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## Overseas Pinoys Urged to Invest in Agri-business Ventures

Join A Special Webinar on Balik Probinsya Agribusiness Programs for OFWs in the Americas, in celebration of Filipino Migrant Workers Day 2020

# KABAYAN, MAY KABUHAYAN SA KANAYUNAN

16 JUNE 2020, 8:00-9:30PM EDT  
(WASHINGTON, D.C, NEW YORK, OTTAWA, TORONTO, SANTIAGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, THE BAHAMAS, TURKS AND CAICOS, HAITI, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS)

7:00-8:30PM CDT  
(CHICAGO, HOUSTON, MEXICO CITY)

5:00-6:30PM PST  
(LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, VANCOUVER)

2:00-3:30PM HST  
(HONOLULU)

9:00-10:30PM AST/BST  
(BUENOS AIRES, BRASILIA)

7:00-8:30PM EST  
(CAYMAN ISLANDS, JAMAICA)

17 JUNE 2020, 10:00-11:30AM CST  
(AGANA)

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**Main Speaker:**  
Dr. William Dar  
Department of Agriculture Secretary

**Opening Remarks:**  
Hon. Jose Manuel G. Romualdez  
Philippine Ambassador to the U.S.A.

**Featured Speakers**

Joseph Carl Dakila Offindo | Jim Leandro Cano | Justin Paolo Interno | James Reid  
DREAM AGRITECH | Department of Agriculture's Food Security Ambassador

**Moderator:**  
Dr. Jocelyne C. Javelosa  
Philippine Agriculture Attaché to the Americas

**PLANT, PLANT, PLANT!  
LET'S GROW!**

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16 June 2020, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles took part in a live video conference hosted by the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. and the Office of the Agricultural Attaché entitled “*Kabayan, May Kabuhayan Sa Kanayunan: A Special Webinar on Balik Probinsya Agribusiness Programs for OFWs in the Americas*” held on 16 June 2020. The video conference was part of the Philippine government’s celebration of Filipino Migrant Workers Day 2020.

Ambassador Jose Manuel G. Romualdez delivered the opening remarks for the webinar and welcomed other Philippine Ambassadors who attended from Canada, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, and Chile.

Agriculture Secretary William Dar spoke at length about the existing programs geared towards overseas Filipinos. These programs include the *Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa* (BP2) program, which aims to revive and “reboot” the countryside through investments targeted towards increasing agricultural productivity. The PHL Department of Agriculture (DA) is also offering loan programs that are accessible to overseas Filipinos, through the Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC), which are available without interest to qualified beneficiaries with loan amounts ranging from Ph₱25,000.00 to Ph₱15 Million.

The DA also announced that it is offering free technical training to OFWs through its Agricultural Training Institute (ATI). The training ranges from social preparation and values formation, production technologies, farm business school, to the establishment of agricultural learning sites, among others. DA-ATI also offers the distribution of planting materials and farm animals, and sharing of technologies.

The DA also included presentations from private companies like Dream Agritech Consultancy Services which touted its services in farm planning, farm management, training, and its own online agricultural job platform, Agriworks. The DA’s Ambassador for Food Security, Filipino actor James Reid on hand to introduce his own company, The Freshest, which aims to bring urban farming and hydroponics to the Philippines.

The webinar was moderated by Agricultural Attaché, Dr. Jocelyn Javelosa. Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III, Consul Dyan Kristine B. Miranda-Pastrana, ATN Officer Judelyn M. Cuaresma and Cultural Officer Maria Dolores C. Sales attended the webinar on behalf of the Consulate General. **END.**