



PASUGUAN NG PILIPINAS

EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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MESSAGE

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines joins the Filipino community in the United States of America in celebrating the 119th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence.

As we honor the bravery and selflessness of our forefathers who bequeathed to us a free and sovereign nation, may all of us, Filipinos, endeavor to protect these gifts and be one in our continued journey towards a peaceful, progressive, and prosperous Philippines.

We must not lose sight of what we still need to achieve. This year's theme, *Kalayaan 2017: Pagbabagong Sama-Samang Balikatin*, highlights the value of our active role and collective strength in forging positive change for the Philippines. It is the Embassy's hope that our resilience and courage as a people spur every Filipino and the Filipino diaspora in building a better life and society for all.

Philippines-US relations continue to be robust and vibrant, due, in large part, to the contributions of the Filipino community that serves as a fount of good will between the Filipino and American peoples. The Embassy thanks the community for taking on this special role with fervor and pride.

Mabuhay ang Pilipinas at ang sambayanang Pilipino!



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