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SOLITA MAGAHUM -WAKEFIELD, is Unanimously Selected As One Of The 2010 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)

WASHINGTON, D.C. February 2, 2010 - (PinoyGlobal) **Solita Wakefield**, 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.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ignacio B. Magahum and grand daughter of Angel M. Magahum Sr. who is recognized in Philippine history as the "Colossus of Visayan Literature", a historian, musical composer and author of the first Hiligaynon novel "Benjamin", has one brother Atty. Leo S. Magahum. Graduated A.B. in Economics at Maryknoll College, awarded a scholarship at Ateneo de Manila University for M.A. in Economics for the first year and proceeded to New York to complete M.A. in Economics at Long Island University cross-enrolling in New York University for quantitative Analysis courses and a member



**SOLITA MAGAHUM-WAKEFIELD,
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of the Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honor Society). Studied at the George Mason University for the first year of PHD in Fiscal Policy.

Professional: Started work at the World Bank as consultant in 1986 for 5 years and currently a Senior Research Officer at the IMF for the past 18 years. Work involved missions to developing countries working in a team of economists advising fiscal policies in trade and tax reforms in Africa and Asia.