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ANTONIO V. RAMIL, is Unanimously Selected As One Of The 2010 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)

WASHINGTON, D.C. May 5, 2010 - (PinoyGlobal) **ANTONIO V. RAMIL** 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.

Most of those who know him call him "Tony". To him life is an infinite web of relationships embracing and interconnecting family, community and all people, thoughts, feelings, actions, events, the past, the present, the future, the environment and all creation, and above all the divine. A graduate of the University of the Philippines, Tony was a cadet lieutenant colonel in the U.P. ROTC Cadet Corps, elected to and served as councilor-at-large in the U.P. Student Council, and was an associate editor of the Philippine Collegian, the weekly student



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newspaper. A member of Class 1965 of the U.P. College of Law, he was inducted life-member of Phi Kappa Phi and Pi Gamma Mu, international honor societies. He was one of the ten topnotchers, placing ninth, among the successful bar examinees in the Philippines in 1965. He practiced law in the Philippines for about four years, including working as assistant attorney with the Makati law firm of Sycip, Salazar, the biggest law firm in the Philippines at the time. In 1970 he decided to come to Hawaii with his mother, nee Mercedes Velasco, to join his father on the island of Molokai.