would serve the interests of the Philippines, Filipino-American community and the USA.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Granted scholarships and educational assistance to poor but deserving individuals. There are 23 foundation-supported grants in the Philippines, and a total of 110 students have benefitted out of those awards since 1984;
- o Donated medical equipment worth \$ 10,000 to the Eugenio Perez Charity Service Hospital, San Carlos City, Philippines. Likewise, it donated medical equipment to other organizations;
- o Donated P 2,000 to the poor, the needy and the sick through the humanitarian project of the Rotary Club and Inner Wheel Club of Dagupan East, Dagupan City, Philippines;
- o Distributed Christmas gifts to the poor people of Dagupan City, Philippines in 1988;
- o Collected Filipino articles such as books, maps, pictures and other historical articles of interest about the Philippines to be used as reference for Filipino-American scholars;
- o Provided grants for a Senior Teaching Chair at the Philippine Science High School to subsidize the supplementary salaries of A-1 teachers;
- o Conducted Filipino-American Youth Leadership Conference, in conjunction with the Federation of the Philippine Societies of New Jersey and the PAMS, N.J. Auxillary, to espouse intellectual development among the youth;
- o Provided Outstanding Achievement Awards among 157 Filipino-American students; and
- o Provided Awards to outstanding Filipinos.

**HUGO H. HALO**  
LINKAPIL AWARD  
Cranston, Rhode Island, USA

**PROFILE:**

- o A psychiatrist by profession;
- o Director of the Halo Clinic in Rhode Island, U.S.A.;
- o Chief of the Rehabilitation Services, Institute of Mental Health, Cranston, Rhode Island;
- o Medical Director, Psychobiological Institute;
- o Member of various community and professional organizations;
- o Chairman of the Joint-APPA-Armed Forces Assistance Committee;
- o A fellow of the Royal Society of Health, London, England; and
- o Published various research papers.

**CONTRIBUTIONS :**

- o Donated medicines and equipment to MCU Hospital, V. Luna Veterans Memorial, Philippine General Hospital, and other hospitals in the Philippines;
- o Extended humanitarian contributions to White Cross Orphanage, Saint Martin de Porres Hospital for children and the "Tahanang Walang Hagdan";
- o Convinced the University of Rhode Island to help develop the Magallanes School of Fisheries in Sorsogon to uplift the fishing industry of the said province;
- o Secured the assistance of the American government in transporting medical donations from all over the US to the Philippines;
- o Donated P10,000 to the victims of typhoon Sening in Sorsogon;
- o Gave financial donations to the Boys and Girls Town Complex, Manila and to Tala Leprosarium.



- o Conducted medical missions to the Philippines under the auspices of the Organizations of Practicing Philippine Physicians in America; and
- o Organized efforts to raise funds from Filipino doctors in Rhode Island to buy facilities/equipment for a leper colony and orphanages in the Philippines, the Philippine Mental Hospital, and the Sorsogon Provincial Hospital.



PASC officers and reigning Beauty Queens Leah Prieto and Marinell Angangan handing over their donation to Tahanang Walang Hagdan. The group also gave donations to Philippine Blind School, Earthquake Victims, Red Cross Pinatubo Relief Centre and Ginintuang Tagumpay Foundation.

### **PHILIPPINE-AUSTRALIAN SPORTS CLUB, INC.**

LINKAPIL AWARD

New South Wales, Australia

#### **PROFILE :**

The main objectives of the organization are as follows:

- o To develop and train talented children in the field of sports;
- o To organize sporting competitions;
- o To organize cultural presentations and social functions; and
- o To coordinate with other sports clubs, and other members of the Filipino Community Associations in sports, cultural, and social activities.

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Organized and staged the Grand Philippine Fiesta in Sydney in 1989, one of the biggest fund-raising events. The proceeds raised from the events, totalling \$ 18,000 were donated to the following needy organizations in the Philippines:

Ginintuang Tagumpay (Organization for disabled and handicapped athletes);  
Philippine National Blind School;  
Tahanang Walang Hagdan;

Governor Teofilo Sison Memorial Hospital, Dagupan City (For the malnourished children); and Winaca Foundation for relief support to Baguio earthquake victims.

- o Donated a braille machine and rondalla instruments to the Philippine National Blind School, and wheelchairs to the Tahanang Walang Hagdan;
- o Donated funds totalling \$ 5,000 to build the Philippine-Australian Multi-purpose Centre, and close to \$ 8,000 to various Filipino organizations in Sydney, which served to point out the Club's support to Filipino projects; and
- o Donated financial and material resources totalling \$ 18,000 to selected charities and foundations for the benefit of the victims of the July 16 earthquake and Mt. Pinatubo eruptions.

**KAAKABAY NG BAYAN  
AWARDEES**

**COUNCIL OF FILIPINO ASSOCIATIONS IN BELGIUM**  
**KAAKABAY NG BAYAN AWARD**  
Brussels, Belgium

**PROFILE:**

- o The Council of Filipino Associations in Belgium (COFAB) was founded on June 10, 1989, upon the encouragement of the Philippine Embassy in Belgium, as an umbrella organization to coordinate the activities of at least 11 Filipino organizations.
- o It aims to initiate and undertake activities to promote the general welfare of the Filipino community in particular, and the Philippines in general; and to study and present a united position on issues and matters concerning the Philippines, the Filipinos, both at home and in Belgium.
- o The Philippine Embassy serves as adviser.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Sponsored a cultural presentation in October 1990 as a fund-raising activity for the benefit of earthquake victims in the Philippines. It raised BF 435,000, which was channeled through the earthquake relief program of the Philippine Business for Social Progress;
- o Contributed an additional amount of BF 25,000 for the earthquake victims. The contribution was sent to the Philippines through the Embassy;
- o Initiated a week-end school activity for the enculturation of Filipino children. There are 25 students currently participating in this pilot project, which started in September 1990;
- o Organized the Independence Day Celebration, the activities of which helped establish its credentials among the Filipino community and the Belgians;
- o Provided fora for the resolution of issues affecting the Filipino community;
- o Conducted an informal survey to serve as basis for a proposal regarding the provision of amnesty to illegal Filipino entrants/residents in Belgium;
- o COFAB member organizations also promote and support various charities such as anti-TE drives and scholarships, among other causes; and
- o Through its programs, the COFAB has brought all Filipino organizations together, dispelling the cynical adage that "where there are two Filipinos, there are two Filipino communities".

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## FILIPINO COMMUNITY OF GUAM

### KAAKABAY NG BAYAN (Presidential) AWARD Dededo, Guam

#### PROFILE

A non-profit/non-political Filipino umbrella organization for some 42 Filipino civic, social, and professional associations/groups in Guam. Its chairman and president is John Vega.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

- o Mobilized its general membership and resources to successfully organize a relief and fund drive campaign for earthquake victims in the Philippines in cooperation with the Philippine Consulate in Guam.
- o Collected approximately \$200,000 in cash contributions and \$100,000 in other forms of donations.

**FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN GREECE**  
**KAAKABAY NG BAYAN AWARD**  
Athens, Greece

**PROFILE:**

- o The size of the Filipino community in Greece is estimated at 12,000 to 14,000 Filipino nationals, 99% of whom are working in Greek households as domestic helpers or nursing aides.
- o There are nine (9) formally-organized Filipino religious and social groups in Greece. These are:
  - Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement
  - Catholic Union of Filipinos in Athens
  - Filipino Christian Fellowship in Athens
  - Filipino Organization in Northern Greece
  - Filipino Sports Association
  - Greek-Filipino Friendship Association
  - Kaisahan at Kasamahan ng Manggagawang Pilipino sa Greece (KASAPI-Hellas)
  - Unity Group in Corfu
  - Visayas-Mindanao Association (VISMIN)
- o Each of this group/association has been responsible in addressing specific needs of the community in the area of cultural enhancement, sports promotion, welfare and outreach program, religious needs/activities, promotion of Filipino-Greek amity, among others.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o The religious associations have been consistent in its efforts to attend to the needs of the community through church services. In a country which is overwhelmingly Christian Orthodox in religion, the Catholic associations have been responsible for organizing special masses and other traditional rites for the Filipino community;
- o The sports associations have sponsored and organized tournaments on a yearly basis, leading to the establishment of 20 basketball and volleyball teams;
- o The community undertakes activities toward alleviating the plight of Filipino workers in Greece;
- o One of the associations promotes and preserves Filipino cultural heritage and has contributed immensely to the cultural programs organized by the Embassy;
- o Some organizations serve as conduits of the Embassy's outreach program to the Filipino community outside Athens;
- o All associations have been active in extending monetary and other assistance to their countrymen in Bayanihan fashion such as contributing for repatriation expenses, lawyers' fees, funeral costs or medical expenses, among others;
- o In monetary terms, donations included \$8,000 in cash and \$1,000 worth of used clothings for earthquake victims; \$429.12 for the Red Cross fund-raising; \$100 for the Band of Mercy; and \$167 for typhoon Ruping victims; and
- o The Philippine Embassy in Greece has strongly recommended the community by stating that, "While the total monetary contributions of the Filipino community in Greece may not be significant compared to those contributed by other Filipino communities overseas, their humble donation would be better appreciated when measured against their financial capacity to make such donations".



## THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY OF THAILAND

KAABAYAN NG BAYAN  
Bangkok, Thailand

### PROFILE:

- o A social non-profit organization which aims to promote friendship and camaraderie among Filipinos in Thailand; support activities that will redound to the benefit of their members; encourage the promotion and development of Filipino culture as well as to foster close relation between Thais and Filipinos;
- o Has been in existence for the past 20 years and is the only organization of over a thousand Filipino families in the Kingdom of Thailand; and
- o The Philippine Ambassador to Thailand is an Adviser to the Board of said organization.

### CONTRIBUTIONS:

- o Donated US\$ 2,000 to the Thai Red Cross Society to give support to the Philippine National Red Cross for the benefit of the July 16 earthquake victims;
- o Donated US\$ 1,000 cash and twenty boxes of old clothes and medicines through the Philippine Embassy for the July 1990 earthquake victims;



- o Established an emergency fund which evolved out of 10% of the existing funds of the FCT to be used for food and other necessary expenses of the stranded Filipinos (those who were promised jobs in Malaysia and Thailand) at the Embassy premises while awaiting their repatriation;
- o Raised P110,000 in cash and fifty boxes of old clothes and medicines (together with the Philippine Embassy in Thailand) for the Mt. Pinatubo victims;
- o Provided monetary assistance to the PGH Pediatric Department for the improvement of its emergency room;
- o Provided assistance and 1,000 lunch boxes among stranded Filipinos at the Bangkok International Airport during the closure of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in view of the December 1986 coup;
- o Conducted "Games Day", a community get-together conducted once every 2 months to play Filipino games, and provides opportunities for members to enjoy Filipino food;
- o Printed the first directory of Filipinos living in Thailand (December 1990);
- o Conducted, in coordination with the Philippine Embassy, an educational program consisting of a series of learning experiences, capsulizing essential information on Philippine history and culture;
- o Promoted camaraderie among Filipino community members through the conduct of subsidized family outings; and
- o Conducted day-long "Christmas parties" at the Philippine Embassy grounds.

## PHILIPPINE EMERGENCY RELIEF

KAABABAY NG BAYAN AWARD  
Ontario, Canada

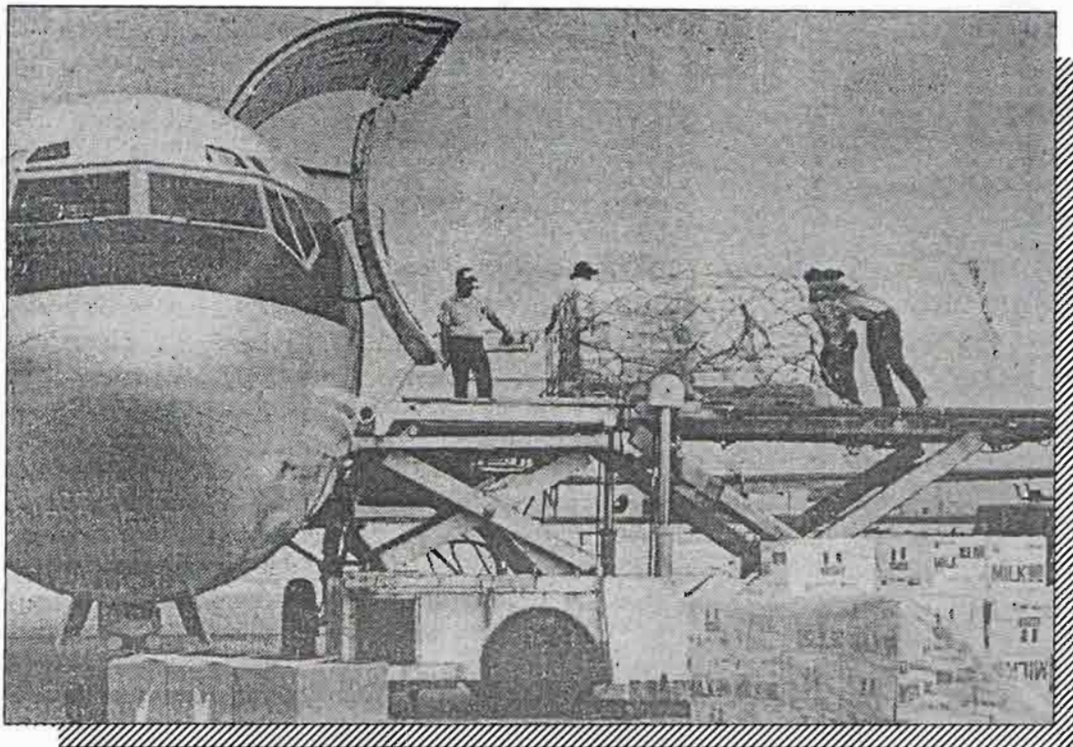
### PROFILE:

Four (4) Toronto-based groups joined forces in 1990 to form the Philippine Emergency Relief (PER) in order to raise funds to help in the earthquake relief and rehabilitation program. The group is comprised of the Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief, the CAMDI Philippines, the Kababayan Community Centre, and the Project Data.

### CONTRIBUTIONS:

- o Coordinated with other groups in the Filipino-Canadian community of Metropolitan Toronto and Southwestern Ontario to raise funds. Over 30 organizations responded and participated by raising funds through various efforts that came in the form of individual solicitations, public appeals, door-to-door campaigns, and dinner dances;
- o Raised a total of \$247,000 which was sent to the Philippines through the Philippine Development Assistance Program (PDAP). These funds were distributed to 14 major Philippine NGOs which provided essential relief to approximately 100,000 people;
- o Appealed to the Filipino-Canadian community to raise funds to support the relief and rehabilitation in the Philippines in the wake of the Mt. Pinatubo disaster;
- o Raised a total of \$55,873.10 donations, profit from Barrio Fiesta, donation of the City of Toronto, and association earnings for the relief and rehabilitation efforts;
- o Coordinated with various NGO's in the Philippines to identify and support reconstruction and rehabilitation programs; and
- o Proposed for the setting up of a counterpart funding by the Canada Integrated Development Agency that resulted into the acquisition of \$200,000 Canadian Government funding for earthquake rehabilitation.

**KAANIB NG BAYAN  
AWARDEES**



**CONTINENTAL AIR MICRONESIA**  
KAANIB NG BAYAN AWARD  
Tamuning, Guam 96911

**PROFILE:**

A Guam-based international airline which participated in the relief efforts of the Filipino community of Guam for the July 16 earthquake victims in the Philippines.

**CONTRIBUTIONS :**

- o It flew, free of charge, several cargo flights of relief goods and supplies donated by the people of Guam for the July 16 earthquake victims in the Philippines;
- o Donated 50 round trip tickets between Guam and Manila to the Filipino Community of Guam to be used in their fund-raising activities for earthquake victims;
- o Gave free tickets as an incentive to the people of Guam to contribute or donate to the earthquake victims in the Philippines. Individuals or organizations donating \$ 500 or more but less than \$ 1,000 received one space available round trip ticket between Guam and Manila valid for one year. Likewise, individuals donating \$ 1,000 or more received one positive space ticket between Guam and Manila valid for one year;
- o Encouraged the business community in Guam to join the Filipino Community of Guam in its earthquake relief efforts; and

- o It flew, free of charge, a 22-man unit sent by the Seattle King Country Disaster Team upon the invitation of the Philippine Consulate in Seattle, Washington, to assist in rescue operations in areas in the Philippines severely hit by the July 16 earthquake. The team was composed of doctors, a pharmacist, paramedics, nurses, firefighters, dog handlers, a structural engineer, support personnels, and two highly-trained labrador retriever dogs.

**WORLD OPPORTUNITIES INTERNATIONAL**  
**HELP THE CHILDREN**

*Food for 200,000 meals per week (over 22,000 a day) is distributed to hungry and hurting youngsters and their families.*

*The lives of more than 1 million needy children are being touched each year through World Opportunities International's activities.*

*People in World Opportunities Help the Children sponsored are guided and trained to be self-productive.*

*Disaster-stricken children in Third Countries are helped by the World Opportunities Help the Children feeding program.*

*A child stricken with cancer is helped at one of the World Opportunities International Love and Life Centers. WOI's Help the Children program receives, sorts and distributes medicines, clothing and other items costing \$40,000 at more than \$40,000.*

*Children in orphanages and child care centers are given the attention and love they need. More than \$20,000 worth of literature is distributed daily to boys and girls and their families in 60 countries of the world.*

**Hunger House Supply Center**  
Dedicated December 1985

**Headquarters Building**  
Dedicated May 16, 1982

**Relief Center**  
Dedicated June 1990

**WORLD OPPORTUNITIES INTERNATIONAL**  
**KAANIB NG BAYAN AWARD**  
Hollywood, California, U.S.A.

**PROFILE:**

- o A humanitarian relief organization which was founded in 1961 by Dr. Roy Mckeown (also its current President), to help hurting children and their families, physically and spiritually across America and around the world, through established centers.
- o One of the organizations in Los Angeles assisted by the PENTAGON and the U.S. Air Force to airlift relief supplies to areas affected by disasters;
- o An organization called upon by other international organizations throughout the world, such as the Red Cross, to help in disaster situations;
- o Received a commendation from Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley for its many outstanding contributions in alleviating the plight of the underprivileged; and
- o Has established various overseas offices in the form of child care centers, vocational centers for the deaf, and pre-school centers of impoverished children, among others.

**CONTRIBUTIONS :**

- o Established a child care center for the illiterate deaf in the Philippines;

- o Donated eleven 40-foot sea containers, eighteen 20-foot sea containers, and six pallets of food and relief items to the Philippines in 1990 for the earthquake victims, with an approximate wholesale value of US\$ 8,778,462.00.
- o In 1990, distributed over US\$ 13 million worth of medicines, medical supplies and equipment (beds, cobalt machines, wheel chairs, and buildings for medical hospitals), and other hygiene items (soaps, detergents, toothbrush, etc.) in various countries that included the Philippines;
- o Provided 80,000 pounds of food daily to hungry children and their families around the world,
- o Distributes monthly over US\$ 450,000 worth of medicines and medical supplies to sick children in Honduras, Guatemala, Philippines, Taiwan, India, Korea, and Kenya.

# **BANAAG AWARDEES**



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**ALOHA MEDICAL MISSION**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Honolulu, Hawaii

PROFILE:

- o An organization of Filipino medical practitioners in Hawaii.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

- o First to volunteer its assistance to the victims of the July 16 earthquake. It shipped U.S.\$250,000 worth of medicines and medical supplies for the earthquake relief operations.
- o Sends medical teams annually to depressed areas in the Philippines.



## **ASSOCIATION OF CAVITENOS IN CANADA**

**BANAAG (CFO) AWARD**  
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

### **PROFILE:**

A non-profit, civic and cultural association based in Canada whose main objective is to enlist, organize, coordinate, and encourage the Cavitenos and their friends to actively participate in community projects for the youth, new immigrants and elderly people; cultural activities; educational processes such as seminars, fora and workshops; recreational and social projects; among others.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Granted scholarships to indigent but deserving students at the Don Bosco Youth Center and Don Bosco Technical College, Mandaluyong, Metro Manila;
- o Donated library books (World Book Encyclopedia, 1989 edition) to the Don Bosco Technical College;
- o Donated CND \$ 800.60 for the MV Dona Paz victims' families (coursed thru the Association of major religious sisters in the Philippines);
- o Established a network among elderly members of the Filipino-American community in Canada to help dissipate their feelings of homesickness;

- o Assisted the Filipino youth in Canada in recognizing and appreciating their individual skills and talents through the conduct of fora to showcase their abilities;
- o Conducted annual picnics to serve as an informal welcome gathering for new Cavitenos immigrants;
- o Donated CND\$ 300 for the earthquake relief fund; and
- o Initiated activities to solicit thick clothings and blankets and hand creams for the calamity victims in the Philippines.



**ZAYDA O. BARON**

BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

**PROFILE:**

- o President of the Bicol-USA, Chicago Chapter, 1982-83;
- o Founder and first President of the Bicol National Association of America (BNAA), 1983-85;
- o Adviser of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Penafancia (COLP), 1986 - present;
- o Chairman of the Bicol National Association of America Pump-Well Projects.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Organized the Bicol National Association of America (BNAA), an umbrella organization of Bicolano associations in the U.S.A. which sponsors various projects in the Philippines;
- o As president of the Bicol-USA, Chicago Chapter, sponsored a scholarship program for the poor and deserving students in Camarines Sur National High School from 1983-88;
- o As chairman of the BNAA Pump-Well Projects, oversaw the installation of 39 pump wells and free-flowing water systems in the various parts of the Bicol region;
- o Organized a team to supervise the relief operations in the Philippines for the victims of the 1984 Mt. Mayon eruption, and brought along thirty 70-pound boxes of relief goods for the 1984 Mayon Volcano eruption victims; and
- o Undertook various fund-raising activities for the benefit of the patients at the Bicol Leprosarium.



**EMILIO S. BINAVINCE**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Ontario, Canada

**PROFILE:**

- o Legal Counsel of National Council of Canadian Filipino Associations;
- o Author of several teaching materials used in the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, and other law schools;
- o Member of the Bar, Ontario and Saskatchewan.
- o Received various awards from Filipino associations and the Canadian government from 1968 to 1988.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Provided volunteer and pro-bono legal advice to many Filipinos in Canada, including domestics, on matters of professional accreditation, immigration, business, legal, as well as personal matters;
- o One of the most active and strongest supporter of the National Association of the Filipino Community in Canada;
- o Provided inputs to efforts at improving Canada's immigration policies to promote the interests of Filipino migrants;
- o Represented the interests of ethnocultural communities in the Canadian Ethnocultural Council, an umbrella organization of 28 national organizations of various ethnic Canadians, particularly on migration and settlement concerns;
- o Represented the interests of ethno-community members before Canada's House of Commons and the Senate;
- o Protected the business interests and employment of Filipinos in Canada, and at one time, purchased a failing business to save the employment of Filipinos;
- o Advised and assisted in the organization and financing of Filipino-Canadian entrepreneurs, and supported capital formation to assist in the start-up endeavors of Filipino-Canadians;



**LUZVIMINDA B. BARRANGER**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Paris, France

**PROFILE:**

- o Doctor of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics-Gynecology-Maternity Guy Loirier, Vitro Fertilization (Test Tube Babies), Tenon Hospital, Paris, France.
- o Member of the Medicin du Monde, a French humanitarian organization.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Conducts free clinics every first and fourth Sundays of the month;
- o Facilitates Filipinos' admittance to hospitals;
- o Recommends Filipino patients to specialized hospitals for specific treatment;
- o Gives medical counseling and free consultation regarding health by telephone;
- o Acts as liaison between French doctors/hospital social workers and their Filipino patients;
- o Gives medical assistance to all Filipinos who need and request help;
- o Negotiates with French Hospitals regarding financial obligations of Filipino patients;
- o Served as an accompanying physician for a Filipino cancer patient who terminally-ill of cancer, on her return to Cebu (1991); and
- o Coordinated with social institutions and hospitals regarding the provision of free medical assistance to a Filipino who met an accident in France in 1991. Even without medical insurance, the Filipino got free medical treatment in France.

- o Provided professional representation for the Philippine Embassy in Canada on various occasions;
- o Provided representation to various distressed Filipinos;
- o Provided advice to and was consulted by the Canada International Development Agency and various NGO's on their projects in the Philippines;
- o Urged Canada's business sector to do business in the Philippines; and
- o Supported the selection of Filipino scholars and scientists for fellowships in other countries, as well as the application of various Filipinos for positions in hospitals and research laboratories.



**ROGER CONIEGA**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Ras Al-Khaima, United Arab Emirates

**PROFILE:**

- o President of the United Filipino Association in the Emirates (RAK); and
- o Owner/Manager of the Al Sana Restaurant and Resthouse.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Under his leadership, the UFAE assisted Filipino contract workers, who were maltreated by their employers or were experiencing different forms of problems;
- o Raised a total of US\$ 2,133.96 representing the donations from Filipino nationals in the U.A.E. for the victims of typhoon Ruping;
- o Initiated and coordinated fund-raising activities for the repatriation of Filipino contract workers;
- o Participated in the Embassy's fund-raising activities for the Mt. Pinatubo victims. Likewise, he conducted fund-raising shows such as a musical programme held at Bin Majid Hotel for the benefit of the Mt. Pinatubo victims; and
- o Organized activities to promote Philippine culture and tradition, in coordination with the Philippine Embassy.



**REMIGIO L. DE GUZMAN**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

**PROFILE:**

- o Chairman of KASAPI (Kanalungan ng mga Samahang Pilipino Filipino Community Forum). The organization aims to help and represent expatriates throughout Saudi Arabia for any request with the government. It also aims to raise funds to address specific needs in the home country;
- o Chairman of the Filipino Cargo Forwarding Association. The association aims to promote goodwill among practitioners in the cargo business and to extend assistance, on behalf of contract workers, to Filipinos in the Philippines who are victims of disasters; and
- o Chairman of Bandila, an organization formed by the Filipino expatriates in cooperation with the Philippine Consulate at the height of the Gulf war to provide assistance to Filipino evacuees.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Provided free air freight services for donations of Filipino contract workers in Saudi Arabia to the Mt. Pinatubo victims;
- o Provided complimentary prize to a raffle promotion intended to raise funds for the Mt. Pinatubo victims;
- o Served as a major sponsor in the "Dinner for a Cause" held at the Al Bilad Hotel, Jeddah to raise funds for the Mt. Pinatubo victims;
- o Provided free use of cargo trucks and vans for the evacuation of Filipino contract workers stranded in the Eastern region of Jeddah at the height of the Gulf war;
- o Provided free air freight services for donations sent by Filipino contract workers to the typhoon victims in Cebu in 1990;
- o Provided monetary contributions for the victims of the earthquake in 1990; and
- o Provided free air freight services for the personal belongings of Filipino contract workers who cannot afford to pay freight charges when they are sent back to the Philippines.

**GUILLERMO DE VILLA JR.**  
**BANAAG (CFO) AWARD**  
Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada M9A 1W4

**PROFILE:**

- o President of the San Lorenzo Filipino-Canadian Community Centre since 1987, when it was created and organized;
- o Presently practising medicine with specialization in gynecology and obstetrics;
- o Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology;
- o Has been awarded as the Most Outstanding U.P. Alumnus in Canada in 1989.

**CONTRIBUTIONS :**

- o Helped establish the San Lorenzo Ruiz Filipino Canadian Community Centre in 1987 to unite the Filipinos in Ontario to a common goal as well as to promote their cultural and social values;
- o Donated no less than \$ 20,000 from his own personal finances to undertake a big draw that enabled the organization to earn the \$100,000 downpayment needed for the establishment of cultural/social centre in Ontario;
- o Led the group in initiating various cultural, civic, and social projects that promoted Filipino tradition and culture with the view of espousing appreciation of Philippine culture among Filipino-Canadians. Among the activities undertaken were the sponsorship of the sarswela, "Paglipas ng Dilim" of the Cultural Centre of the Philippines for presentation in Toronto, Canada; sponsorship of the Patis Tesoro Fashion Show; Awitan 90 and 91; and Kainan 91; and
- o Extended assistance to the victims of calamities in the Philippines (typhoons, July 16 earthquake, Mt. Pinatubo eruption).

**FILIPINO-AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHICAGO**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Chicago, Illinois

**PROFILE:**

The main objectives of the organization are as follows:

- o To maintain and operate a non-profit community center known as the Dr. Jose Rizal Memorial Center which shall serve as the nerve center for all programs activities of the Filipino American Communities in Illinois and Northern Indiana.
- o To initiate or undertake educational and cultural programs, social services and recreational activities designed to encourage participation by all member organizations and to promote civic consciousness among the different sectors of the Filipino-American community;
- o To support, defend and protect the rights, properties, and common ideals of its member-organizations;
- o To establish and oversee a Rizal Scholarship Foundation which shall provide inspiration and financial assistance to deserving students of Filipino parentage;
- o To manage and oversee the Miss Philippines and Mrs. Philippines beauty pageants for raising funds for the Rizal Scholarship Foundation. The charitable and cultural programs of the FACC, and the retirement of the financial obligations of the FACC and for the maintenance of the Rizal Center; and

- o To establish and promote the Rizal Center as a forum for discussions of educational, economic, political and scientific issues by private or public agencies or government officials of the United States at all levels, or associations organized in the United States.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

- o Raised funds totalling \$13,335 for the benefit of the July 16 earthquake victims in the Philippines; and
- o Also raised funds and medical supplies for the victims of other calamities in the Philippines, more recently the Mt. Pinatubo eruptions.



### FILIPINO CLUB OF BAHRAIN

BANAAG (CFO) Award  
Bahrain, United Arab Emirates

#### PROFILE:

The main objective of the organization is to strengthen the relationship between its members and enhance their common interests, to encourage friendship and cooperation among the Filipinos, Bahrainis and other nationals, and to encourage sport and social activities among its members.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS:

- o Acted as the arm between the Philippine government and the Filipino community in Bahrain in the absence of the Philippine Embassy;
- o Went beyond its objectives as a mere social and sports organization, by extending, on many occasions, assistance and unlimited services to many Filipinos in Bahrain particularly domestic helpers;
- o Initiated an appeal for the fund-raising campaign for the Mt. Pinatubo victims from Filipinos or people of other nationalities in Bahrain;
- o Organized a concert in 1990 that raised BD3,000 for earthquake victims in the Philippines;

- o Assisted the Embassy in Abu Dhabi in facilitating the documentation needed for a dead Filipino for prompt repatriation;
- o Provided refuge/shelter and food to 50 Filipino evacuees at the height of the Gulf war;
- o Coordinated with pertinent agencies in Bahrain regarding the employment of Filipino workers affected by the Gulf war in Bahrain;
- o Provided support to the Filipino community in Bahrain, especially on matters of providing welfare assistance to distressed Filipinos;
- o Joined other organizations to form an evacuation committee known as the "Balik-Bansa" during the invasion of Kuwait; and
- o Preserved and promoted Filipino culture and tradition through the conduct of Philippine festivities in Bahrain (Santacruzán, community gatherings, etc.).



**REYNALDO DANTE JUANTA**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
South Australia, Australia

**PROFILE:**

- o Founding President, the Filipino Community Council of South Australia (FILCCOSA);
- o National Vice President, the Filipino Communities Council of Australia (FILCCA);
- o Community Representative, Commissioner for the Aging Working Group on Asian Issues;
- o Executive Officer, Standing Committee on Multiculturalism in Education (SCOMIE), 1986-89;
- o State Coordinator (South Australia), Review of the NOOSR Teaching Panel (National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition for the Working Party of the Federal and State Departments of Labour Advisory Committee), in cooperation with the South Australia Office of Multiculturalism and Ethnic Affairs, August-November 1990;
- o Executive Officer, Anti-Racism Policy Coordinating Committee, 1987-90;
- o Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (MOA), included in the Australia Day 1991 Honours List; and
- o Justice of the Peace in and for the State of South Australia.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Steered the formation of the Filipino Community Council of South Australia, Inc.;
- o Supported the formation of a national body for Filipinos in Australia;
- o Established the "Philippine Forum" that conducts seminars on topics of interests to Filipinos and Australians;
- o Established the first Filipino Ethnic School of South Australia (FESSA) in Adelaide, for the maintenance and development of the Filipino language and culture. He soon succeeded in helping to establish four other Filipino schools in the suburbs of Adelaide;
- o In 1991, organized the Filipino Youth Choral Group, a youth association that performs for charity in community concerts, functions and the like;

- o Organized (1988), and maintains the Filipino Elderly Support Group in the community, which aims to promote and establish social and healthful living among adults;
- o Contributed articles to various publications of the Filipino community;
- o Initiated efforts leading to the establishment of the Filipino Association of South Australia, which has been implementing Filipino elderly support, as well as provides access to health programs in Australia; and
- o Efforts led to the establishment of the first Filipino radio program in Australia and





### **KABAYAN CENTER PHILIPPINES**

**BANAAG (CFO) AWARD**

**Hongkong**

#### **PROFILE:**

An exclusive Filipino center in Hongkong which provides facilities and services to its members, and their families and friends. Membership is limited to contract workers in Hongkong.

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Offers various services for free such as legal assistance on matters concerning employment; emergency communication services; accommodation to terminated members up to the maximum period allowed under the Hongkong Immigration law (including food, the use of kitchen, shower and toilet facilities); 30% discount on all courses offered by the center, among others;
- o Established the first and only Filipino center in Hongkong to undertake professional development lessons by offering computer, Cantonese, guitar, bookkeeping, and self-defense lessons for Filipinos;
- o Set up a Filipino center in Hongkong to provide community, social services to its members;
- o Provided free legal aid to Filipino contract workers who have labor and tribunal cases;
- o Conducts regular socials/activities among Filipino community members in Hongkong;
- o Published the 1989 Directory of Filipinos in Hongkong.
- o Publishes the Kabayan Center Philippine Newsletter.



**FERDINAND Z. LITTAUA**  
**BANAAG (CFO) AWARD**  
c/o Philippine Embassy, Geneva, Switzerland

**PROFILE:**

- o Presently employed as Chief of Cabinet, Director-General's Office, World Health Organization in Geneva.
- o Founder of the Samahang Pilipino, the first Filipino association in Geneva, 15 years ago.
- o Current President of Samahang Pilipino.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Spearheaded the fund-raising campaign for the Mt. Pinatubo victims, channeling into the country SF 12,000 in cash donations;
- o Coordinated/arranged the donation of three (3) sets of computer units for the Philippine Mission in Geneva;
- o Provided assistance, through referrals, to Filipinos seeking employment at the WHO, Geneva;
- o Expedited the provision of technical assistance and cooperation activities for the Philippines in the field of health and health care by the WHO;
- o Organized a "Philippine Week" in Geneva to promote Philippine exports and culinary;
- o Promoted Philippine tourism; and
- o Initiated the promotion of Philippine culture by organizing the Philippine-Swiss cultural exchange.



**LUBANG-LOOC INTERNATIONAL (LLI)**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
New York U.S.A.

**PROFILE:**

The general purpose of the foundation is to promote the development of Lubang Island, comprising the municipalities of Lubang and Looc, through the implementation of livelihood and income generation programs, community assistance and institution building, social intervention programs, provision of essential social services, and infrastructure development.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Since 1988, provided scholarships to needy but talented college and high school students from the towns of Lubang and Looc. For the school-year 1991-92, 34 college students and 8 high school students are receiving scholarship grants from LLI;
- o Provided seed fund worth \$ 500 to the piggery dispersal project of Barangay Balikyas in Looc in 1990;
- o Gave a total of \$ 700 to the textbook projects of the five high schools in Lubang Island and the Lubang school district;
- o Donated 5 kilos of rice each to over 500 families who were typhoon victims in Looc and Lubang in 1988;

- o Donated sports equipment to elementary schools, high schools and barangays in the said towns;
- o Donated a total of \$ 500 to the earthquake relief funds of the Philippine Consulate in New York and the Philippine-American Foundation;
- o Sponsored medical missions in 1989 which provided free medical examinations and medicines to some 600 indigent patients in Looc and Lubang;
- o Donated \$ 500 to Barangay Cabra in Lubang for the construction of a rain water storage tank, and financed the pilot fish-for-food project in Barangay Tilik with a \$ 150 grant to buy fishing nets; and
- o Donated five boxes of medicines, medical supplies, used clothings, and school supplies to Looc and Lubang in 1990.



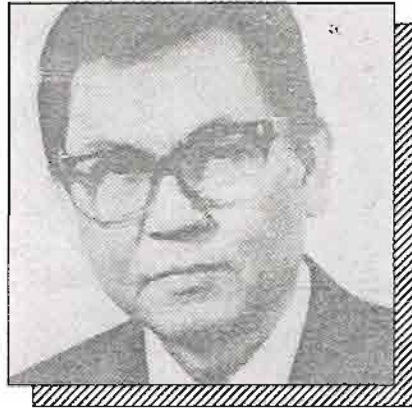
**MENDACHIC CLUB OF CHICAGO**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Chicago, Illinois USA

**PROFILE:**

The main purpose of the organization is to promote friendly relations among the members and to extend help, in terms of financial and other assistance, primarily to the patients of the National Center for Mental Health in Mandaluyong, Philippines, to the members of the club, and to others who require assistance.

**CONTRIBUTIONS :**

- o Donated approximately US\$ 52,000.00 worth of assorted medicines, hospital supplies and equipment, wheel chairs, three station wagons (partially funding one), sound system (for the chapel), and cash (for the repairs of the NMH Chapel) to the National Center for Mental Health in Mandaluyong, Philippines from 1970 to 1990;
- o Donated US\$ 200.00, through the Philippine Red Cross, for the typhoon victims in 1979;
- o Extended cash assistance of US\$ 250.00 to two Filipino nurses accused of malpractice in Ann Arbor, Michigan Veterans Hospital, in 1979; and
- o Extended cash assistance of US\$ 500.00 to a former nurse of NMH for a kidney transplant.



**TEOFILO NAYAN**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Cicero, Illinois, U.S.A.

**PROFILE:**

- o Executive Coordinator for the Americas, Order of the Knights of Rizal;
- o Received Award of Distinction from the Academy of Dentistry International in 1987;
- o Awarded as Outstanding Filipino in the Midwest by the Cavite Association in 1975; and
- o Received 34 other awards/distinctions from various civic organizations, universities, and Filipino associations from 1976 up to 1991.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Organized the Filipino Lions Club in Chicago in 1975;
- o Organized the National Association of Filipino Practicing Dentists in America;
- o Organized and founded the Bayanihan and Chicago Filipino-American Lions Clubs in the United States;
- o Initiated and organized the establishment of the Dental Clinic for the indigent at the St. Martin de Porres Outreach Center in Quezon City;
- o Initiated various fund raising activities that led to the donation of dental equipment for use by the St. Martin Outreach Center in Quezon City (donations included dental chairs, dental x-ray, etc.);
- o Initiated a fund drive for a distressed family in Chicago, whose prime breadwinner (father) committed suicide;
- o Suggested various reforms in the system of taking the Dental Board Examination in the Philippines; in the attendance to the Annual Philippine Dental Association Convention; membership to the Philippine Dental Association; and the introduction of a mock board prior to the board examination proper; and
- o Assisted in efforts that led to the donation of a fax machine to the order of the Knights of Rizal Headquarters (1991).



**RENA M. NORA**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
New Jersey, U.S.A.

**PROFILE:**

- o Chief, Psychiatry Service, VA Medical Center Lyons, N.J. (1978 - Present);
- o Clinical Professor, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Department of Psychiatry;
- o Consultant-Liaison, Council on Aging, American Psychiatric Association;
- o President-elect, NJ Psychiatric Association and District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association;
- o Member, Advisory Board, National Council on Compulsive Gambling;
- o Editor, New Jersey Psychiatric Association; Member, Editorial Board: APPA News, PAMB International Medical Graduates Newsletter, Journal of Compulsive Gambling, and Philippine Sexologists of America; and
- o Author/co-author of various publications on adoption, psychiatric patients, pathological gambling, mental illness, and geriatrics, among others.

**CONTRIBUTIONS :**

- o Helped further the cause of Filipino immigrants through involvement in the Consular Assistance to Filipino Arrivals (CAFA) at the Philippine Consulate in New York as a team leader and resource speaker, since 1984;
- o Participated in various Health Fair Programs in New York City, sponsored by the Philippine Medical Association, 1984 to 1987;
- o Provided services on health education and health screening during the Asian Pacific Heritage Festivals, from 1983;
- o Chaired Phil. Psychiatric Association's "Project Mandaluyong for the Mentally Ill", 1987 - present;

- o Co-founded and established the Philippine Youth Band of New Jersey, 1979;
- o Gave lecture and workshops on stress and aging at schools, nursing homes, and civic organizations. More recently, lectures were focused on pathological gambling since casinos opened in Atlantic City; and
- o. Volunteered services in Gambler's Anonymous, Public Relations on Mental Health, and in the Asian Mental Health Demonstration Project of the State of New York from 1985 to the present.





**RICARDO P. PAMA**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Pathumthani, Thailand

**PROFILE:**

- o Professor of Structural Engineering, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand;
- o Vice President for Development, AIT, Bangkok, Thailand;
- o Author of 3 books, 8 Conference Proceedings, and 80 Technical papers and reports;
- o Doctor of Philosophy, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom; and
- o Awarded by the French Government for playing a significant role in strengthening cooperation between the French Government and specific organizations.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Established a scholarship fund to enable the bright but poor high school graduates from the town of San Enrique in Iloilo Province to study at the San Enrique Polytechnic College. He used his personal savings to finance the studies of the first five recipients which were selected by the College. At present, 10 students have been granted the scholarship and this will be increased to 15 in 1992 and 20 in 1993;
- o Restored unity among the people of San Enrique by challenging the whole town to raise money and match the amount of P1,000,000 which he pledged for the construction of the Catholic Church of San Enrique. The church has been constructed with funds coming from the family of Dr. Pama and the community members; and
- o Solicited scholarship grants, averaging US\$ 16 million for the Asian Institute of Technology to support 800 post-graduate students from all over Asia. There are 75 Filipino students at AIT every year, with total grants reaching \$1,575,000 per year.



**MARINA G. RUVIVAR**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Victoria, Australia

**PROFILE:**

- o National President and Founder of the Filipino Communities Council of Australia;
- o Founding President of the Filipino Community Council of Victoria;
- o Chairperson of the Asian-Australian Consultative Council;
- o Consultant/member of the Immigration Review Panel of the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs of the Australian Government;
- o Consultant/member of the Group Facilitator, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Prime Minister and Cabinet;
- o Consultant/member of the Migrant Advisory Committee of the Department of Social Security, Ministerial appointment;
- o Editorial Consultant of the Philippine Times; and
- o Member of various Filipino media groups in Victoria.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Dedicated her services to uplift the image of the Filipinos all over Australia, and committed to the service of the community;
- o Donated most of the fees she gets as a regular government consultant to charity funds;
- o Contributed to the Australian Government's understanding of the needs and concerns of the community through her participation in various committees such as DILGEA's Immigration Review Panel, State Training Board's Social Justice Advisory Committee, Prime Minister's Office of Multicultural Affairs' Group Facilitator, among others;
- o Her leadership in the wider and mainstream community also enhanced the appreciation of the Filipino culture, history, and contribution to a multicultural society, such as her co-chairmanship with the Asian-Australian Consultative Council, YMCA of Australia and YMCA of Victoria, Ethnic Communities Council, Women's Ethnic Network, among others;

- o Endorsed requests for funding by the Australian Government, proposals by Filipino welfare groups in Australia;
- o Initiated activities leading to the establishment of a first-ever federation of Filipino associations in Australia;
- o Provided first-hand and personal assistance to distressed Filipinos in Melbourne; and
- o Provided recommendations to policy-making bodies relative to the recognition of Filipino qualifications in Australia.



**JOVENAL R. SANTIAGO**  
BANAAG (CFO) AWARD  
Singapore

**PROFILE:**

- o President of the Filipino Association of Singapore, 1980-91;
- o Member of the Filipino Business Executives Group in Singapore;
- o Chairman, Membership Development and Attendance, Rotary Club of Queenstown, Singapore, 1990-91; and
- o Member of the American Business Council, and the American Club.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Under his able leadership (as former president of the Rotary Club of Queenstown, Singapore, 1981-83 & 1988), the club was able to raise S\$ 25,000 for the Singapore Association for retarded children; S\$ 22,000 derived out of donation draw tickets sponsored by the Singapore Anti-Narcotic Association (SANA); S\$ 25,000 for the benefit of Margaret Drive Special School; and S\$29,300 for the benefit of the Tampines Home of the Singapore Association for Retarded Children; and
- o As member of the Filipino Business Executives Group in Singapore, he supported all the projects of the group which concentrated its efforts on support activities for Filipino workers in Singapore. The group has organized significant activities such as "The Filipino Fiesta At Sentosa Island", and the "Tawag Ng Tanghalan" contests which provided welcome entertainment for the Filipino maids in Singapore and generated wholesome publicity about the Philippines. It has likewise extended its valuable assistance to the victims of natural disasters such as floods and typhoons in the Philippines.

**CORAZON S. GATBONTON**  
SPECIAL CITATION  
Queensland, Australia

**PROFILE:**

- o Policy Coordinator, Bureau of Ethnic Affairs;
- o State Government Representative, Commonwealth State Council on Non-English Speaking Background Women's Issue;
- o Grant-in-Aid Welfare Worker of Brisbane's Migrant Resource Centre in 1984; and
- o Deputy Convenor of the National Women's Consultative Council.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Initiated a wide range of community projects for Filipinos through the Brisbane Migrant Resource Center in 1984;
- o Worked as Grant-in-Aid Welfare Worker (Filipino Welfare Association), wherein she initiated an outreach program for migrant women workers in factories;
- o Formed the Filipino-Australian Community Education (FACE) for the purpose of threshing out the problems relating to Filipino-Australian marriages;
- o As Deputy Convenor of the National Women's Consultative Council, advocated for Filipino women's issues;
- o Initiated the "Factory Project" through which information and support are provided to Filipino workers in industry, at their workplace;
- o One of the three Filipino women who conceived, planned and spearheaded the creation of the National Filipino Community Council of Australia;
- o As Policy Coordinator in the Bureau of Ethnic Affairs, contributed in improving the status of Filipino women in Australia in the following areas of concern: Rights of Women Under Family law; Health and Health Services; Legal Rights of Women; and Recognition of Overseas Qualifications;
- o Initiated efforts to acquire a grant from the Australian Government to establish a Drop-In Center for migrants;

# **SPECIAL AWARDEES**

## **LEGA ITALO-FILIPPINA FILIPPINI EMIGRATI**

Special Citation  
Rome, Italy

### **PROFILE:**

- o The Lega Italo-Filippina Filippini Emigrati (LIFE) was founded and organized in 1986 to federate all Filipino associations in Rome;
- o As the representative of Filipinos in Italy, LIFE was appointed as member of the advisory body on problems of immigrants and their families in Italy, under the Ministry of Labor; and
- o In January 1987, through the assistance of the Italian Catholic Church, a free office space was provided to LIFE. The office was manned by volunteers from the Filipino workers and served as a drop-in center for Filipinos in Italy.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- o Conducted intensive information campaign throughout Italy regarding the 1987 and 1990 Amnesty Law. Liaised with immigration authorities and other concerned agencies to facilitate the amnesty process for Filipinos;
- o Provided information to Filipinos to help in their integration in the Italian society;
- o Participated in the 1989 and 1990 international cultural festivals held in Lazio, an area in Italy where there is a major concentration of Filipinos;

- o Provided the first list of Filipino groups throughout Queensland to the Queensland Regional Office of the Immigration Department, highlighting settlement experiences of Filipino women in the Brisbane Metropolitan area and the issues impinging on the phenomenon of intercultural marriages; and
- o As an officer of the Filipino Welfare Association, worked for the introduction of a weekly Filipino Program on Ethnic Radio in Brisbane.



- o Acted as liaison between member-associations and Philippine Embassy officials;
- o In April 1991, participated in a week-long campaign to help Filipinos file and pay their income taxes. The campaign resulted in the provision of assistance to 890 persons and the collection of U.S. \$20,000 in taxes to the Philippine Government;
- o Joined the convention with the Christian Association of Italian Workers (ACLI) to ensure that Filipino workers in Italy will be able to enjoy their social benefits, whether in Italy or in the Philippines;
- o Organized the first weekly Filipino radio program, "Radyo Pilipino sa Roma", featuring news from the Philippines, information useful to Filipinos, and Filipino music. The one-and-a-half hour program is hosted by volunteers; and
- o Conducted a survey for the International Labor Organization (Geneva), involving 100 respondents from Rome and Milan, regarding the working and living conditions of Filipino female workers in Italy.

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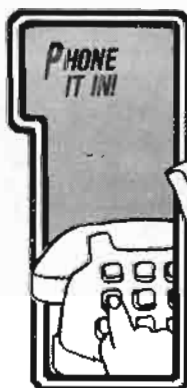
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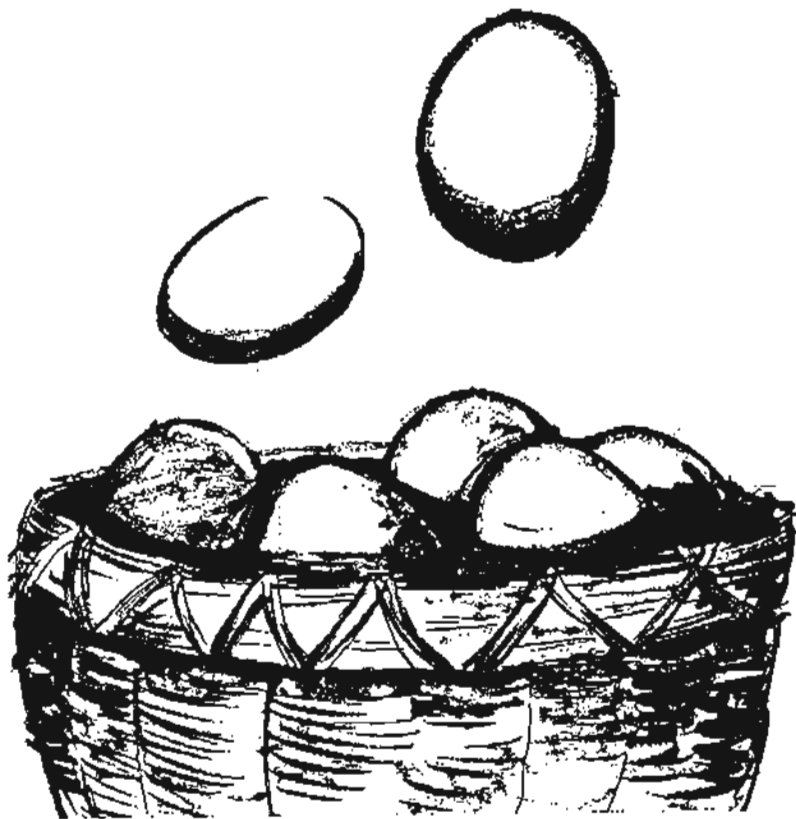
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