



Committee
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**December 15-31, 2014
(Monday- Wednesday)**

**Pamaskong Handog sa OFWs:
Pamaskong Salubong**
For all arriving OFWs

It is a year-end outreach program of the Department of Labor and Employment to bring Christmas cheers to arriving/ vacationing OFWs.

Venue: Philippines International Airports
Lead Agency: Overseas Workers Welfare Administration
Contact Info: Ma. Luz Talento, 891-7601 to 24 loc. 5902 or 5903

December 16, 2014 (Tuesday)

Tree Planting
By invitation only

A tree planting activity with Pag-IBIG members.

Venue: San Mateo, Rizal (Tentative)
Lead Agency: Pag-IBIG Fund
Contact Info: Sally C. Banal or Nova

Kristal P. Pala, (02) 892-4382/
(02) 840-1793

December 17, 2014 (Wednesday)

**Forty Years of Labor Migration:
Changes in the Field, Lessons
for Home**
Open to the public

To present research papers to give voice to these altered lives: as children of OFWs, members of faith-based groups, or beneficiaries of remittances; as individual migrants faced with choices for occupational mobility; or as survivors of crisis and emergency situations abroad.

Venue: PSSC Auditorium, Philippine Social Science Center, Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Lead Agencies: Philippine Migration Research Network and Philippine Social Science Center
Contact Info: (02) 929-2671

2nd week - 4th week of December

Balik Manggagawa
Open to arriving OFWs

To provide a warm homecoming reception to OFWs coming home for the holiday season. To show our modern day heroes that they are important and appreciated for their significant

contribution to the Philippine economy. A project initiated by the Department of Labor and Employment, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, together with the different national government agencies.

Venue: Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority
Lead Agencies: Department of Labor and Employment, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration
Contact Info: DOT - Region VII (032) 412-1967, DOLE (032) 266-9722/ 266-2792

December 31, 2014 (Wednesday)

New Year's Countdown
Open to the public

An exciting performances of various artists and the spectacular fireworks display to welcome the New Year.

Venue: Back of Rizal Monument, Rizal Park, Ermita, Manila (tentative)
Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee
Contact Info: Florizza Buclatin, 302-7079

In the Philippines, the month of December is filled with joyous and festive celebrations. It is also the time of the year when the whole nation is commemorating the hard work and sacrifices, achievements, and positive contributions in the host and home countries, of the more than 10 million overseas Filipinos worldwide.

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 Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) on the celebration of the Month of Overseas Filipinos (MOF) and International Migrants Day will again lead the month-long celebration as a tribute to the Filipino migrants for their significant role as partner in the country's collective efforts towards the goals of inclusive growth and national and local development.

With the emerging issues and concerns related to and affecting migrants' health such as mental health problems, HIV-AIDS and other infectious disease, and lack of access to basic health services, the theme for 2014 MOF is centered on the health and well-being of Filipinos overseas – "Promoting Migrants' Health for Sustainable Development". This is in recognition that the country's greatest wealth are its human resources, and a testament to the reality that there's still so much to be done for the welfare of overseas Filipinos.

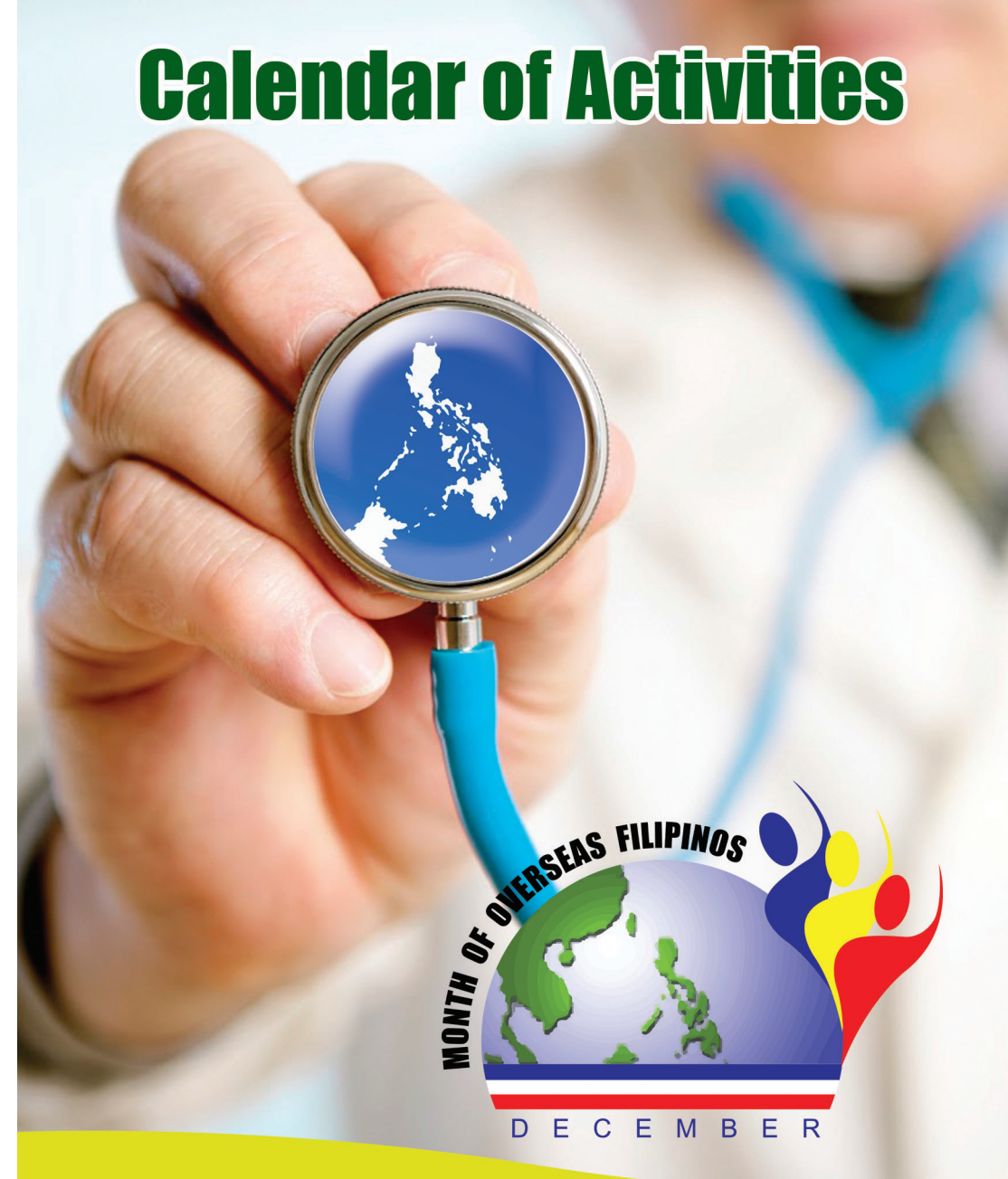
The IAC for the Celebration of the MOF and the International Migrants Day chaired by the Philippine Migrants Rights Watch and co-chaired by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas with other government and non-government agencies as members, has lined up various activities, programs and services benefiting 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 of the IAC from government and civil society include the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Health, 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 Provinces of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines, and League of Municipalities of the Philippines. Other partners of the IAC include the Philippine Embassy in Singapore, Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People in Singapore, and University of San Agustin in Iloilo.

Calendar of Activities



2014 Month of Overseas Filipinos

PROMOTING MIGRANT'S HEALTH FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Supported by:



November 5-9, 2014
(Wednesday- Sunday)

Furniture and Furnishings Fair
Open to the public

Aims to showcase the best furniture and furnishings of local manufacturers, forge sustainable business relationships between SMEs and trade partners, and provide opportunities that may lead to increased employment.

Venue: Filinvest Tent, Alabang, Muntinlupa City
Lead Agency: Bureau of Domestic Trade, Department of Trade and Industry
Contact Info: Ms. Victoria Magkalas, 751-0384 local 2511, BDT@dti.gov.ph

November 15, 2014 (Saturday)

Founding Anniversary of Occidental Mindoro
Open to the public

To showcase the talents and tourism attractions of the province.

Venue: Provincial Capitol Grounds, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro
Lead Agency: Provincial Tourism Office
Contact Info: (043) 711-1816

November 18-26, 2014
(Tuesday-Wednesday)

Ugnayan sa Nordic Countries: Engagement, Empowerment, Enterprise (U+No. =E3)
Open to overseas Filipinos in the Nordic countries

The activity presents an opportunity for CFO to strengthen its services for migrants, establish a network among the growing number of Filipino community organizations in Nordic countries and further encourage both financial and "social" remittances channeled towards the country's

development.

Venue: Norway, Iceland, Denmark, Sweden
Lead Agency: Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Contact Info: Ivy Miravalles, Jennifer Mareposque, (+632) 552-4700, mira216@yahoo.com, jen_mareposque@yahoo.com

November 25, 2014 (Tuesday)

2014 Walk to End Violence Against Women (VAW)
Open to the public

The activity aims to echo united voice in protecting women's human rights and ending VAW.

Venue: Quezon City Memorial Circle
Lead Agency: Philippine Commission on Women (PCW)
Contact Info: Ms. Jane Manahan , (02) 735-8509 or 735-1654 local 131, immd@pcw.gov.ph

November 26-28, 2014
(Wednesday-Friday)

Training on Mainstreaming Migration and Development in Local Plans and Investment Programs in Western Visayas
By invitation only

The training aims to mainstream Migration and Development into local plans and investment programs of the Local Government Units in the Western Visayas Region.

Venue: Smallville 21 Hotel, Iloilo City
Lead Agencies: National Economic and Development Authority VI, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Western Visayas League of Local Planning and Development Coordinators, and the University of San Agustin
Contact Information: Ma. Lourdes Miado, Andrea Luisa C. Anolin , 0925-5121558, 09175933494, mlmiado@

yahoo.com, alcanolin@yahoo.com

November 28, 2014 (Friday)

Ugnayan sa Middle East Forum: Engagement, Empowerment, Enterprise (U+ME=E3)
Open to overseas Filipinos in Middle East

The Forum presents an opportunity for CFO to reach out to the Filipinos in the Middle East and discuss various means of cooperation and engagement. It aims to strengthen CFO's services for migrants and to help establish a network among the growing number of Filipino community organizations in the Middle East region.

Venue: Philippine School Doha, 52, Saad Bin Surara, Old Murror, Al Messilah Area, Doha, Qatar
Lead Agency: Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Contact Info: Regina Galias, Kristine Domagas, (+632) 552-4795, rgalias@cfo.gov.ph, kdomagas@cfo.gov.ph

November 29 to December 3, 2014
(Saturday- Wednesday)

Ugnayan sa Roma: Engagement, Empowerment, Enterprise (U+Ro. =E3)
Open to overseas Filipinos in Rome

The activity presents an opportunity for CFO and the Philippine Embassy in Rome to strengthen its services for migrants, establish a network among the growing number of Filipino community organizations in Italy and further encourage both financial and "social" remittances channeled towards the country's development.

Venue: Rome, Italy
Lead Agency: Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Contact Info: Regina Galias/ Geronico Herrera, (+632) 552-4728, rgalias@cfo.gov.ph, gherrera@cfo.gov.ph

December 2014

Awarding of It's More Fun Christmas Package/Tokens for arriving OFWs

Open to arriving overseas Filipinos

To provide a warm welcome to visiting overseas Filipinos and returning OFWs.

Venue: Tuguegarao City Domestic Airport
Lead Agency: Department of Tourism - Region II
Contact Info: (078) 304-1503, dotr2@yahoo.com

Whole month of December 2014

Pamaskong Handog sa OFWs -OFW Family Day
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 Info: Carmelina F. Velasquez, 891-6115, carl_brunei@yahoo.com

Every Friday, 6:00-7:00 pm

Paco Park Presents
Open to the public

A regular public service project of NPDC which feature classical and soothing music to promote sense of nationhood and pride in being Filipino through culture and arts.

Venue: Paco Park, San Marcelino, Manila
Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee
Contact Info: Florizza Buclatin, 302-7079

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

Various performances featuring the best of seven arts: Music, Dance, Theater, Cinema, Literature, Architecture and Visual Arts. This is in celebration of the NPDC's 50th Founding Anniversary and in collaboration with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and various stakeholders.

Venue: Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium
Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee
Contact Info: Shiela Javier, 302-7079,

nationalparks@gmail.com

Every Saturday, 6:00-7:00 pm

Labs Kita, Sabado
Open to the public

A whole new treat to visitors at the Park which features 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:

the Catholic Mass Media Hall of Fame Award for Best Cultural Program.

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Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee
Contact Info: Florizza Buclatin, 302-7079

December 8, 2014 (Monday)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Puerto Galera
Open to the public

To organize pilgrim activity in Puerto Galera and promote agro-

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Migration Advocacy and Media 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, and migration and development.

Venue: SSS Magsaysay Hall, Social Security system, Quezon City
Lead Agency: Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Contact Info: Frencl Tingga, (+632) 552-4766, ftingga@cfo.gov.ph

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National Forum on Migrants Health
By invitation only

A forum tackling issues on Filipino migration with this year's theme "Promoting Migrants' Health for Sustainable Development".

Venue: SSS Magsaysay Hall, Social Security system, Quezon City
Lead Agencies: Department of Health, Philippine Migrants Rights Watch
Contact Info: Dr. Joel Buenaventura/ Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, (+632) 651-7800 loc. 1352/ 526-9101, jbuenaventura.bihc@gmail.com/ pmrw@pmrw.org.ph

National Parks Development Committee
Contact Info: Florizza Buclatin, 302-7079

Every Sunday, 6:00-7:00 pm

Concert at the Park
Open to the public

Be serenaded by the finest performances of various Filipino and international musical talents. Various cultural presentations are held for free. Concert at the Park has won

trade fair.

Venue: Municipal town Plaza, Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro
Lead Agency: Municipal Tourism Office
Contact Info: (043) 287-3051

December 8, 2014 (Monday)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
Open to the public

To promote the

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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 Magsaysay Hall, Social Security system, Quezon City
Lead Agency: National Commission for Culture and the Arts
Contact Person: Veronica D. Amboni, (+632) 527-2206, intl_affairs@ncca.gov.ph

December 10-12, 2014
(Wednesday-Friday)

Megabalikbayan and OFW Expo
Open to the public

The event will showcase various products and services and link attendees with professionals and exhibitors of the event. It will also 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
Contact Info: 643-3887, 640-1280

December 10-12, 2014
(Wednesday- Friday)

OFW Family Bazaar
Open to public

A bazaar for OFWs and their families.

Venue: Parking Lot, Justine Bldg., 317 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City
Lead Agency: Pag-IBIG Fund
Contact Info: Sally C. Banal or Nova Kristal P. Pala, (02) 892-4382/ (02) 840-1793

December 10-12, 2014
(Wednesday- Friday)

Psycho-Social Assistance Training – Workshop
By invitation only

Training-workshop on delivering psycho-social assistance to survivors of natural calamities or man-made disasters.

Venue: Golden Prince Hotel and Suites, Cebu City
Lead Agencies: Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Israel Trauma Coalition, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
Contact Info: Camille Lacaba, 0906-4382292, lacaba@gmail.com

December 13, 2014 (Saturday)

Puerto Princesa Bay as one of the major tourist attractions in Puerto Princesa City and organize activities such as fluvial parade and cultural presentations.

Venue: Baywalk, Puerto, Princesa City
Lead Agency: City Tourism Office
Contact Info: (048) 433-2983/433-4211

December 10, 2014 (Wednesday)

Fund Coordinators' Club (FFC) Meeting and Christmas Party
By invitation

Venue: 8F Training Rm, Justine Bldg., 317 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City
Lead Agency: Pag-IBIG Fund
Contact Info: Sally C. Banal or Nova Kristal P. Pala, (02) 892-4382/ (02) 840-1793

KAKAMMPI's Gawad Parangal 2014
By invitation

The Awards annually honor individuals from various industries, who actively advance the welfare and human dignity of overseas Filipino workers.

Venue: 8F Training Rm, Justine Bldg., 317 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City
Lead Agency: Pag-IBIG Fund
Contact Info: Fe Nicodemus, (02) 553-8656 or Sally C. Banal, (02) 892-4382/ (02) 840-1793

December 13, 2014, 5:00 pm
(Saturday) (tentative)

Merry Treats: A CAUSEtoPLAY and Mascorade
Open to the public

Back-to-back treats for families and park goers which will serve as the kick-off event for the Christmas season. A parade of cosplayers and mascots around the park and a program full of surprises for kids and kids-at-heart will take place afterwards.

Venue: Central Section, Rizal Park, Ermita, Manila
Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee
Contact Info: Florizza Buclatin, 302-7079

December 15, 2014 (Monday)

Migration Crisis Management: The Duty Bearers' Conference
By invitation only

A high-level conference that aims to provide a participative platform for taking stock of the migration crisis situation, ongoing response programme interventions, analysis of gaps and challenges, and recommendations/calls for support; and provide an opportunity to participations to validate the research output on the country's migration crisis management experience undertaken by the Philippine Social Science Council-Philippine Migration Research Network.

Venue: Hyatt Regency Hotel and Casino Manila, Malate, Manila
Lead Agency: International Organization for Migration
Contact Info: Regina Calzado, Ifrigo Koh, 230-1755, 230-1756, rcalzado@iom.int ikoh@iom.int

December 15-23, 2014, 6:00-7:00 pm
(Monday- Tuesday)

9-Nights of Christmas Carols
Open to the public

An annual public service project for the holiday season. Performances of different choirs will be presented.

Venue: Cave Area, Rizal Park, Ermita, Manila
Lead Agency: National Parks Development Committee
Contact Info: Marianne Bool, 302-7079

December 15-23, 2014, 8:30-9:30 pm
(Monday-Tuesday)

Simbang Gabi sa Rizal Park
Open to the public

This series of nine masses held every December is an annual tradition of NPDC, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Nuestra Señora de Guia (Ermita Church).

Venue: Cave Area, Rizal Park, Ermita, Manila
Lead Agency: National Parks Development

25 NOV

Regional Forum and Health Fair in Iloilo
By invitation only

A forum tackling issues on Filipino migration with this year's theme "Promoting Migrants' Health for Sustainable Development".

Venue: University of San Agustin, General Luna St., Iloilo City
Lead Agencies: Philippine Migrants Rights Watch, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, University of San Agustin
Contact Info: Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, Frencl Tingga, (+632) 526-9101, 552-4766 pmrw@pmrw.org.ph, ftingga@cfo.gov.ph

30 NOV

International Forum in Singapore

Open to overseas Filipinos in Singapore

The first international forum conducted by IAC, tackling issues on Filipino migration with this year's theme "Promoting Migrants' Health for Sustainable Development".

Venue: CANA Catholic Centre, No. 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore
Lead Agencies: Philippine Migrants Rights Watch, Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Contact Info: Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, Frencl Tingga, (+632) 526-9101, 552-4766 pmrw@pmrw.org.ph, ftingga@cfo.gov.ph

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Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas
By invitation only

Awards conferred by the President of the Philippines to honor and recognize overseas Filipinos and organizations which have selflessly supported relief, rehabilitation and development programs in the Philippines, contributed to the betterment of Filipino communities abroad or who have exceptionally excelled in their field of profession.

Venue: Malacañan Palace, Manila
Lead Agency: Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Contact Info: Rodrigo Garcia, (+632) 552-4765, rgarcia@cfo.gov.ph

Major Events