

RECOGNITION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS



MONTH OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

In 1988, Proclamation No. 276 declared December of every year as “Month of Overseas Filipinos”. Special activities to give recognition to Filipinos abroad and to encourage their participation in development activities in the country are undertaken every December in observance of this occasion.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS

The Presidential Award gives recognition to individuals and organizations overseas for their invaluable contribution in the service of Filipinos here and overseas, and for demonstrating exceptional achievements in their work or profession.

The awards system was institutionalized in 1991, with the issuance of Executive Order No. 498 by then President Corazon C. Aquino. The awards have so far been conferred on three hundred fourteen (314) Filipinos and private organizations in 36 countries.

Awards Categories

There are four (4) categories under this awards system:

1. *Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino Award* is given to Filipino associations or individuals for their exceptional contributions to progress and development in the Philippines.
2. *Kaanib ng Bayan Award* is given to foreign private organizations for their exceptional contributions to Philippine development and progress.
3. *Banaag Award* is accorded to Filipino and foreign individuals or associations for advancing the cause of Filipino communities overseas or for supporting specific sectors/communities in the Philippines.
4. *Pamana ng Pilipino Award* is bestowed on overseas Filipinos for excellence and distinction in their work or profession.

All nominations must be endorsed by the Philippine embassy or consulate.