

MAJOR ACTIVITES

REGIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION IN DAVAO

Ateneo de Davao University, Davao City
November 16, 2016, 9:00 am- 5:00 pm

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION IN KUALA LUMPUR

The Federal Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
November 20, 2016, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION IN SEOUL

Keb Hana Plaza, Seoul, South Korea
November 27, 2016, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

NATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION

SSS Auditorium, Quezon City
December 15, 2016, 11:30 am-7:00 pm

MIGRANTS' HEALTH FAIR IN BATANGAS

Batangas Provincial Office, Batangas City
December 16, 2016, 7:00 am-4:00 pm

The yearly tradition of the month-long celebration for Filipino migrants started with President Corazon Aquino's issuing Proclamation No. 276 to institutionalize the commemoration. The IAC is chaired by the Philippine Migrants Rights Watch, and co-chaired by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas as provided for in Administrative Order No. 202 and MOF Resolution No. 01-2014. The other members and partners of the IAC are a diverse combination of government agencies, representatives from the private sector and the civil sector, which include the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Health, Department of Tourism, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Trade and Industry, Presidential Communications Operations Office, Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Film Development Council of the Philippines, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, National Reintegration Center for OFWs, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, Pag-IBIG Home Development Mutual Fund, Social Security System, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, League of Provinces of the Philippines, League of Cities of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines, Philippine Migration Research Network, and Migrant Forum in Asia.

Other partners of the IAC for this year include Ateneo de Davao University, Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Philippine Embassy in Seoul, Filipino-Korean Spouses Association, Filipino Photographers in South Korea, Filipino EPS Workers' Association, and PINOY Iskolars sa Korea.

2016 MONTH OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

In the past celebrations of the Month of Overseas Filipinos, its themes tackled pressing issues affecting the rights and welfare of our migrants. This led to further awareness on certain issues, development of initiatives and strengthened implementation of policies and programs. This year, it is an opportune time for us to tap on the full potential of our overseas Filipinos as culture bearers.

Our overseas Filipinos are well-recognized for their significant contribution to our economy, through remittances as well as through their ventures into the local economy. However, we also have to fully recognize them for their cultural influence in the global scene. We are always inspired of hearing stories of Filipino migrants leaving cultural impact to their workplace, whether they are domestic workers, skilled, professionals and the like. During our celebration of International Day of Migrants in 2013, we have showcased the award-movie "Ilo Ilo" by Singaporean director Anthony Chen. He said that the inspiration for the movie was his experience with his Filipina nanny, where her hard-working and caring nature made him appreciate the value of family togetherness. Foreign colleagues of Filipinos in their workplace sometimes get fascinated on certain practices of Filipinos, such as their lifestyle, food and habits. This curiosity leads them to a further appreciation of Filipino culture as well as the drive for them to visit the Philippines to experience such.

Ms. Jasmine Lee, who rose to fame in South Korea as a television personality and actress, was also elected as a representative in their National Assembly. She is the first non-ethnic and naturalized Korean to become a lawmaker.

We also have to look into the numerous overseas Filipinos who have excelled in the arts, yet not much are given their due recognition. Despite several award-giving bodies that recognize such feats, such as that from the NCCA and the CFO, there are still others whose skills are yet to be recognize and appreciated. It is high time for us to provide awareness of their presence and encourage others to showcase their crafts.

This form of cultural influence of migrants has been coined as Diaspora Diplomacy by researchers. Although there are limited studies on this matter, they have noted that migrant influences is considered a more aggressive path for developing states when it comes to international relations and diplomacy. According to Dr. Jay Gonzalez of the Golden Gate University, the power of Philippine diaspora diplomacy comes from its capacity to influence, charm, persuade and assert in order to solidify ties, creating a two-way, open, consensual and respectful relations.

In line with the MOF celebration and the commemoration of the International Day of Migrants that is celebrated every 18th of December, several activities organized by the IAC are slated in the national, regional and international levels.

December
Month of Overseas Filipinos

December 18
International Migrants Day

MOF CALENDAR OF ACTIVITES

OVERSEAS
FILIPINOS
AS
CULTURE
BEARERS:

TUNAY NA
MALIKHAIN,
MATATAG, AT
MASIPAG

Supported by:



November 16, 2016
9:00 am- 5:00 pm
REGIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION IN DAVAO

Venue: Ateneo de Davao University, Davao City
Open to OFs and their families, government agencies' representatives, civil society organizations, the academe and students.

Regional Forum on Migration with the theme “Overseas Filipinos as Culture Bearers: Tunay na Malikhain, Matatag at Masipag”. The forum will include a cultural show and film showing of “Magtanggol” for the participants.

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November 20, 2016
9:00 am-2:00 pm
INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION IN KUALA LUMPUR
Venue: The Federal Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Open to OFs and their families

International Forum on Migration with the theme “Overseas Filipinos as Culture Bearers: Tunay na Malikhain, Matatag at Masipag”. The forum includes a cultural show and delivery of services from the Philippine Embassy, OWWA, SSS, Pag-IBIG, etc. for migrants. The Forum is co-organized by the IAC-MOF with the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Philippine Labor Office and the Overseas Workers' Welfare Administration.

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November 27, 2016
9:00 am-5:00 pm
INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION IN SEOUL
Venue: Keb Hana Plaza, Seoul, South Korea
Open to OFs and their families

International Forum on Migration with the theme “Overseas Filipinos as Culture Bearers: Tunay na Malikhain, Matatag at Masipag”. The forum include a cultural presentations, film showing of “Imbisibol” and delivery of services from the POLO, POEA BM Online, OWWA Registration, SSS, Pag-IBIG, and other services from different groups in Seoul. The Forum is co-organized by the IAC-MOF with the Philippine Embassy in Seoul, Filipino-Korean Spouses Association, Filipino Photographers in South Korea, Filipino EPS Workers' Association, and PINOY Iskolars sa Korea.

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December 1& 2, 2016
NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND LIVELIHOOD SUMMIT
Venue: Occupational Safety and Health Center Philippines, Quezon City
By invitation

The government, through DTI and DOLE, will gather the public and private sectors and members of the academe to develop a national employment program, a strategic plan that supports the National Development and Security Strategy geared towards the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022.

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December 4, 2016
GRAND MARIAN PROCESSION
Venue: Manila Cathedral, Intramuros, Manila
Open to the public

Visitors will experience Filipino religious tradition through 100 Images of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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December 5, 2016
1:00 pm-5:00 pm
HAPPY OFW CHRISTMAS PARTY
Venue: SSS Auditorium, Quezon City
By invitation

“Now on its fifth year, the party and forum will have a theme “Celebrating Change!”

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December 5-6, 2016
DIALOGUE ON THE INTERRELATIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC POLICIES, MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES
Venue: Bayleaf Hotel, Intramuros, Manila
By invitation

The Dialogue is organised by the OECD Development Centre and the European Commission in collaboration with the National Economic and Development Authority, Commission on Filipinos Overseas and the Scalabrini Migration Center. Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development is the result of a project co-funded by the EU Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum, and carried out by the OECD Development Centre in ten partner countries: Armenia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Georgia, Haiti, Morocco and the Philippines. The project aims to provide policy makers with evidence on the way migration influences specific sectors – labour market, agriculture, education, investment and financial services, and social protection and health – and, in turn, how sectoral policies affect migration.

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December 6, 2016
3:00 pm- 5:00 pm
PUBLIC LECTURE ON MIGRATION AND ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIES
Venue: UPPI Seminar Room, UP Diliman, Quezon City
Open to the public

Dr. Philip Kelly of the York Center for Asian research will deliver a public lecture on Migration and Alternative Economies: Non Capital Practices and Imaginaries between Canada and the Philippines.

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December 7-11, 2016
NATIONAL FOOD FAIR
Venue: SM Mega Trade Hall B, 5th Level, EDSA Mandaluyong City

With a theme “Piling-Piling Produktong Pilipino”, DTI is bringing the best products from local SMEs from all over regions to Metro Manila.

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December 8, 2016
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (EDT)
Venue: Migrants Resource Center, Bicol Central Station, Naga City
By invitation

Investing time and efforts to Naga City Migrants Cooperative (NACIMICO) through EDT towards a long-term economic growth for their cooperative, themselves, their families and community.

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December 10, 2016
6TH OFW GAWAD PARANGAL
Venue: Patio De Manila, Malate, Manila
By invitation

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

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December 11, 2016
4:00 pm (tentative)
MERRY TREATS: A CAUSETOPLAY AND MASCORADE
Venue: Central Section of Rizal Park, Manila
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. There will be a parade of cosplayers and mascots around the park and an afternoon program full of surprises for kids and kids-at-heart.

Marianne Bool,
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December 12, 2016
OFW DAY
Venue: City Garden Grand Hotel, Kalayaan Avenue, Makati City
By invitation

This activity pays tribute to our hardworking OFWs who continue to commit themselves in uplifting their families' standard of living and to their significant role in nation's economic progress.

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December 14-15, 2016
9:00 am-5:00 pm
NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Venue: Cocoon Boutique Hotel, Scout Tobias corner Scout Rallos Streets, Quezon City
By invitation

The event is being organized by the Joint Migration and Development Initiative, National Economic and Development Authority, Commission on Filipinos Overseas and CIFAL Philippines. The National Consultation has two parts: 1. Presentation of the Philippine report on the Joint Migration and Development Initiative or JMDI's various projects, activities and outputs; and 2. Consultation on the key points/provisions/statements related to migration and development for inclusion in the successor Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 as well as the Regional Development Plans.

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December 15, 2016
11:30 am-7:00 pm
NATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION
Venue: SSS Auditorium, Quezon City
By invitation to OFs and their families

National Forum on Migration with the theme “Overseas Filipinos as Culture Bearers: Tunay na Malikhain, Matatag at Masipag.” This forum aims to provide awareness on the importance of OFs as culture bearers through their promotion of arts and culture in the global scale, opening venues for support from other sectors and inspiring other OFs who wish to pursue in this field. The forum includes a cultural show and film showing for the participants.

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December 15, 2016
MOF 2016 LOCAL AND OVERSEAS JOB FAIR
Venue: SM City Activity Center, Naga
Open to the public

A Local and Overseas Job Fair featuring employment facilitation for local and overseas jobseekers and safe migration awareness.

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December 15-23, 2016
6:00 pm-7:00 pm
9-NIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Venue: Second Floor of the Cave at Rizal Park, Manila
Open to the public

Annual public service project of NPDC for the holiday season. Performances of different choirs will be presented.

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December 15-23, 2016
8:30 pm-9:30 pm
SIMBANG GABI SA RIZAL PARK
Venue: Cave Area, Rizal Park, Manila
Open to the public

Series of nine novena masses every month of December, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Nuestra Señora de Guia (Ermita Church).

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December 16, 2016
7:00 am-4:00 pm
MIGRANTS' HEALTH FAIR IN BATANGAS
Venue: Batangas Provincial Office, Batangas City
Open to OFs and their families

The Migrants' Health Fair aims to provide free health promotional activities to the Overseas Filipinos and their family members. Services include basic medical check-up, massage, etc.

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December 16, 2016 – January 14, 2017
PAMASKONG HANDOG SA OFWs
Venue: NAI/A and Select International Airports in the regions
Open to OFWs

An annual institutional event which forms part of OWWA's “Christmas Gift” for the vacationing OFWs and their families with the following component

activities: 1. Presidential Salubong: Vacationing OFWs receive warm welcome upon arrival at the airport from no less than the President and other government officials, and event partners/sponsors; 2. Family Day: A fun-filled activity where OFW and their families are treated not just to a day of surprises but also the availment of services such as medical mission, paralegal services, skills and livelihood trainings and such other activities which are related to the theme of the event.

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OWWA's Pamaskong Handog Organizing Committee

Rey Tayag, Regional Operations Coordinating Service (ROCS)

December 19, 2016
PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS
Venue: Malacanan Palace, Manila
By invitation

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.

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December 19, 2016
2nd PANGASINAN NIGHT JOB MARKET
(local and overseas)
Venue: Pangasinan PESO Compound, Alvear St., Capitol Complex, Lingayen

Night Job Market starts at 6pm to 12 midnight and will be open to the general public but is primarily intended for returning OFWs, underemployed Pangasinenses and those who could not avail of regular job fairs because of their daytime commitments/obligations.

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December 19, 2016
PAMASKONG HANDOG PARA SA GLOBAL PINOYS 2016
Venue: SM City Activity Center, Naga
Open to OFs and their families

To give Bicolano Global Pinoys and their families a memorable and entertaining Pamaskong Handog celebration.

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December 21, 2016
2016 MOF AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY CULMINATING ACTIVITY
Venue: Migrants Resource Center, Bicol Central Station, Naga City
Open to OFs and their families

Solidarity Night for OF families, M&D Local and National Actors and Stakeholders. It is also the Naga City Migrants Resource Center 1st Year Anniversary Celebration.

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December 25, 2016
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Venue: Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium, Manila
Open to the public

A special Christmas Day concert at the Park, to bring fun and quality entertainment to the public.

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December 31, 2016
NEW YEAR'S COUNTDOWN
Venue: Burnham Green or at the back of Rizal Monument Rizal Park, Manila
Open to the public

A variety show consisting of colorful dance party, exciting performances from different artists, bands and fireworks display.

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Every Friday 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm
WEEKNIGHTS @ 6
Venue: Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium
Open to the public

Performances on the Best of Seven Arts featuring music, dance, theater, cinema, literature, architecture and visual arts. It aims to promote sense of nationhood and pride in being Filipino through culture and arts; and to bring enjoyment fun and quality entertainment to the public.

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Every Friday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
PACO PARK PRESENTS
Venue: Paco Park, San Marcelino, Manila
Open to the public

A regular concert featuring classical and soothing music every Friday night at the historic Paco Park. It is a recipient of the Catholic Mass Media Hall of Fame Award for Best Cultural Program. It aims 1.To preserve and develop cultural space for creative and artistic expressions; 2. To increase cultural awareness and literacy in the country; 3. To broaden engagement with other sectors/ stakeholders in the development and promotion of culture and the arts; and 4. To increase regional participation.

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Every Saturday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
LABS KITA, SABADO
Venue: Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium, Manila
Open to the public

Experience the best of modern performances such as acoustic nights, pop/rock concerts, hip-hop, jazz and contemporary ballet and other dances.

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Every Sunday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
CONCERT AT THE PARK
Venue: Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium,Manila
Open to the public

Longest running cultural show of NPDC and recipient of the Catholic Mass Media Hall of Fame Award for Best Cultural Program.

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