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Mr. Ben Avecilla, President  
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Dear President Avecilla:

On behalf of the Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs (OCAA), I send my sincere congratulations on your 50<sup>th</sup>/Golden Anniversary of the Filipino American Association of Portland and Vicinity, Inc. (FAAPVI).

Many contributions have been made by the Filipino community to the State of Oregon. The Filipino community brings great social, cultural, economic and religious diversity to the State. The OCAA hopes to learn from the strength and sense of community that the FAAPVI has fostered for fifty years to build a Commission that works for you and all Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) in Oregon.

The Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs is a government agency created in 1995 by the Oregon Legislature. Its mission is to work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for Asian Pacific Americans in Oregon and provide a link between the APA community and the government.

The Commission is comprised of nine members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate, plus two legislative appointees. We strive to have diverse ethnic, cultural, social and professional representation of the Asian Pacific American community on the Commission. We welcome your interest in the Commission and invite you and your members to learn more about our work and to share your ideas on how the Commission can better serve your community.

Congratulations again and thank you for inviting me to participate in your well deserved celebration.

Maraming Salamat Po!

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Chair, Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs