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LITO R. ALCANTARA, is Unanimously Selected As One Of The 2010 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)

WASHINGTON, D.C. April 01, 2010 - (PinoyGlobal) **LITO R. ALCANTARA** is unanimously selected as one of the **2010 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)** by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges headed by **Nonoy & Aida Mendoza** of the **FILIPINO IMAGE MAGAZINE (FILIM)** and the **PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS (PGON)**, 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 of the 320 Past TOFA Awardees are found in the **PINOY GLOBAL ON LINE NEWS**: [HTTP://WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM](http://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** 2006, 2007 & 2008 Souvenir Journals, detailing more one hundred pages of bio-data of the **2009 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. 09, 2010** with an informal get-together for the awardees and their special guests. The following, **Friday, Sept. 10th**, the VIP Luncheon at JW Marriott Hotel, and at night, the fabulous welcome dinner reception at the **Philippine Embassy**. The following day, **Saturday, Sept. 11th**, a sight-seeing tour, and photo opportunity around the Nations' Capital, capped with a memorable VIP Dim Sum Luncheon. At night, **Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010**, is a formal gala Banquet and Ball Award Ceremony. After the gala is the traditional Filipino breakfast which will end the whirlwind social functions.

For every journey, there is a beginning and the route leads the traveler to his destination: to lead or be led by the circumstances shaping the past, present and future. Currently the President and Owner of Group Builders, Inc., Anacleto "Lito" R. Alcantra is married to Carmelita Alcantra and they have 4 children: Anacleto, Jr., Maribel, Anamelita and Jeaneth.

Lito was born on July 13, 1937 to a farming family in San Vicente, Ilocos Sur, Philippines. He learned at an early age the value of hard work and persistence, having earned a full



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scholarship at the Mapua Institute of Technology in Manila where he finished his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in the year 1960. The following year, he passed the Civil Engineering Board Examination. He worked for the Manila Railroad Company for 3 years as Assistant Project Engineer and was awarded the Model Assistant Project Engineer in 1963. For the next 9 years, he was the Dean of the College of Engineering at the Northeastern College of Santiago, Isabela, Philippines. From there, he went to venture as the Self-Employed Owner of the Alcantra Construction Company from 1964 to 1973. The declaration of martial law in his home country had made him decide to move to Hawaii and further embark on facing new challenges to his future.