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**NOMINATION FOR 2008 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS
FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS**

NEW YORK - The Philippine Consulate General New York announces the search for the 2008 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas. The Presidential Awards is a biennial search conducted by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) and the Philippine Foreign Service Posts to recognize exceptional individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to Philippine progress and development, and to overseas Filipinos who have shown excellence and distinction in their work or profession.

Instituted in 1991, it has so far been conferred on 238 overseas-based individuals and organizations from 37 countries. There are four Award categories:

- Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (LINKAPIL) - conferred on Filipino associations or individuals for their exceptional or significant contribution to reconstruction, progress and development in the Philippines;
- Banaag – conferred on Filipino associations and individuals for their contributions which have significantly benefited a sector or community in the Philippines, or advanced the cause of overseas Filipino communities;
- Kaanib ng Bayan - conferred on foreign individuals or 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; and
- Pamana ng Pilipino – conferred on Filipinos 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.

Starting 2 January 2008, the CFO will be accepting endorsements from the Philippine Foreign Service Posts to determine the nominees. The awarding ceremony will be in Malacanang Palace in December 2008.

For more information about the rules, guidelines and categories, the Primer for the Presidential Awards as well as nomination and endorsement forms (which may be reproduced), may be downloaded at www.cfo.gov.ph. For the northeast USA, the completed nomination and endorsement forms (with supporting documents) must be received by the Philippine Consulate General New York by Wednesday, 30 April 2008, by mail (Philippine Consulate General New York, 556 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036), fax (212-764-6010) or by email (newyork@pcgny.net). END