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TOFA 2008 AWARDEE

***DR. PETER L. YU of Granger, Indiana,
President of the Indiana Philippine Medical Association***

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 13 (PINOYGLOBAL) - Dr. Peter L. Yu of Granger, Indiana, President of Indiana Philippine Medical Association and a prominent community leader, is unanimously selected as one of the 2008 *Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)* by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges of the *Filipino Image Magazine (FILIM)* and the *Pinoy Global Online News (PGON)*, and the *Roxanne Andrea Mendoza Memorial Foundation (RAM)*. The TOFA was initiated in 1990 and the bio-data and photographs of the 340 Past TOFA Awardees are found in the 24/7 popular worldwide *PGON* web site: WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM.



DR. PETER L. YU
Granger, Indiana

President, Indiana Philippine Medical Association

The 3-day 15th annual event starts on Thurs., 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 reception at the Philippine Embassy. The following Saturday morning, a VIP Photo Opps at various historic spots, 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 fee. As a tradition since 1990, net proceeds to all the TOFA functions are donated to charitable Filipino organizations.

Dr. Peter L. Yu, M.D. was born on January 31, 1957 in Kalibo, Aklan to his parents, Attorney Feliciano Peralta Yu of Kalibo and Concepcion Baltazar Legaspi of Makato, Aklan. He was brought up in Tokyo, Japan from the tender age of 22 months, when his father assumed the post of legal officer for the Philippine Reparations Commission. Dr. Yu was a consistent honor student at St. Mary's International School in Tokyo. He was 11 when he was brought back to the Philippines. He was accepted as first year high school and finished his secondary education in 3 years with the Highest Academic Distinction award from Northwestern Visayan Colleges High School Department. He had the 3 year grade point average of 93.7. He was also class senator in the high school student council.

Dr. Yu embarked on his quest to be a physician when he was accepted as a University scholar at the University of Santo Tomas, College of Science. He was just

14 then. Four years later he received his Bachelor of Science degree on March 13, 1975 at the age of 18. He was accepted to the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery and graduated youngest in his class on March 31, 1979 at the age of 22. He was active in the Red Cross Youth Organization, Population Commission, UST Medicine Glee Club. He did his rotating internship at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center from 1979-80 where he was vice-president of the Intern's organization. He then took the Philippine Boards and ECFMG in June & July of 1980 and passed both examinations. He did his rural service in Kalibo Health Center and did a 6 month residency in General Surgery at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Manila before migrating to the US on June 1981.

Dr. Yu enrolled with Kaplan when he arrived in New York in preparation for his US Federal Licencing Examination for which he passed the following year in June of 1982 in Los Angeles, California. He was also matched

by the intern matching program to St. Clare's Hospital in Manhattan where he did 2 years in General surgery. St. Clare's however closed their residency programs due to financial difficulties, therefore Dr. Yu applied and was accepted at the University of Alabama Medical Center at Birmingham in their Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency program from 1984-87.

Upon completing his residency program, Dr. Yu embarked on his professional career as a Physiatrist in Indiana because he wanted to live close to his relatives. First, he was appointed Medical Director of the rehab unit of St. Joseph Medical Center, in South Bend, then Medical Director of the Rehab Institute of Methodist Hospital in Northwest Indiana. He became President of Northern Indiana Rehabilitation Medicine and opened his own pain management and physical therapy clinics in Merrillville, Indiana and South Bend, Indiana. He is currently attending physiatrist at Memorial Hospital of South Bend, St. Mary's Medical Center, Hobart, Indiana and Methodist Hospital in Merrillville, Indiana. He is also Director of Rehabilitation at Hamilton Communities, New Carlisle, Indiana and the Milton Home in South Bend.

Dr. Yu has distinguished himself from grade school to high school with highest academic honors, University of Santo Tomas Scholar, youngest graduate of the UST Medicine class of 1979, Community Service Award from St. Joseph Free Clinic, South Bend 1989-90, Citation, s Who's who Among Rising Young Americans 1992, Community Service Award from The Filipino American Association of Michiana, 1994-1995, Marquis' Who's who in the World 17th edition to current edition, Marquis' Who's who in America 54th edition to current, Physiatrist ranked 4th top percentile in the nation based on Patient Satisfaction Survey by Press Ganey 2004, Award of Appreciation from UST Medicine Class of 1979 for organizing the Silver Jubilee class in the US in 2004, American Medical Association's Physician Recognition Award for Continuing Medical Education August 2005, Certificate of Appreciation for Quality Assurance Committee participation, Methodist Hospitals in 1993, Certificate of Appreciation from USTMAAA & Foundation for service as Auditor 2006-2008. He also received The Aklan Provincial Board Resolution of Gratitude for Leading a Medical Mission to Aklan Province in Jan 2007 and a certificate of appreciation from the mayors of Kalibo and Numancia, Aklan for the same medical mission. He is a lecturer for the National Head Injury Foundation of America and the Arthritis Foundation of Greater Chicago. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners and is licenced in to practice

medicine in the State of Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey and the Philippines.

Dr. Yu is presently President of the Indiana Philippine Medical Association 2007-2008, as president he led a medical mission of 100 doctors & nurses from Indiana to Aklan Province where they treated 3000 medical, surgical and dental cases in January 2007. It was his way of giving back to the land of his birth while celebrating his 50th birthday with 300 of his classmates, relatives, friends and missionaries as his ultimate reason for this medical mission. Dr. Yu is also Past President of the Philippine American Physiatry Association 1999-2001, Chairman of the Philippine Centennial Celebration on June 12, 1998 for Northcentral Indiana and Southwest Michigan where he showcase Philippine history with his wall of history, Philippine artistry and handicraft thru his art and handicraft exhibit, his love of Filipino cuisine by his Filipino food court, his love of Philippine culture through a cultural song and dance presentation by Filam residents of South Bend and surrounding communities, a historical fashion show depicting Filipino fashion thru the centuries of pre-Spanish, Spanish, American, post-war Philippines to modern times and a play by children of Filipino Folk Tales. He is a member of the American Medical Association, American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Indiana State Medical Association, Indiana Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, St. Joseph County Medical Society, American Academy of Electrodiagnostic Medicine, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, Board of Director UST Medical Alumni Association of America 2008-2010, Board of Director, Asian American Medical Association, Philippine Professional Association lifetime member.

Dr. Yu loves to sing and dance, travel, swim, watch movies, plays the piano, reads historical novels and walks and plays with his dog and coordinate reunions with his medical school classmates. He is the website moderator of UST Medicine class 79 and the Philippine American Physiatry Association website and their editor-in-chief of their newsletter. he is also a contributing editor of the US Thomasian magazine and Asian access magazine. But what gives Dr. Yu much pleasure is to be of service to the down trodden and the disabled. He is contributing 3 houses to the UST Medicine Class of 1979 Gawad Kalinga village and a donor to Gawad Kalusuggan, United Way, Red Cross, Catholic charities, and the parochial school that his church, St. Pius X is building. He is also lector of St. Pius. In addition to his accomplishments, Dr. Yu speaks fluent English, Japanese, French, Spanish and Pilipino. He is also fluent in Aklanon, Illonggo and smattering of Kapangpangan.

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