

2017 MONTH OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

The annual celebration of the Month of Overseas Filipinos started with President Corazon Aquino issuing Proclamation No. 276 in 1988 which institutionalized the month-long celebration every December. This is in recognition of the significant contributions of overseas Filipinos to Philippine development and the restoration of Philippine democracy.

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 by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. The IAC is composed of the following members:

- Philippine Migrants Rights Watch (Chair)
- Commission on Filipinos Overseas (Co-Chair)
- 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
- 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
- Migrant Forum in Asia

The IAC is tasked to come up with activities for the MOF celebration.

The theme of this year's MOF is "ENHANCING REINTEGRATION: LEAVING NO MIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES BEHIND." This is in line with the policy pronouncement of President Rodrigo Duterte of providing assistance to overseas Filipinos and bringing government services closer to migrants, including the reintegration program. It will also highlight the various reintegration programs and services offered by the government to returning OFWs and other overseas Filipinos. These services will cover psycho-social, livelihood and investment, and employment, among others.

The major activities lined-up for this year's celebration are the Regional Forum on Migration and Migrants Health Fair in Bataan and Camarines Sur, International Forum on Migration in Hong Kong and Qatar, and the National Forum on Migration in Manila, which will be the culminating MOF activity on December 18. Part of the National Forum are also three MOF-related activities such as Film Showing on Migration, Cultural Show, and Awarding Ceremony for the Migration Advocacy and Media Awards.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

REGIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND
MIGRANTS' HEALTH FAIR IN CAMARINES SUR
Capitol Convention Center, Pili, Camarines Sur
November 6, 2017; 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

REGIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND
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Bataan People Center, Balanga, Bataan
November 9, 2017; 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

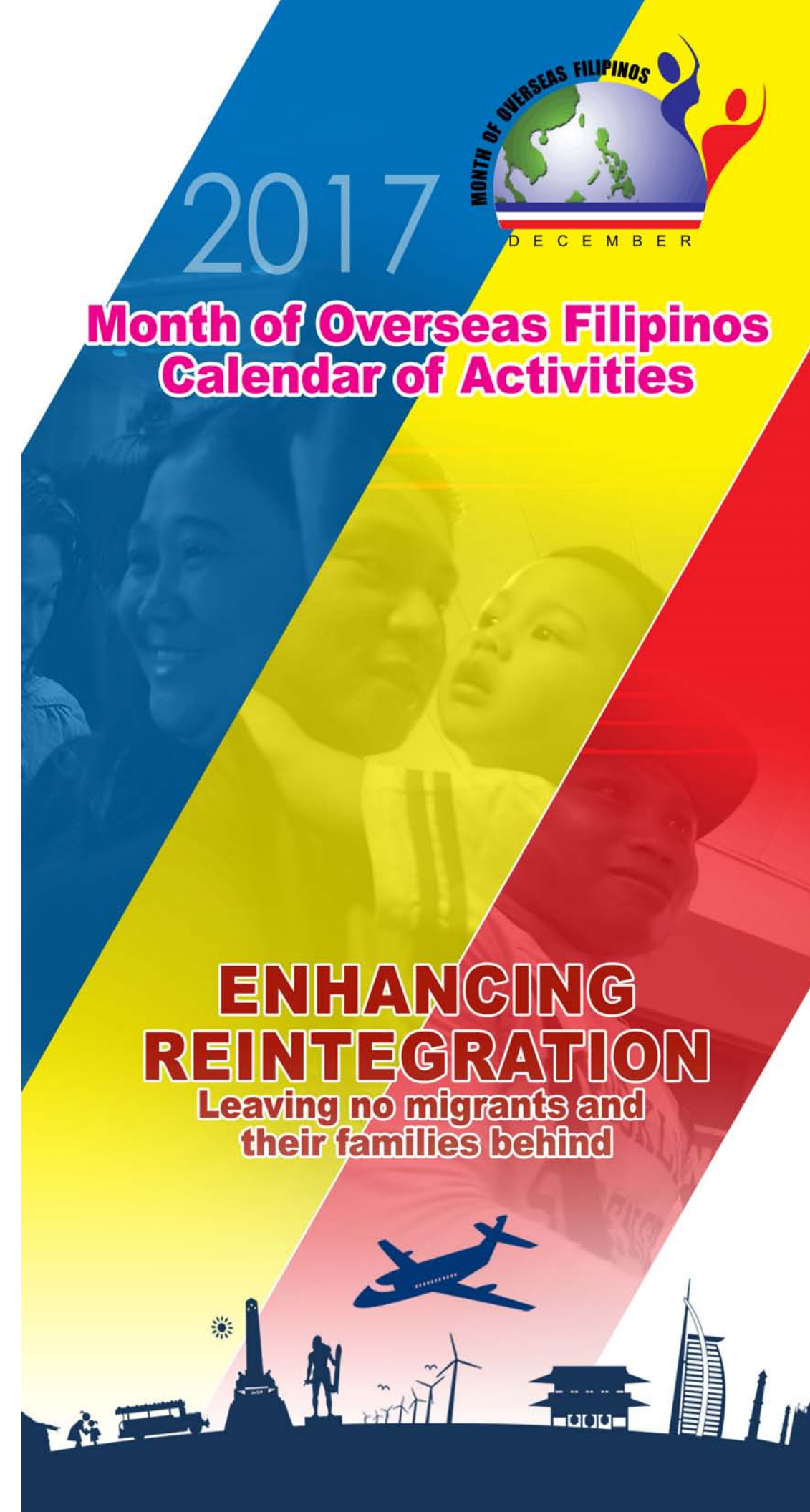
INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION IN HONG KONG
Admiralty Conference Centre, Hong Kong
November 19, 2017; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION IN QATAR
Intercontinental Doha, Qatar
December 1, 2017; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

NATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION
Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City
December 18, 2017; 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

MIGRATION ADVOCACY AND MEDIA AWARDS
Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City
December 18, 2017; 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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November 6, 2017
7:00 am – 12:00 nn

MIGRANTS’ HEALTH FAIR
IN CAMARINES SUR

Venue: Capitol Convention Center,
Pili, Camarines Sur
Open to OFs and their families in
Camarines Sur

The Migrants’ Health Fair with the theme “Overseas Filipinos: Saan mang Sulok, Kalusugan Maaabot” aims to provide free health promotional and wellness activities to Overseas Filipinos and their family members. Activities and services include hataw exercise, basic medical check-up, healthy lifestyle promotion, etc.

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November 6, 2017
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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MIGRATION IN CAMARINES SUR

Venue: Capitol Convention Center, Pili,
Camarines Sur
Open to OFs and their families, government
agencies’ representatives, civil society
organizations, the academe and students

Regional Forum on Migration with the theme “Enhancing Reintegration: Leaving No Migrants and Their Families Behind.” Part of the Forum will include a cultural show and film showing on migration for the participants.

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MIGRANTS’ HEALTH FAIR
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Balanga, Bataan
Open to OFs and their families in Bataan

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November 10, 2017
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION
FOR SEAFARERS AWARDING

Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati

Final judging and awarding of grand prize winner of the business plan competition for seafarers and their families. The competition aims to harness seafarers capacities for business enterprise development.

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November 16-23, 2017

PILOT TESTING OF WOMEN
R.E.A.C.H. MODULES

Venue: POLO, Kuwait
By invitation only

Pilot testing of livelihood modules targeting OFW women.

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November 19, 2017
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON
MIGRATION IN HONG KONG

Venue: Admiralty Conference Centre,
Hong Kong
Open to OFs in Hong Kong

International Forum on Migration with the theme “Enhancing Reintegration: Leaving No Migrants and Their Families Behind.” Aside from the Forum, there will be a cultural show and delivery of services from the government agencies participating – NRCO, CFCO, Philippine Consulate General, SSS, Pag-IBIG,

etc. for migrants. The Forum is co-organized by the IAC-MOF with the Philippine Consulate General in Hong Kong and Philippine Overseas Labor Office.

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FINANCIAL LITERACY SUMMIT
IN SINGAPORE

Venue: Singapore Expo and Convention
Centre, Singapore
Open to OFs (with registration fee)

A Financial Literacy Summit organized by NRCO and TGFI Event for OFWs.

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November 28, 2017
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

1ST NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
MIGRATION HEALTH RESEARCH

Venue: Diamond Hotel, Manila
By invitation only

The symposium will serve as a platform for relevant stakeholders to share and discuss findings of researches relevant to migration and health with the aim of identifying gaps and propose actions to help address them.

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December 1, 2017
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

INTERNATIONAL FORUM
ON MIGRATION IN QATAR

Venue: Intercontinental Doha
Open to OFs in Qatar

International Forum on Migration with the theme “Enhancing Reintegration: Leaving No Migrants and Their Families Behind.” Aside from the Forum, there will be a cultural show, film showing and delivery of services from the government agencies participating – NRCO, Philippine Embassy, SSS, Pag-IBIG, etc. for migrants. The Forum is co-organized by the IAC-MOF with the Philippine Embassy in Doha and Philippine Overseas Labor Office.

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December 4, 2017
10:00 am- 4:00 pm

IEC AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATING
FOR SEAFARERS

Venue: Ynares Center, Shaw
Boulevard, Pasig City
Open to all seafarers, OFWs and families

Dubbed as “Seafarer, Kapartner ka ng PhilHealth” aims to discuss PhilHealth membership and benefits of seafarers and OFWs. They will also be given an opportunity to have their membership updated and their concerns about claims and contributions among others be addressed.

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December 5, 2017
5:00 - 8:00 pm

2017 MODEL OFW FAMILY OF THE
YEAR AWARD (MOFYA) NIGHT

Venue: Malacañan Palace, Manila
By invitation only

For the past 12 years the OWWA awards outstanding OFW Family (from the landbased and seabased categories) who exemplify family solidarity, financial stability, steady and enduring family ties, outstanding community service and success in business venture. There are 34 regional winners families competing for this year’s title.

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December 6, 2017
1:00 – 5:00 pm

FORUM ON NEW INITIATIVES IN
MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT:
PERSPECTIVE FROM LGUS

Venue: Philippine Social Science Center,
Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Open to the public

A forum on M&D Initiatives from the perspective of local government units.

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December 7, 2017
11:00 am - 6:15 pm

GLOBAL MIGRATION
FILM FESTIVAL

Venue: Alliance Française de Manille, 209
Nicanor Garcia St., Makati City
Open to the public

The second edition of the annual Festival will explore the challenges and promises of migration, the heterogenous journey of migrants, moving from one location to another, settling for temporary or permanent periods, in search for a better future and economic

prosperity, reuniting with loved ones, or fleeing war and despair. Of special interest for the Philippines, will be the screening of the Filipino award winning short film, “Twighead”.

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December 9, 2017

7TH OFW GAWAD PARANGAL

Venue: Patio De Manila, Malate, Manila

By invitation only

The OFW Gawad Parangal is Kapisanan ng mga Kamag-anak ng Migranteng Manggagawang Pilipino, Inc (KAKAMMPI)’s way of thanking and recognizing individuals, groups and organizations who share their time, skills and resources for the welfare of the OFWs. The nominations came from the OFWs in the organization and the winners were chosen thru votes.

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December 11, 2017
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

SURVIVORS’ DAY CELEBRATION

Venue: Bayview Park Hotel, Manila
Open to survivors of human trafficking and
members of their families

With the theme “Survivors Empowering Survivors,” this year’s Survivors’ Day celebration is meant to empower and provide more support to survivors through theater and arts.

This is organized by the Development Action for Women Network, with support from the IACAT, the Asia Foundation and CFCO.

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December 14-15, 2017
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

CSO SUMMIT AND
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON TIP: CONSULTATION ON
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
REGIONAL GUIDELINES AND
PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS
THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS OF
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Venue: Century Park Hotel, Pasay City
By invitation only

The conference aims to gather inputs from civil society organizations on good practices in countering TIP to address the needs of victims of TIP. It is also a consultation on the development of the Regional Guidelines and Procedures to Address the Needs of Victims of Trafficking in Persons.

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December 18, 2017
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

NATIONAL FORUM ON MIGRATION

Venue: PICC, Pasay City
Open to OFs and their families, government
agencies’ representatives, civil society
organizations, the academe and students

With the theme “Enhancing Reintegration: Leaving No Migrants and Their Families Behind,” this forum will highlight the various reintegration programs and services offered to returning OFWs, trafficking victims and other overseas Filipinos. Part of the Forum will include a film showing courtesy of FDCP, the launch of PMRW’s book, “Migrants’ Stories, Migrants’ Voices 6,” IOM’s MigApp and cultural presentation courtesy of NCCA.

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LAUNCHING OF MIGAPP

Venue: PICC, Pasay City
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agencies’ representatives, civil society
organizations, the academe and students

MigApp will be launched globally on International Migrants Day and will be available for download from Google Play and the App Store. The MigApp leverages the widespread use of mobile telecommunications to bring a secure and user-friendly downloadable app from where migrants can access information and services relevant to their own migration process.

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December 18, 2017
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

MIGRATION ADVOCACY
AND MEDIA AWARDS

Venue: PICC, Pasay City
By invitation only

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

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