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

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 2 (PINOYGLOBAL) - The final list of twenty outstanding Filipinos to receive the most coveted **2008 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)** award was announced today by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges of the **Filipino Image Magazine (FILIM)** and the **Pinoy Global Online News (PGON)**

The TOFA project was initiated in 1990, and the bio-data and photographs of the 380 Past TOFA Awardees are found in the 24/7 popular worldwide **PGON** web site **WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM**. The web site is read in the **Americas**, including the United States and Canada; **Asia**, including the Philippines; the **Middle East**; and the **European** countries.

The 3-day 15th annual event starts on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 with an informal get-together for the 2008 awardees; followed on Friday with a VIP Luncheon at J.W. Marriott Hotel and in the evening a Courtesy Call Reception at the Philippine Embassy. The following Saturday morning, a VIP Photo Opps at various historical monuments in the Nation's Capital. On Saturday evening of Sept. 13th, 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 (**gratis**) 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 contributing to humanitarian projects in the Philippines.

The TOFA 2008 Awardees are Em Legaspi Ang of Bacolod City, Philippines; Mark Asperilla of Port Charlotte, Florida; Bob Dacanay of Falls Church, Virginia; Carmencita Quesada Fulgado of Jamaica Estates, New York; Zenaida Ferry Kharroubi of Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Will Grant of San Diego, California; Eusebio C. Kho of Scottsburg, Indiana; Rozita V. Lee of Las Vegas, Nevada; Debra Aguinaldo Nakama of Maui, Hawaii; Nena Nera of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; Dolores "Dolly" Ortal of Honolulu, Hawaii; Leby Mendoza 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; Dalisay "Dely" Villalon of Northbrook, Illinois; Peter L. Yu of Granger, Indiana. #