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EDGARDO D. PAMINTUAN, is Unanimously Selected As One Of The 2010 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)

WASHINGTON, D.C. June 01, 2010 - (PinoyGlobal) Edgardo Pamintuan, 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.

In an era of people-centered development and multi-tasking governance, Edgardo D. Pamintuan has always stood out as a primus inter pares, the first among equals, having fulfilled the many responsibilities the Chief Executive had assigned to him in the course of his stint as a public servant in the national arena.

Edgardo Dizon Pamintuan - simply Ed to family, colleagues and friends, was born on February 23, 1949 in Angeles City, and raised up in a conservative middle class environment. A self-confessed average student, he nonetheless delved deep



EDGARDO D. PAMINTUAN
Mayor, Angeles City, Philippines

into books and anything else he could read, filling his minds with notions that later would serve as seeds of idealism.

Though passionately in love with the written word, Ed kept an open eye to the social issues and realities that surrounded his youth. The nation was then at the doorstep of upheaval, and in response, he became a youth leader who clamored for genuine change. Ed became an active member of the Kabataang Makabayan where he found his first love championing student rights and exposing social ills during the late 60s and briefly joined the underground after Martial Law was declared.