



## ***Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA) to be honored at Washington, D.C. on Sept. 13, 2008***

**WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9 (PINOYGLOBAL)** - Twenty outstanding Filipinos are unanimously selected in the **2008 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)** by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges headed by Nonoy & Aida Mendoza of the **Filipino Image Magazine (FILIM)**, the **Pinoy Global Online News (PGON)**, and the **Roxanne Andrea Mendoza Memorial Foundation (RAM)**.

The TOFA project was initiated in 1990 and the bio-data and photographs of the 360 Past TOFA Awardees are found in the 24/7 popular worldwide **PGON** web site **WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM** is reached in **Americas**, including the United States and Canada; **Asia**, including the Philippines; **Middle East**; and, **Europe**.

The 3-day 15th annual event starts on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 with an informal get-together for the 2008 awardees; followed by on Friday with a VIP Luncheon at the hotel. At night is a Courtesy Call reception at the Philippine Embassy. The following Saturday morning, a VIP Photo Opps at various historic spots in the District, and a luncheon. At night is the formal prestigious gala Banquet and Ball Award Ceremony; capped by the traditional Filipino breakfast immediately after the ball. All 2008 TOFA Awardees are Special Guests of Honor to all the activities. Guests wishing to attend any functions are asked to donate entrance fees. As a tradition since 1990, net proceeds to all the TOFA functions are donated to charitable Filipino organizations doing humanitarian projects in the Philippines.

The TOFA 2008 Awardees are Em Ang of Bacolod City, Philippines; Mark Asperilla of Port Charlotte, Florida; Eddie Calderon of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Bob Dacanay of Falls Church, Virginia; Carmencita Quesada Fulgado of Jamaica Estates, New York; Zenaida Ferry Kharroubi of Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Eusebio C. Kho of Scottsburg, Indiana; Rozita V. Lee of Las Vegas, Nevada; Phippe J. Lhuillier of Rome, Italy; Debra Aguinaldo Nakama of Maui, Hawaii; Nena Nera of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; Dolores Ortal of Honolulu, Hawaii; Leby M. Paler of Norfolk, Virginia; Elvira G. Phelps of Reno, Nevada; Jun Anthony Quion of McLean, Virginia; Edmundo Relucio of Coal City, Illinois; Francis Talangbayan of Penn Valley, Pennsylvania; Dante Raul (DR) Teodoro of New York, New York; Sonny Ungco of Jersey City, New Jersey; Peter L. Yu of Granger, Indiana. #