



to bring Christmas cheers to arriving/ vacationing OFWs.

Venue: International Airports
Lead Agency: Overseas Workers Welfare Administration
Contact Person: Ma. Luz Talento
TN: (02) 891-7601 to 24 loc. 5902 or 5903
Website: www.owwa.gov.ph

Financial Literacy Seminar
3rd week of December
By invitation only

A seminar on financial literacy, coupled with fun fare activities and solidarity games.

Venue: Laguna
Lead Agency: OWWA, Laguna Migration and Development Council
Contact Person: Czarina Medina
TN: (02) 718-1812, 534-6789

7th OFW Family Day
December 18, 2012
For BM/WOL and relatives having transactions with POEA on the target date

A day full of fun and excitement to BM/ WOL and their relatives.

Venue: POEA Lobby, Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City
Lead Agency: Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
Contact Person: Renato C. Limjuco, Lou Medina (Gabay ng OFW International, Inc.)
TN: (02) 722-11-94, 565-8661
Email: renz_nato@yahoo.com
Website: www.poea.gov.ph

OFW Day and Fund Coordinators' Club Meeting
December 18, 2013
By invitation only

It aims to pay tribute to our hardworking overseas workers who continue to commit themselves in uplifting their families' standards of living and for their significant role in nation's economic progress.

Venue: Mondragon House Bldg. H.V. Dela Costa St., Makati City
Lead Agency: Pag-IBIG Fund
Contact Person: Sally C. Banal, Nova Kristal P. Pala
TN: (02) 840-1793, 892-4382, 422-3000 local 3352

Email: scbanal@pagibigfund.gov.ph
Website: www.pagibigfund.gov.ph

Investment Forum
December 18, 2013
By invitation only

The event will launch PinoyWISE in the province and will have exhibit and fun Fare activities.

Venue: Batangas
Lead Agency: PSWDO, Batangas Migration and Development Council
Contact Person: Czarina Medina
TN: (02) 718-1812, 534-6789

Twin Launching of PMRW Migration Posters and Guide Book and Primer on ILO Convention 189 and Kasambahay Law
December 18, 2013
By invitation only

The guide book serves as companion book to help explain to the general public PMRW's advocacy posters on different migration issues. And the primer, both in English and Filipino serves to inform and make domestic workers and Kasambahay aware of their rights guaranteed and protected both under existing international standards and national law. It is also intended for the promotion of right to decent work among advocates and stakeholders.

Venue: SSS Auditorium, Quezon City
Lead Agency: Philippine Migrants Rights Watch
Contact Person: Pete Rahon
TN: (02) 526-9098
Email: pmrw@pmrw.org.ph
Website: www.pmrw.org.ph

"OFW Dagdag Ipon" Raffle Promo
December 20, 2013
By invitation only

Its main objective is to encourage and give incentives to all OFW members who increased their monthly contributions which would mean higher dividend earnings and higher total savings.

Venue: Pag-IBIG Fund, 8/F Justine Bldg., 317 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Lead Agency: Pag-IBIG Fund
Contact Person: Sally C. Banal, Nova Kristal P. Pala
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Website: www.pagibigfund.gov.ph

Christmas Concert
December 22, 2013 (tentative)
Balikbayans/OFWs

Venue: TBA
Lead Agency: Department of Tourism/ Tourism Promotions Board
Contact Person: Ernesto Teston
TN: (02) 525-9318 loc. 244; 525-1255
Website: www.pinoyhomecoming.com.ph

New Year's Countdown
December 31, 2013
Open to the public

An exciting performances of various artists and the spectacular fireworks display to welcome the New Year.
Venue: TBA
Lead Agency: Cultural and Public Affairs Division, NPDC
TN: (02) 302-7374, 302-7079
Email: info@nationalparks.ph
Website: www.nationalparks.ph

OFW Business Center
All-year round
Open to arriving Balikbayan and Overseas Filipinos

To provide a "one-stop center" for the processing of various government documents such as NBI Clearance, LTO, SSS, etc.

Venue: Duty Free Philippines Fiestamall
Lead Agency: Duty Free Philippines-Marketing Department
TN: (02) 552-4356
Website: www.dfp.com.ph

Balikbayan Plus
All-year round
Open to arriving Balikbayan and Overseas Filipinos

Issuance of discount cards to Balikbayan/ OFWs that can be used in availing perks and privileges in different affiliated establishments.

Venue: Duty Free Philippines Fiestamall
Lead Agency: Duty Free Philippines-Marketing Department
TN: (02) 552-4356
Website: www.dfp.com.ph

Kabuhayan Plus Program
All-year round
Open to arriving Balikbayan and Overseas Filipinos

Offers free training to Balikbayans and Overseas Filipinos and the opportunity to buy tools and equipment in starting a business.

Venue: Duty Free Philippines Fiestamall
Lead Agency: Duty Free Philippines-Marketing Department
TN: (02) 552-4356
Website: www.dfp.com.ph

Pinoy Homecoming Program
All-year round
Open to arriving Balikbayan and Overseas Filipinos

A five-year program to provide various incentives to Balikbayans by visiting the country and be reunited with family and friends.

Venue: TBA
Lead Agency: Department of Tourism/ Tourism Promotions Board
Contact Person: Ernesto Teston
TN: (02) 525-9318 loc. 244, 525-1255
Website: www.pinoyhomecoming.com.ph

CELEBRATION OF THE MONTH OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

For Filipinos, the month of December is full of joyous celebrations. The 10 million Filipinos overseas who work and live in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide, have every reason to be merry because the whole nation is celebrating this month as a tribute for all their hard work and sacrifices, and their positive contributions to their host and home countries.

While Filipinos leaving the country are increasing through the years, more overseas Filipinos are also coming back home after almost four decades of toiling in foreign lands. Some are retiring due to their age, health conditions, while others are forced to come back because their contracts were short changed or mainly because of circumstances like conflicts or wars. Reintegration is thus the other reality that time and again migrant advocates and stakeholders have to address aside from their constant role of protecting and promoting migrants rights and welfare.

For more than a century now, Filipino migration has laid a strong groundwork in shaping the Philippines' image and standing in global affairs. It is on this note that the whole nation will again celebrate the Month of Overseas Filipinos (MOF) and give tribute to the Filipino migrants for their significant role as partner in the country's collective efforts towards national and local development.

For 2013 MOF, the chosen theme is "BALIK PINAS: Empowering Returning Overseas Filipinos and their Families." This is a testament to the reality that there's still so much to be done for returning overseas Filipinos. The Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) for the Celebration of the MOF and the International Migrants Day chaired by the Philippine Migrants Rights Watch and co-chaired by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas with other government and non-government agencies as members, has lined up various activities, programs and services benefiting Filipino migrants and their families, in line with this theme.

Several international and local instruments have been passed to recognize migrants as agents of global

development. In the Philippines, former President Corazon Aquino issued Proclamation No. 276 in June 1988, institutionalizing the commemoration of the Month of Overseas Filipinos every December. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed December 18 each year as International Migrants Day on 4 December 2000. On the important date, all member-states, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, will commence the occasion and disseminate information regarding the fundamental rights and freedom of migrants. An Inter-Agency Committee for the Celebration of the Month of Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants Day was created through Administrative Order No. 202 issued in October 2007.

The other members and partners of the IAC from government, private sector, and civil society include the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Tourism, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Film Development Council of the Philippines, Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office, Presidential Communications Operations Office, National Reintegration Center for OFWs, PhilHealth, Pag-IBIG Fund, Social Security System, Migrant Forum in Asia, Philippine Migrants Research Network, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, League of Cities of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines and Ateneo de Davao University, Origin 8 Media, and Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

2013 Calendar of Activities



and
International Migrants Day
DECEMBER 18

MOF Theme Balik Pinas: Empowering Returning Overseas Filipinos and their Families



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Commission on Filipinos Overseas



Week Nights @ 6
Every Tuesday to Sunday,
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Open to the public

It is in celebration of the NPDC's 50th Anniversary, in collaboration with the NCCA and various stakeholders. The event will feature the best of seven arts such as music, dance, theater, cinema, literature, architecture and visual arts; to promote sense of nationhood and pride in being Filipino through culture and arts.

Venue: Rizal Park, Ermita, Manila
Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee- Rizal Park
Contact Person: Gie Arnold, Shiela Javier
TN: (02) 302-7374, 302-7079
Email: nationalparks@gmail.com
Website: www.nationalparks.ph

Paco Park Presents
Every Friday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Open to the public

A regular public service project of NPDC which feature classical and soothing music.

Venue: Paco Park, Manila
Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee- Rizal Park
Contact Person: Gie Arnold, Florizza Buclatin
TN: (02) 302-7374, 302-7079
Email: nationalparks@gmail.com
Website: www.nationalparks.ph

Labs Kita, Sabado
Every Saturday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Open to the public

A whole new treat to visitors at the Park which feature various forms of entertainment such as pop concerts, theater performances, cultural presentation, art workshops, games, and other surprises.

Venue: Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium, Ermita, Manila
Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee- Rizal Park
Contact Person: Gie Arnold
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Website: www.nationalparks.ph

Concert at The Park
Every Sunday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Open to the public

It features the finest performances of various Filipino and international musical talents, aside from different cultural presentations held for free. It also won the Catholic Mass Media Hall of Fame Awards for Best Cultural Program.

Venue: Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium, Ermita, Manila
Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee- Rizal Park
Contact Person: Gie Arnold
TN: (02) 302-7374

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Website: www.nationalparks.ph

Community Education Program (CEP) on Migration and Human Trafficking
November 10 - December 8, 2013
Open to the public

An annual information campaign to raise public awareness on various issues concerning migration, intermarriages and existing government policies and programs directed against illegal recruitment, documentation fraud and trafficking in persons, among others.

Venue: CARAGA (Surigao del Norte, Agusan del Norte), Cagayan Valley (Isabela, Cagayan), Northern Mindanao (Misamis Oriental, Camiguin), Ilocos Region (Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union)
Lead Agency: Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Contact Person: Ivy Miravalles, Janet Ramos
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Website: www.cfo.gov.ph

Pamaskong Serbisyo sa OFWs . . . Isang Pasasalamat
November 12, 2012 to January 31, 2013
Open to Balik-Manggagawa (BM)/ Workers-on-Leave (WOL)

Pilot-testing of the Online BM OEC Appointment System, opening of more transaction counters, beefing up of the Mall Processing Centers, to show gratitude to the OFWs.

Venue: POEA, Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Duty Free Phils, Paranaque City, SM Manila, Trinoma Mall, Quezon City
Lead Agency: Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
Contact Person: Renato C. Limjucu, Genevieve C. Aguilar-Ardiente
TN: (02) 722-11-94, 721-07-85
Email: renz_nato@yahoo.com
Website: www.poea.gov.ph

"Out of the Box: The Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra at Rizal Park" Concert Series
November 23 and December 14, 2013
Open to the public

Venue: Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium, Ermita, Manila
Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee- Rizal Park
Contact Person: Gie Arnold, Shiela Javier
TN: (02) 302-7374, 302-7079
Email: nationalparks@gmail.com
Website: www.nationalparks.ph

Model OFW Family of the Year Awards (MOFYA)
December 9, 2013
By invitation only

An annual event of OWWA honoring and paying tribute to OFW families who remain solid and stable despite the odds and challenges they face and encounter. It aims to feature the best practices of OFW families in tackling the difficulties of migration and share the stories of success of Model OFW families that they may serve as an inspiration to others in overcoming the hardships of working abroad and boost the image of OFW families in the country.

Venue: Sofitel Hotel, Pasay City
Lead Agency: Overseas Workers Welfare Administration
Contact Person: Carmelina F. Velasquez
TN: (02) 891-6115
Email: carl_brunei@yahoo.com
Website: www.owwa.gov.ph

Pamaskong Handog sa OFWs -OFW Family Day
Whole month of December 2013
Open to OFWs and their families

It is an annual program of celebrating the Christmas season with the OFWs and their family members to bring joy to them during the Holiday season which is reunion and bonding time.

Venue: 17 Regional Offices specific venues to be identified by concerned Regional Offices
Lead Agency: Overseas Workers Welfare Organization
Contact Person: Carmelina F. Velasquez
TN: (02) 891-6115
Email: carl_brunei@yahoo.com
Website: www.owwa.gov.ph

Forum on the Month of Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants Day
December 2013 (tentative)
Open to the public

A forum on the role of overseas Filipinos and migrant workers in the promotion of Western Visayas to other countries as well as awareness on important issues and concerns.

Venue: to be announced
Lead Agency: Department of Tourism - Region VI
Contact Person: Manette Reyes
TN: (033) 335-0245, (02) 525-2928
Email: manettereys@gmail.com
Website: www.tourism.gov.ph

GMA News TV Libreng Tawag
December 3 and 10, 2012
Open to OFWs and their families

Free domestic and international calls for OFWs and their relatives who have transactions with POEA on the target date.

Venue: POEA grounds, Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City
Lead Agency: Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
Contact Person: Renato C. Limjucu, Genevieve C. Aguilar-Ardiente (GMA-7 Project Coordinator)
TN: (02) 722-11-94, 982-7777
Email: renz_nato@yahoo.com
Website: www.poea.gov.ph

"Handog ng Turismo Sa Inyo"
December 7, 2013 (tentative), 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Open to the public

A cultural show and exhibit which showcase the various tourist attractions and destinations of the region, highlighted with cultural presentations from various cultural troupes and local artist.

Venue: SM City Cagayan de Oro Atrium
Lead Agency: Department of Tourism
Contact Person: Decius Esmedalla, DOT - Region X
TN: (088) 856-4048
Website: www.tourism.gov.ph

Migration and Development Forum
2nd week December
By invitation only

A forum on migration and development, specifically on the "Result of Environment Scanning, OFW Situationer".

Venue: Oriental Mindoro
Lead Agency: PESO, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, and Provincial Tourism Investment and Enterprise Development Office
Contact Person: Czarina Medina
TN: (02) 718-1812, 534-6789

Migration and Development Forum
2nd week of December
By invitation only

A forum on migration and development with the local chief executives, coupled with fun fare activities.

Venue: Bohol
Lead Agency: Office of the Governor, PESO, OFW Desk
Contact Person: Czarina Medina
TN: (02) 718-1812, 534-6789

10th Megabalikbayan & OFW Expo
December 10-11, 2013
Open to the public (with Php20.00 registration fee)

It is a two day event that will provide the exhibitors with an opportunity to excel in their businesses and make a huge market base for them.

Venue: SMX Convention Center, Pasay
Lead Agency: Ex-Link Management & Marketing Services Corporation
TN: (02) 6433887, 6401280
Website: megabalikbayanofwexpo.com.ph

9-Nights of Christmas Carols
December 15-23, 2013, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Open to the public

A nightly performance of different choirs featuring traditional christmas carols.

Venue: Lapu-Lapu Area, Rizal Park
Lead Agency: Cultural and Public Affairs Division, NPDC
TN: (02) 302-7374, 302-7079
Email: info@nationalparks.ph
Website: www.nationalparks.ph

Simbang Gabi Sa Rizal Park
December 15-23, 2013, 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Open to the public

Novena masses held every December, it is the annual tradition of NPDC in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Nuestra Señora de Guia.

Venue: Binhi ng Kalayaan Garden, Rizal Park
Lead Agency: Cultural and Public Affairs Division, NPDC
TN: (02) 302-7374, 302-7079
Email: info@nationalparks.ph
Website: www.nationalparks.ph

Pamaskong Handog sa OFWs: Pamaskong Salubong
December 15-31, 2013
For all arriving OFWs

It is a year-end outreach program of the Department of Labor and Employment

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Calendar of Activities

Major Events

Nov. 22



Regional Forum on Migration in Davao
By invitation only

A regional forum on migration with a theme "Balik Pinas: Empowering Returning OFs and their Families".

Venue: Ateneo de Davao University, Davao City
Lead Agencies: Philippine Migrants Rights Watch, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Pag-IBIG, Ateneo de Davao University
Contact Person: Frencl Louie Tingga
TN: (02) 552-4766
Email: ftingga@cfo.gov.ph

Dec. 2 - Jan. 2014



Film Showing: Ilo Ilo
Regular Commercial Showing

Inspired from the true story of Director Anthony Chen and the Filipina household service worker who raised him as a child, Ilo Ilo is a moving tale of a Singaporean family and their Filipina worker- how people who are different age, sex, culture connect with each other despite all the fears, frustrations and doubts that surround them.

Venue: SM Cinemas, Trinoma, Shangri-la Plaza, Glorietta, select schools and universities
Lead Agencies: Origin 8 Media, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Philippine Migrants Rights Watch
Contact Person: Anna Liza Dinopol
TN: (02) 526-91-01
Email: tammy@origin8media.com

Nov. 29

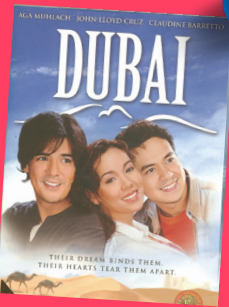


Regional Forum on Migration in La Union
By invitation only

A regional forum on migration with a theme "Balik Pinas: Empowering Returning OFs and their Families".

Venue: Ortega Gym, San Fernando, La Union
Lead Agencies: Philippine Migrants Rights Watch, Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines-ECMJ, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, National Commission for Culture and Arts, LGU of La Union
Contact Person: Veronica Amboni
TN: (02) 527-2206
Email: ncca_iao@yahoo.com
Website: www.ncca.gov.ph

Dec. 17-21



Film Showcase on Migration
Free Admission

A series of film showing (Dubai, Caregiver, Miss X, etc.) related to Philippine migration to educate the public of the pros and cons of working in a foreign land, and make them aware on issues and challenges faced by overseas Filipinos.

Venue: Cinematheque Baguio: Casa Vallejo, Upper Session Road, Baguio City; Cinematheque Iloilo: B & C Building, corner Iznart and Solis Streets, Iloilo City; Cinematheque Davao: Palma Gil Street, Davao City

Lead Agency: Film Development Council of the Philippines
Contact Person: Ryan Esteban
TN: (02) 846-2496, (02) 846-2885; TF: (02) 846-2883;

Cinematheque Baguio:
Contact Person: Mr. Joel Arthur Tibaldo
CP: 09178458534

Cinematheque Iloilo:
Contact Person: Ms. Daniella Caro
TN: (033) 3350543

Cinematheque Davao:
Contact Person: Mr. Philip Lat
TN: (082) 2824579
Email: cinematheque@fdcp.ph
Website: www.fdcp.ph

Dec. 18



National Forum on Migration
By invitation only

A national forum on migration with a theme "Balik Pinas: Empowering Returning OFs and their Families".

Venue: SSS Auditorium, Quezon City
Lead Agency: Philippine Migrants Rights Watch
Contact Person: Carmelita Nuqui
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Website: www.pmrw.org.ph

Dec. 18



Launching of BalinkBayan: One-stop online portal for overseas Filipinos
By invitation only

A web-based portal dedicated to overseas Filipinos, the BalinkBayan serves as a gateway for overseas Filipinos to engage in various ways (investment, donation, volunteerism) in an effort to contribute to Philippine development.

Venue: SSS, Quezon City
Lead Agency: Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Contact Person: Romeo Rosa
TN: (02) 552-4777
Email: rrosas@cfo.gov.ph
Website: www.cfo.gov.ph

Dec. 18



Migration Advocacy and Media (MAM) Awards
By invitation only

Awards given to private and public media works that have raised public awareness on issues on Filipino migration, advocated the cause of Filipinos overseas, or/and promoted a positive image of Filipinos overseas.

Venue: SSS Auditorium, Quezon City
Lead Agency: Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Contact Person: Khaasie Gapuzan, Reina Marie Calvo
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Website: www.cfo.gov.ph

Dec. 18



Cultural Show for Migrants and their Families
By invitation only

A cultural presentation (song and dance) for overseas Filipinos and their families to increase the understanding and awareness of Philippine culture.

Venue: SSS Auditorium, Quezon City
Lead Agency: National Commission for Culture and the Arts
Contact Person: Veronica D. Amboni
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Website: www.ncca.gov.ph