



Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines Toronto

PRESS RELEASE

2016 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS

The Philippine Consulate General in Toronto is pleased to announce that the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) is now accepting nominations to the **2016 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas**. The awards are conferred by the President of the Philippines every two years on meritorious individuals and organizations overseas to give the highest recognition to their work in the service of the Filipino community or nation, and for exceptional achievements or excellence in the pursuit of their endeavors. These accolades recognize the awardees' contribution to humanity as they reinforce faith and confidence in the Filipino nation and give meaning to Filipino excellence and the time-honored values of *pakikipag-kapwa*, *pagtutulungan*, and *pagkakaisa*. Since their inception in 1991, the awards have already been bestowed upon 437 Filipino individuals and organization overseas from 49 countries and territories.

The four categories of awards to be conferred on Filipino individuals and private organizations overseas are:

Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (Linkapil) Award – this award is conferred on Filipino individuals or organizations for their exceptional or significant contribution to reconstruction, progress and development in the Philippines;

Banaag Award – this award is conferred on Filipino individuals or organizations for their significant contribution to advance the cause or promote the interests of overseas Filipino communities;

Kaanib Award – this award is conferred on foreign individuals or organizations for their exceptional or significant contribution to Philippine reconstruction, progress and development, or have significantly benefited a sector or community in the Philippines, or advanced the cause of overseas Filipino communities;

Pamana ng Pilipino Award – this award is conferred on Filipino overseas, who in exemplifying the talent and industry of the Filipino, have brought the country honor and recognition through excellence and distinction in the pursuit of their work or profession.

Nominations may be done by mail or online through the following:

1. Commission on Filipinos Overseas Awards Secretariat, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Citigold Center, 1345 Pres. Quirino Avenue corner Pres. Osmeña Highway (South Superhighway), Manila, Philippines 1007; tel. nos. (632) 552-4700 locals 761-767; fax no. (632) 561-8160; E-mail presidentialawards@cfo.gov.ph or
2. The Philippine Consulate General, 7th Floor, 160 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 3B5; tel. no. 416-922-7181; fax no. 416-922-2638; E-mail consularmatters@philcongen-toronto.com.

Nominations submitted through mail or online must reach the Commission on Overseas Filipinos **on or before 31 May 2016**. More information can be sourced from <http://www.presidentialawards.cfo.gov.ph>.

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