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Dear Philippine Cuisine Enthusiast:


The Embassy is pleased to note that Ms. Jacqueline Chio-Lauri, a Filipino writer based in Norway, is in the process of working on *My Food Beginnings – A Filipino Food Anthology*.

Ms. Chio-Lauri is inviting Filipino chefs, food industry professionals and food writers to be contributing authors of the Anthology by sharing their personal stories and creative recipes. The Anthology aims to raise awareness, memorability and appreciation for Filipino cuisine and culture in the United States and other countries. This brings to mind what Professor Louise Fresco once said: "Food, in the end, in our own tradition, is something holy. It's not about nutrients and calories. It's about sharing. It's about honesty. It's about identity."

The Embassy is encouraging Filipino chefs and writers, and those in the food and related sectors to support this cultural project. Through collaborative efforts, *My Food Beginnings* promises to be a significant addition to existing literature that interrogate, inform, and most importantly, celebrate Philippine cuisine.

Maraming salamat at mabuhay!

Sincerely,


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