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**AWARDS AND  
INCENTIVES FOR**  
*Overseas Filipino  
Centenarians*



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## THE AWARDS AND INCENTIVES *for overseas Filipino centenarians*

Also known as the Centenarians Act of 2016, Republic Act 10868 “An Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Filipino Centenarians, and For Other Purposes,” honors and grants additional benefits and privileges to Filipino centenarians. This law took effect on July 15, 2016.

Under this, all Filipino centenarians, whether residing in the Philippines or overseas, shall be honored with a centenarian gift in the amount of Php100,000 and a Letter of Felicitation from the Philippine President congratulating the Filipino centenarian for his/her longevity. Moreover, as part of the annual Elderly Filipino Week celebrated from October 1 to 7 of every year, the first Sunday of October is declared as National Respect for Centenarians Day.

Overseas Filipino centenarians are included in the implementation of the law. They are Filipino citizens living outside the Philippines who have reached one hundred (100) years old and above, including those who have obtained another citizenship and later reacquired Philippine citizenship.

The CFO ensures that all applications coming from abroad are reviewed and evaluated. Moreover, the CFO maintains regular communications with other Philippine government agencies involved in the implementation of the law, such as the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) through the Philippine Foreign Service Posts.

# 2021 beneficiaries

In 2021, a total of seven (7) overseas Filipino centenarians were recognized for their longevity and contributions to the Philippines and were awarded Php100,000 centenarian gift each. Their centenarian gifts were awarded either through their Philippine peso-denominated bank accounts or a designated Attorney-in-Fact through Special Power of Attorneys.

The beneficiaries all came from the top major country of destination of overseas Filipinos, namely the USA, Canada, and Australia. In the Philippines, all of them hail from Luzon, coming from the provinces of Pangasinan, Camarines Norte, Cavite, Zambales, Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, and the city of Manila.



**7 beneficiaries**



**3 host countries**

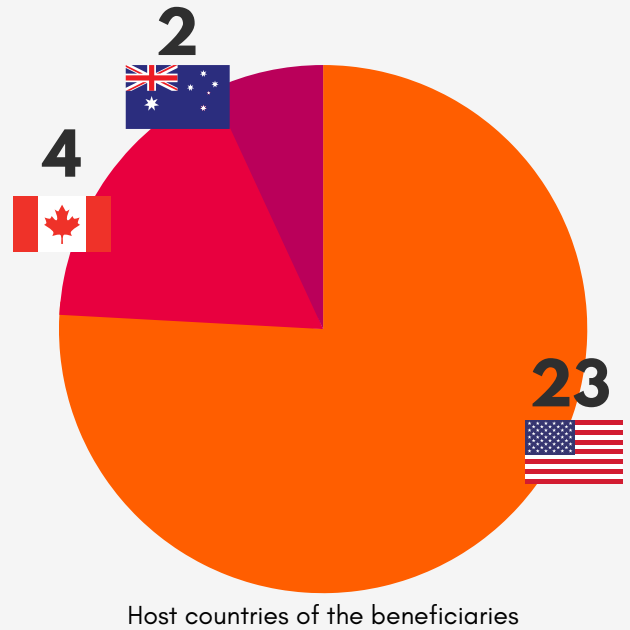
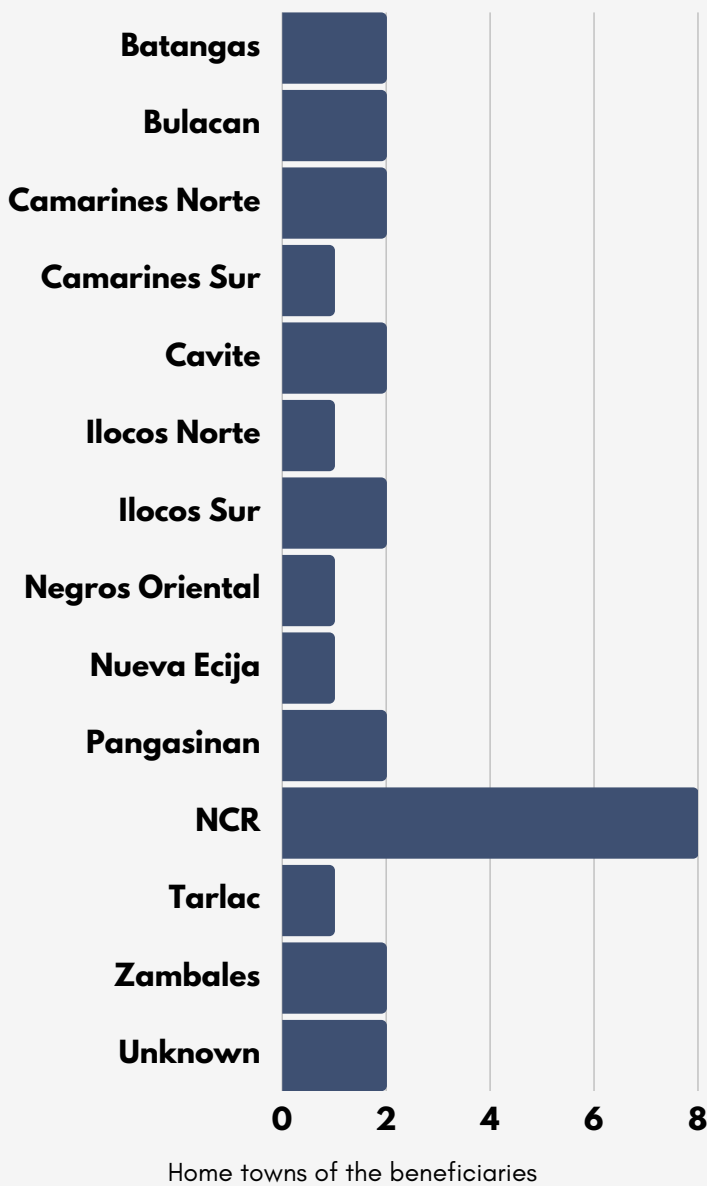


**7 hometowns**



# OVERALL beneficiaries

Since the signing of the DSWD-DFA-CFO-PVAO Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 Series 2020, a total of 29 overseas Filipino centenarians received Php100,000 centenarian gifts.



The majority came from the USA, while the others were from Canada and Australia, and Hong Kong. Their hometowns in the Philippines are the cities and provinces in Luzon and Visayas, namely Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Quezon City, Negros Oriental, Paranaque City, Camarines Sur, Pangasinan, Batangas, Cavite, Nueva Ecija, Pasig City, Batangas, Bulacan, Manila City, Zambales, Camarines Norte, Cavite City, and Nueva Ecija.

# AN E-GUIDEBOOK IN AVAILING THE *centenarian awards and incentives*

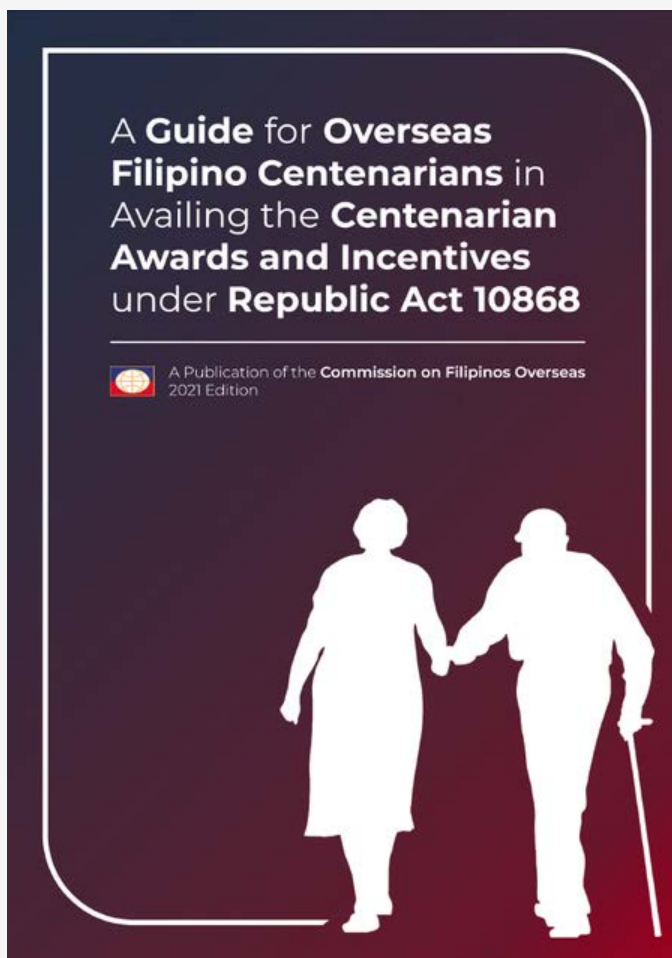
As one of the primary implementing agencies that strongly lobbied for the passage of Republic Act 10868), the CFO has published in October 2021 a comprehensive 30-page guidebook for those who wish to avail of the benefits under the law.

It shall also serve as a reference for stakeholders in assisting possible and eligible overseas Filipino centenarians. The guidebook likewise intends to motivate the younger generation to advocate for the rights and welfare of our Filipino elderly.

It covers an array of topics ranging from qualifications to documentary requirements, from the application process to the mode of receiving the awards and incentives, among other concerns.



Scan to get the e-  
copy of the guidebook



The e-guidebook was uploaded in the publications section, as well as the programs tab of the CFO website, [www.cfo.gov.ph](http://www.cfo.gov.ph). It was likewise shared with the Philippine Foreign Service Posts, the regional DSWD offices, local government units, and CFO clients and network.

# FEEDBACK FROM 2021 beneficiaries and their families

"It is a privilege and honor from our Almighty God that I am a member of the exclusive centenarian's club. The utmost thanks to my homeland and the Philippine government for bestowing a ₱100,000 gift"

"Thank you very much for granting my centenarian gift. It's indeed a wonderful gift for my birth month as I am turning 102 years old on Dec 29."

"Our father thanks you very much for the centenarian gift he had been waiting for."

"We are sincerely grateful for all your hard work"



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