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Outstanding Filipinos Recognized And Celebrated

NEWYORK, NY Sept. 4 (PinoyGlobal) - The Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA) 16th Annual Grand Banquet and Ball on August 29 at the JW Marriott Hotel's Grand Ballroom in Washington, D.C., was a huge success even in its planning stages and certainly in the great event itself. So much so that Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo herself sent her heartfelt congratulations to the recipients and to the TOFA event, along with its founder Nonoy Mendoza, publisher of Pinoy Global Online News, the motivating force behind the prestigious event.

For 16 years now TOFA has strived to give awards to those hardworking, successful and dedicated Filipino community leaders who may not always be recognized for their contributions to their fellow Filipinos and to the world in general. Nonoy Mendoza's vision was one of an event that would recognize such role models of good citizenship while also setting an example of public service to others. With another successful awards ceremony this year, his vision continues to shine and expand. He vows to continue motivating good Filipino civic involvement throughout the world with the TOFA awards.

The award recipients were recognized for everything from outstanding military service to dynamic business acumen to tireless charitable work in their communities. Each recipient provided a well-rounded and charismatic example for others to follow and especially for our youth. All of them, just like the 340 other recipients who have been honored over the last 16 years, are truly the cream of the crop of Filipino world citizenship. Pinoy Global Online News salutes them!

Pres. Arroyo put it best when she honored the TOFA ceremony and Nonoy Mendoza as follows "May you continue to inspire Filipinos back home and abroad"! She sees the integrity of the TOFA recipients and the well-deserved honor they received this year, with another twenty honorees coming again next year at our 2010 TOFA Gala. Anyone who missed this year's event should be sure to join us then!