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**SUPPORT THE FILIPINO RUNNERS AT THE NYC MARATHON**

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NEW YORK – The Philippine Consulate General New York is calling on the community to support the Filipino and Filipino-American runners at the 40<sup>th</sup> running of the New York City Marathon, this Sunday, 1 November 2009.

While many Filipino and Filipino-American runners from New York City and from across the US have already converged on the City to continue training in the remaining days before the marathon, they will be joined by the nineteen-member team sponsored by ING-Philippines. The team, composed of Reena Aguilar, Ma. Agustin Azurin, Blesilda Marica Calica, Nelson Chan, Michele Chan Siy-Yap, Edwin Ching, Johnson Robert Go, Lance Gokongwei, Melissa Limcaoco, Marta Ines Prieto Lovina, Joseph Madrid, Rishi Mirani, Raymond John Moreno, Natalie Que Pe Ng, Manolo Perez, Juan Vicente Rufino, Simon Sandoval, Harry Jr. Tan, and Luz Marie Erlinda Tiangco, are sure to appreciate the moral support from the members of the community.

Apart from the runners, Filipino community organizations are also participating in this quintessential New York event. The Philippine-New York Jaycees, members and volunteers, will be manning Aid Station #16 (Mile 17). Support along the 42.195 kilometer / 26.219 mile course is sure to be appreciated by the runners. Those who wish to wave the Philippine flag along the route may contact Cultural Officer Marievic Dimaculangan at 212-764-1330 ext 310 and request flaglets for the event (while supplies last).

The Philippine Consulate General New York invites the community to wave the Philippine flag with pride as our compatriots complete this arduous test of physical endurance. END