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## PH CONSULATE GENERAL CONGRATULATES 2018 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDEES' ATTY. C. JOE SAYAS JR. AND THE PILIPINO WORKERS CENTER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



*Atty. C. Joe Sayas Jr.*



Los Angeles, 20 November 2018 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles is proud to announce that two nominees endorsed by the Consulate General to the 2018 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas are among the 26 recipients of the prestigious biennial awards.

Atty. C. Joe Sayas Jr. will receive the *Pamana ng Pilipino Award* while the Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California (PWCSC) will be given the *Banaag Award*.

Atty. Sayas is a litigation attorney who champions the rights of the underprivileged and minorities, and served as the voice of Filipinos in United States courtrooms, resulting in the recovery of multi-million dollar settlements.

The PWCSC serves as an integral part in the statewide and national movement to uplift the dignity of caregivers, fights for labor protection, and advocates for fair wages and suitable working conditions of Filipino caregivers and domestic workers in Southern California.

This year's awardees were selected from a total of 96 nominations received by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas from 28 countries through 37 Philippine Foreign Service Posts (FSPs) across Asia, North and South America, Africa, Europe and Australia.

The awardees were thoroughly screened by four different committees from the PFSPs, inter agency Technical Committee, multi-sectoral Executive Committee, and by the Office of the President.

They 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.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte will confer the honor on the distinguished and outstanding overseas Filipinos and foreign-based organizations during the awarding ceremonies to be held on 05 December 2018 at Malacañan Palace.

Institutionalized in 1991 through Executive Order No. 498, the Presidential Awards 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