



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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M E S S A G E



The Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver joins the entire Filipino community in British Columbia, Yukon and Northwest Territories in celebrating the 119th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence.

The commemoration of Philippine Independence is an occasion we look forward to every year to celebrate not just the liberties we enjoy but also our identity as a free and sovereign nation.

This is a moment as well to pay tribute to excellent relations between the Philippines and Canada, enriched and strengthened over the years by our shared values, strong people-to-people linkages, growing trade and investments, effective development cooperation and robust official exchanges.


We also take this occasion to honor the people of Canada, who are marking the 150th anniversary of this great country's confederation and its ascent to a leadership role in the community of nations.

We are honored and delighted to once again lead the Filipino community in commemorating a significant highlight in our nation's history. One hundred and nineteen years since we became independent as Asia's first republic, Filipinos, not the least of whom the Filipino community in this part of the world, continue to look back to this event with undiminished passion and pride.

Guided by this year's Independence Day theme, "*Kalayaan 2017: Pagbabagong Sama-samang Balikatin*," we call on every Filipino to support the momentum towards positive and constructive change. Let us work towards sustainable and inclusive economic growth and contribute in building a strong and progressive nation.

To the Filipino community and our partners in these endeavours, we convey our wishes for a joyous and meaningful celebration of Philippine Independence.

Mabuhay ang Sambayanang Pilipino! Mabuhay ang Pilipinas at Canada!


NEIL FRANK R. FERRER
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