

Rozita Villanueva Lee and her entire family came to Washington, D.C to attend successful TOFA event

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 22 (PinoyGlobal) - Travelling to the Nation's Capital to received the much coveted ***Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)*** award, and inducted into the elite "***Circle of Leaders,***" Rozita Villanueva Lee, flew in from Las Vegas, Nevada, with her entire family in tow.

The 3-day ***TOFA 2008 Planned Activity Schedule*** festivity started Sept. 11, 2008, Thursday evening. The following day, Friday, was a VIP Luncheon at J.W. Marriott Hotel, and a VIP Dinner Reception at the Philippine Embassy with Philippine Ambassador Willy Gaa and the Philippine Embassy senior staff members to welcome the 2008 TOFA Awardees and their family. Saturday morning was a VIP Tour of various historic monuments in the District; and a "Dim Sum" luncheon. The festivity was highlighted by an elegant Gala Banquet and Ball Awarding Ceremony on Saturday evening, and concluded in the wee hours of Sunday morning, Sept. 14, 2008, with the traditional Filipino breakfast. The twenty 2008 TOFA honorees were Guests of Honor (***gratis***) to all the planned activities, compliments of the ***TOFA*** and ***RAM Foundation***. The TOFA 2008 Souvenir Journal, 112 pages, can be viewed at **WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM** an internet journalistic feat by Filipino, for the Filipino.

"The one and only goal of the ***TOFA*** project, which has been going on annually since 1990, is to highlight positive Filipino image. I have no hidden agenda but to encourage others to eliminate "***crab mentality***" attitude, more specially among Filipino community leaders across the nation; and to create role models and inspirations to the community, both the Filipino and the mainstream community," declared ***Nonoy Mendoza***, editor and publisher of ***Filipino Image Magazine (FILIM)*** and ***Pinoy Global Online News (PGON)***, originator of the ***TOFA*** project. #



ROZITA V. LEE AND FAMILY AT TOFA PHILIPPINE EMBASSY RECEPTION

From left: Byron Yuzon, Craig Yuzon, Rozita V. Lee, Ambassador Willy Gaa, Philippine Ambassador to the United States, daughter Roxanna Ayakawa, and husband Jay Ayakawa. (Photo by PinoyGlobal Manny Lopez)