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PHILCONGEN LOS ANGELES CONGRATULATES 2016 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDEES



DR. EMMANUEL "CRIS" LIBAN

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MR. PAULINO LIM, JR.

Teacher, Novelist

Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz extended his congratulations to Mr. Emmanuel B. Liban and Mr. Paulino M. Lim, Jr., both from Los Angeles County, who are among the awardees for *Pamana ng Pilipino* category of the 2016 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO).

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte will confer the honor on 23 distinguished and outstanding overseas Filipinos and foreign-based organizations from 11 countries during awarding ceremonies to be held on 19 December 2016 at Malacanan Palace.

"It fills me with pride that among the nominations coursed through the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, two very deserving gentlemen made it to the final list of this year's awardees," Consul General Cruz said.

The 23 awardees were selected from among 103 nominated Filipino individuals and organizations based in 22 different countries.

These awardees are being honored, not only for their personal and professional achievements, but also for contributions to the development of the Philippines and the welfare of fellow Filipinos.

Dr. Emmanuel "Cris" B. Liban, is a Civil Engineer with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency. He spearheads the agency's efforts at environmental compliance, environmental remediation, energy and renewable energy, climate change, as well as water and resources management.

Dr. Liban's expertise as a geologist, civil engineer, and transportation professional, as well as dedication in the practice of his profession have immensely contributed to the general welfare of the Filipino community and mainstream American society, thus enhancing the prestige of Filipinos in the United States.

Mr. Paulino M. Lim, Jr., on the other hand, is a critically-acclaimed novelist whose literary works of fiction are mainly constructive criticisms of the political, social, and religious ills of his native Philippines.

Mr. Paulino's in-depth knowledge and interpretation of the writings of renowned literary figures and his creative stories about the Philippines and the Filipino people have brought pride and recognition to the Philippines.

Institutionalized in 1991 through Executive Order No. 498, the PAFIOO is a biennial search for overseas-based individuals and organizations, which have dedicated their work in the service and improvement of lives of Filipinos worldwide, selflessly supported relief, rehabilitation and development in their home country, or who have excelled in their chosen field.

Organized by the Commission on Filipino Overseas, the Presidential Awards has four sub-categories, namely: *Kaanib ng Bayan Award*, *Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino Award*, *Banaag Award*, and the *Pamana ng Pilipino Award*. END