



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **RECIPIENTS OF THE 2021 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS**

The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) is pleased to announce to the public the fifty-six (56) distinguished and outstanding overseas Filipinos and foreign-based organizations from 20 countries and territories who will be honored by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte with the 2021 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO).

Institutionalized in 1991 through Executive Order No. 498, the PAFIOO is a biennial search for overseas-based organizations or individuals who have dedicated their work in the service of Filipinos in the Philippines or abroad, selflessly supported relief, rehabilitation, and development programs in the home country, or excelled in their field of work or profession.

The awardees were selected from a total of 117 nominations received by the CFO-PAFIOO Secretariat since it opened the nominations in August 2019. These nominations came from 31 countries and were endorsed by 39 Philippine Foreign Service Posts across Asia, North and South America, Europe, and Australia.

The awardees were thoroughly screened through a 4-stage evaluation process. The first stage consisted of an evaluation by the Awards Screening Committee established and convened by the Philippine Foreign Service Posts. Nominees endorsed by the Posts went through the second stage of the evaluation process by an eight-member inter-agency Technical Committee composed of senior representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Health (DOH), National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), De La Salle University (representing the academe), Center for Migrant Advocacy (representing the migrant NGO), and the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) as the Chair.

Nominees whose ratings met the passing rate were further screened by a multi-sectoral Executive Committee headed by the CFO and comprised of senior officials and representatives from the DFA, Office of the Presidential Protocol, Episcopal Commission for Pastoral Care for Migrants, and Itinerant People (representing the religious sector), Dynamic Outsource Solutions 1 Inc. (representing the private sector), and GMA Network, Inc. (representing the media). A shortlist was then submitted to the Office of the President for final evaluation and approval.

Details of the awarding ceremony are to be announced at a later time owing to the fluidity of circumstances in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The PAFIOO has four award categories – *Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (LINKAPIL)*, *Pamana ng Pilipino*, *Banaag*, and *Kaanib ng Bayan*.



## **LINGKOD SA KAPWA PILIPINO (LINKAPIL) AWARDEES**

The LINKAPIL Award is conferred on Filipino individuals and organizations for exceptional or significant contribution to the reconstruction, progress, and development of the Philippines. The recipients of the 2021 Presidential LINKAPIL Award are:

<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Post</b>
1. <b>Batangas Association United Kingdom (BAUK)</b>	United Kingdom	Philippine Embassy (PE) London
2. <b>Cajigas, Roxanne Racquel A.</b>	United States of America	Philippine Consulate General (PCG) New York
3. <b>Kayumanggi Chorale, Inc. (KCI)</b>	United States of America	PCG New York
4. <b>Kiefer-Vargas, Vivian</b>	Switzerland	PE Berne
5. <b>Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers - Qatar Chapter (PICE-Qatar)</b>	Qatar	PE Doha
6. <b>The Filipino Association in the Isle of Man (FAIM)</b>	Isle of Man	PE London
7. <b>The Filipino Catholic Society of the Diocese of Calgary (FCSDC)</b>	Canada	PCG Calgary

## **PAMANA NG PILIPINO AWARDEES**

The *Pamana ng Pilipino* Award is conferred on Filipino overseas, who, in exemplifying the talent and industry of the Filipino, have brought the country honor and recognition through excellence and distinction in the pursuit of their work or profession. The recipients of the 2021 Presidential *Pamana ng Pilipino* Award are:

<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Post</b>
1. <b>Alcedo, Russ Patrick P.</b>	Canada	PCG Toronto
2. <b>Bonifacio, Glenda Lynna Anne T.</b>	Canada	PCG Calgary
3. <b>Comiso, Josefino C.</b>	United States of America	PE Washington, D.C.
4. <b>Conejos, Sheila Maria A.</b>	Singapore	PE Singapore
5. <b>Favor, Danilo M.</b>	United Kingdom	PE London
6. <b>Fernandez, Glenn F.</b>	China	PE Beijing
7. <b>Garcia, Laura D.</b>	United States of America	PCG New York
8. <b>Gotangco, Pamela D.</b>	Switzerland	PE Berne
9. <b>Miranda, Aurtenciano Jr. R.</b>	Italy	PE Rome

10. Nilo, Ronaldo B.	Qatar	PE Doha
11. Ong, Caroline B.	China	PCG Shanghai
12. Pascual, Glenn D.	United States of America	PCG San Francisco
13. Pomperada, Lord Leomer B.	United States of America	PCG New York
14. Remo, Karen Graciles L.	United Arab Emirates	PE Abu Dhabi
15. Rosana, Albert Remus R.	Canada	PCG Calgary
16. Saligan, Leorey N.	United States of America	PE Washington, D.C.
17. Villagonzalo, Walter S.	Australia	PCG Melbourne

### **BANAAG AWARDEES**

The *Banaag* Award is conferred on Filipino individuals and organizations for their contributions which have significantly benefited a sector or advanced the cause of overseas Filipino communities. The recipients of the 2021 Presidential *Banaag* Award are:

<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Post</b>
1. Balboa, Mario A.	Saudi Arabia	PE Riyadh
2. Belmonte, Bella Aurora P.	United States of America	PCG Los Angeles
3. Bernardo, Ariel C.	South Korea	PE Seoul
4. Betinol, Roy G.	Chile	PE Santiago
5. Brady, Vanda Marie M.	Ireland	PE London
6. Chiu, Alex (+) <i>POSTHUMOUS AWARD</i>	Canada	PCG Toronto
7. Dacanay, Aurora B.	Canada	PCG Calgary
8. De Jesus, Nancy S.	France	PE Paris
9. Eclarinal-Murdock, Rose Cheryl P.	United Kingdom	PE London
10. Felix Y. Manalo Foundation, Inc. (FYM Foundation)	Canada	PCG Toronto
11. Filipino American Service Group, Inc. (FASGI)	United States of America	PCG Los Angeles
12. Gonong, Fernandico Jr. Q.	United States of America	PCG Los Angeles
13. Igorot UK Charity (Igo-UK)	United Kingdom	PE London
14. Kapatiran at Ugnayan ng Natatanging Sining at Talento (KUNST Pilipino)	Germany	PE Berlin

15. Legaspi, Venecio V.	Saudi Arabia	PCG Jeddah
16. London Filipino Centre CIC (LFC-CIC)	United Kingdom	PE London
17. Misalucha, Bennette E.	United States of America	PCG Honolulu
18. National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and the Youth (NANAY)	United States of America	PE Washington D.C.
19. Nicolas, Rolando M.	Saudi Arabia	PE Riyadh
20. Nietes-Little, Linda	United States of America	PCG Los Angeles
21. Philippine Bayanihan Association of Alberta (PBAA)	Canada	PCG Calgary
22. Philippine-American Friendship Community, Inc. (PAFCOM)	United States of America	PCG New York
23. Rata, Dennis N.	Kuwait	PE Kuwait
24. So-Perkins, Jannelle	United States of America	PCG Los Angeles
25. Vicentina, Cristy M.	Singapore	PE Singapore
26. Villanueva, Elija Paul G.	United Kingdom	PE London

### **KAANIB NG BAYAN AWARDEES**

The *Kaanib ng Bayan* Award is conferred to foreign individuals and organizations for their exceptional or significant contribution to Philippine reconstruction, progress, and development, or have significantly benefited a sector or community in the Philippines, or advanced the cause of overseas Filipino communities. The recipients of the 2021 Presidential *Kaanib ng Bayan* Award are:

<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Post</b>
1. Ahmad, Issa Mohammad	Jordan	PE Amman
2. Laoly, Yasonna H.	Indonesia	PE Jakarta
3. Montero Medical Missions (MMM)	United States of America	PE Washington, D.C.
4. Philippine Bayanihan Society – Singapore (PBSS)	Singapore	PE Singapore
5. Temasek Foundation, Ltd. (TF)	Singapore	PE Singapore

**SPECIAL CITATION**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Post</b>
<b>1. Coalition of the Filipino American Chambers of Commerce (COFACC)</b>	United States America	PCG Los Angeles

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