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MESSAGE

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines joins the Filipino nation in celebrating the 120th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence.

The firm resolve of the Philippine Government to make a positive and meaningful change for the Filipino people seeks to honor and fulfill the legacy of our heroes, who fought and sacrificed for our freedom and independence.


One hundred and twenty years after our country became Asia's first independent republic, the task of nation-building continues. All of us are called to take part in the creation of a safe, peaceful and prosperous Philippines.

This year's theme, *Kalayaan 2018: Pagbabagong Ipinaglaban, Alay sa Masaganang Kinabukasan*, reminds us of the great strides we have made as a nation, and the work that lies ahead in order to secure a comfortable life for all Filipinos.

Through the decades, Filipino communities abroad have been the partners of our Government in realizing our national aspirations. On behalf of the Philippine Embassy, I thank *kababayans* in the United States of America and the Caribbean region for their contributions to the development of the Philippines and to the strong friendships between our country and their host nations.

Rest assured that the Embassy remains committed to the promotion of our people's welfare and interests, the efficient delivery of public service, and the continued growth of our international partnerships.

Maligayang Araw ng Kalayaan at mabuhay ang sambayanang Filipino!


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