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Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA) Awardees To Be Feted In A Three Day Festivity At The Nation's Capital - Dennis "Danny" A. Mateo Chair, Maui County Council Is Unanimously Selected

MAUI, HAWAII, July 01 - (PinoyGlobal) Dennis "Danny" Mateo's historical rise to political prominence as the first Filipino descendent to be elected as the Council Chair of the County of Maui is marked with hard work, fortitude, sincerity, and an unpretentious attitude that is welcomed by the residents. Danny's other accomplishments include: President of Molokai Unity Hui; Chair of Aloha Festivals; Chair of the Maui District School Advisory Council; Chair of the Maui County Grants Review Committee; Vice-Chair of the Maui County Democratic Party; Secretary of the Molokai Chamber of Commerce; Coordinator of the Mrs. Valentine Molokai Filipino Pageant; and member of the Molokai Citizens Advisory Committee, the Association of Retarded Citizens, Molokai Health Foundation, The Molokai March of Dimes, and the West Molokai Homeowners Association, 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.

The popular project was initiated in 1990 and have been annually commended by the governments of the United States, Canada and the

Philippines. The bio-data and photographs of the 2009 TOFA Awardees and the 380 Past TOFA are found in the Pinoy Global Online News (PGON) web site : WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM. Informations pertaining to the TOFA such as the CRITERIA, HISTORY and other relevant informations are all in the web site. The unprecedented complete copy of several of the issues of FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine's Souvenir Journals, and the complete bio-data of the 2009 TOFA Awardees, their photographs, special messages and including all the Congratulatory Message ADs, in full color, are in the website and free for all to read globally - an unparalleled journalism feat

The 3-day 16th annual event starts on Thursday night, Aug. 27, 2009 with an informal get together for the 2009 Awardees and their invited guests at the Presidential Suites of the Mendozas. Followed by a luncheon on Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, with the VIPs commemorating the 22nd Anniversary of the founding of FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine. The 2009 Awardees will be formally introduced. Invited are VIP guests from the Philippines and several Past TOFA Awardees and their guests. At night time, is the Philippine Embassy VIP Dinner Reception. On Saturday, Aug. 29 at 8:30 a.m., the VIP Tour of the Historic Monuments around the Nation's Capital for photo opportunity,



Danny Mateo
Chairman
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followed by a VIP Dim Sum Lunch. Starting at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29th, is the prestigious Gala Banquet & Ball Award Presentations. Dance music is provided by a popular Filipino Band & DJ from Washington, D.C. The annual event is concluded after midnight with the traditional "After-the-Ball Filipino Breakfast" at the Mendozas' suite. All venues will be held at the fabulous J. W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., the hotel chain's Flag Ship.

FINAL 2009 AWARDEE LIST are • Zeny Almario - Paterson, New Jersey • Angel Arando - London, England • Emmie Ortega Anderson - Honolulu, Hawaii • Dr. Tris S. Briones - Newburgh, Indiana • Ador Carreon - Ft. Washington, MD • George Daria - Virginia Beach, VA • Eileen DeCesare - Vienna, VA • Federico B. Gimenez - Vancouver, B.C., Canada • Erlinda Sayson Limcaco - Backwood, NJ • Dr. Bambi Lorica - Potomac, Maryland • Council Chairman Danny Mateo - Molokai, Maui, Hawaii • Luz Sapin Micabalo - Las Vegas, Nevada • Gus Mercado - Dallas, Texas • Sally O'Connor - New Orleans, Louisiana • Belle Santos-Owens - Baltimore, MD • Maricel Lichauco Quiroz - Chicago, Illinois • Dr. Jess Socrates - Hanover, Pennsylvania • Dr. Francisco Santos Sy - Bethesda, MD • Tony Pizarro - San Diego, California • Grace Valera - Washington, D.C. #