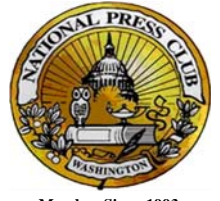


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ROMUALDO A. ARAGON JR., is Unanimously Selected As One Of The 2010 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)

WASHINGTON, D.C. February 3, 2010 - (PinoyGlobal) **ROMUALDO A. ARAGON JR.**, is unanimously selected as one of the **2009 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.

Romualdo Aragon Jr., MD, or Jun, to his family and colleagues, is a modern renaissance man with broad intellectual interests and accomplishments in the arts and sciences, as well as in humanitarian services.

Jun was born in San Fernando, La Union, Philippines on July 6, 1957 and was raised by his parents, Rosa and Romualdo, Sr., who take pride in their humble roots from a small rural town located in Northern Luzon. Since childhood, his dream was to become a physician. For high school, however, he was sent to the University of the Philippines (UP)



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Rural High in Los Banos, Laguna to study agriculture like his two maternal uncles. It was there where Jun discovered his passion for the arts and began his involvement in creative literary writing, specifically poetry and playwriting. Later he would also be involved in the performing arts by acting in and directing stage plays. He continued his involvement with the arts while pursuing Bachelor of Science in Biology at UP Baguio from 1974 to 1978. He graduated at the top of his class and won first place in a nationwide literary writing contest sponsored by the *Gawad Sagisag ng Panitikan* in 1977. His entry was one-act stage play entitled *Monumento*, a brilliant political farce written in Filipino. Jun also became a member of the UP Writers Club.