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2018 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS

Los Angeles, 19 January 2018 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles is pleased to announce that the nominations for the **2018 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas** is now open.

The Presidential Awards, spearheaded by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), is a biennial search to honor and recognize overseas Filipinos and other individuals or organizations which contribute to Philippine development initiatives, or promote the interests of overseas Filipino communities.

The awards are also given to overseas Filipinos who have exceptionally distinguished themselves in their work or profession, and have thereby brought pride to the Filipino nation.

A distinct category in the awards is also reserved for foreign individuals or organizations for their exceptional contribution to the Philippines and for advancing the cause of overseas Filipino communities.

Since its inception in 1991, the awards have already been bestowed upon 460 Filipino individuals and organization overseas from 51 countries and territories.

The Presidential Awards highlight the time-honored Filipino values of PAKIPAGKAPWA, PAGTUTULUNGAN and PAGKAKAISA. The four (4) award categories are:

1. **LINGKOD SA KAPWA PILIPINO (LINKAPIL) AWARD** - This award is conferred on Filipino associations or individuals for their exceptional or significant contribution to reconstruction, progress and development in the Philippines.
2. **KAANIB NG BAYAN 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.
3. **BANAAG AWARD** - This award is conferred on Filipino individuals or associations for their significant contribution to advance the cause or promote the interests of overseas Filipino communities.
4. **PAMANA NG PILIPINO AWARD** – This award is conferred on Filipinos Overseas, who have demonstrated the talent and industry of the Filipino and brought honor and recognition to the country through excellence and distinction in the pursuit of their work or profession.

For rules on filing of nomination, downloadable nomination forms, requirements and other information about the awards, please visit www.presidentialawards.cfo.gov.ph.

All nominations should be coursed through the Philippine Embassy or Consulate with jurisdiction in the country or area.

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