

RP Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero feted at the prestigious National Press Club



Philippine Senator Chiz Escudero With Guests At The National Press Club

From left: Dave Valderama, Bob Dacanay, Rica Dacanay, Eileen DeCesare, Van Pineda Singh, Solita Wakefield, Senator Chiz Escudero, Dr. Bambi Lorica, Nonoy Mendoza, Dr. Victor Lorica, Philippine Congressman Dante Liban, and Ben Maynigo. (PinoyGlobal Photo)

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 9 (PinoyGlobal) - Philippine Senator Francis Joseph "Chiz" Guevara Escudero, currently a Member of the Philippine Senate and one of the youngest Filipino politicians in the Philippines was an honored guest at the prestigious *National Press Club* of this city last Thursday with several *Past TOFA Awardees* as guests. The private dinner was hosted by Dr. Victor Lorica, a 2008 TOFA Awardee, and Dr. Bambi Lorica.

Heading the list were Nonoy and Aida Mendoza of *PinoyGlobal (PGON)* and *Filipino Image Magazine (FILIM)*, founders and sponsors of the annually held "*Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)*" project which was launched in 1990, and

currently has 360 Past TOFA Awardees in the *PGON* website: WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM

Earlier in the morning, Senator Escudero attended the annual Christian Breakfast Rally Meeting. At 5 p.m., he was a guest of the members of *The World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Filipino Staff Association* held at the World Bank's IMF Auditorium attended by several members of the *The World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Filipino Staff Association*.

In the last 2007 Philippine Senatorial Election, Senator Escudero garnered the second highest votes. He was a Member of the Philippine House of Representatives, 1st District of Sorsogon from June 30,



Seated from left: Congressman Dante Liban, Mrs. Aida J. Mendoza, Dr. Bambi Lorica, Senator Chiz Escudero and Solita Wakefield. Standing from left: Ben Maynigo, Bob Dacanay, Eileen DeCesare, Ron DeCesare, Christine Lorica, Dr. Victor Lorica, Van Pineda Singh, Dave Valderama and Rica Dacanay.



Bob Dacanay, Philippine Congressman Dante Liban, Eileen DeCesare and Van Pineda Singh

1998 to 2007, until he was elected to the Philippine Senate and assumed office in June 30, 2007.

Among those who attended the National Press Club dinner were several local *TOFA Past Awardees*. Among them: *Dave Valderama* (TOFA 1990) who was the Filipino highest ranking elected official of the Maryland Legislature; *Van Pineda Singh* (TOFA 1990), prominent real estate broker and a successful businessman; *Ben Manyngo* (TOFA 1991), former National President of Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce, and an entrepreneur; *Bob Dacanay* (TOFA 2008), a successful I.T. business owner and President of *PRIMESCAPE SOLUTIONS INC*, and his wife, *Rica Lim Dacanay*; *Dr. Victor Lorica* (TOFA 2008), practicing physician and a successful entrepreneur, and his wife, *Dr. Bambi Lorica*, an active community activist; *Eileen De Cesare* (TOFA 2009), President/CEO Emeritus/Owner/Chairman of the Board of the *Professional Healthcare Resources*

with eight branches in several locations in the country, and her husband, *Ron DeCesare*; *Solita Wakefield*, President of The World Bank Group-International Monetary Fund Filipino Staff Association; and other guests.

Philippine Senator Francis Joseph "Chiz" Guevara Escudero was born on October 10, 1969 in Manila. The middle child of the three children of the former Philippine Agriculture Secretary Salvador H. Escudero III, and educator Evelina B. Guevarra. He is married to the former Christine Elizabeth R. Flores. They have two children.

Chiz Escudero attended the University of the Philippines (UP) Integrated School for both his elementary and secondary educations. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and his Bachelor's Degree in Law both at the University of the Philippines. In 1996, he received his Master's Degree in International Comparative Law at the *Georgetown Law Center*. Washington, D.C. #