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Nena M. Nera of Ottawa, Ontario, Outstanding Fil-Canadian Community Leader, Is Unanimously Selected As One Of The 2008 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 24 (PinoyGlobal) - Nena Maneclang Nera is an outstanding and well-known Filipino-Canadian community leader of organizations and projects in Canada, is unanimously selected as one of the 2008 *Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)* by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges headed by *Nonoy & Aida Mendoza* of the **FILIPINO IMAGE MAGAZINE** and the **PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS**, and the **ROXANNE ANDREA MENDOZA (RAM) MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**.

The TOFA project was initiated in 1990 and have been commended by the governments of the United States, Canada and the Philippines. The bio-data and photograph of the 300 Past TOFA Awardees are found in the *PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS* : WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM, a 24/7 global web site.

The CRITERIA, HISTORY and other TOFA informations are found in the popular website. A complete copy issue of *FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine's 2007 Souvenir Journal*, detailing 116 pages of bio-data of the 2007 TOFA awardees and photographs; VIP Special Messages and including all the Congratulatory Messages and ADs, in full color, are in the website and free for all to read globally. An unprecedented feat in Filipino journalism.

The 3-day 14th annual event starts on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 with an informal get-together for the 2008 awardees and their special guests. Followed by on Friday, Sept. 12 with a VIP Luncheon at the hotel. At night is at the Philippine Embassy. The following day, Saturday morning, Sept. 13, 2008, a VIP photo Opps at various historic spots and a Dim Sum lunch. At night is the formal gala Banquet and Ball Award Ceremony; and 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. *Net proceeds to all the TOFA functions are donated to charitable Filipino organizations.*

Married to a retired physician, Dr. Eduardo Nera originally from San Fernando, La Union, Nena has been known for years in her community and in her workplace as an outstanding Filipino-Canadian who not only enhances and promotes Filipino culture within Canadian society but also integrates her own Filipino culture with other cultures as her work accomplishments show. Nena recently retired as Special Advisor on Diversity for Health Canada. A graduate with honors from the University of the Philippines, Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Nena received the coveted Masters in Science and Social Work from the University of Wisconsin. Her parents are Benito Dozon Maneclang and Paz Sorio, both of Lingayen, Pangasinan. Her complete bio-data is in web site: WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM.



Nena Maneclang Nera
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Outstanding Filipino-Canadian Leader

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; Dr. 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, Philadelphia; Dante Raul (DR) Teodoro of New York, New York; Sonny Ungco of Jersey City,

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