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OPENING OF NOMINATIONS FOR "18 DECEMBER AWARDS"

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago would like to inform the public that the Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) for the Celebration of the Month of Overseas Filipinos (chaired by the Philippine Migrants Rights Watch and co-chaired by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas) has announced the opening of the nominations for the **1st "18 December Awards"**.

The 18 December Awards honors annually, individuals and associations (based abroad or in the Philippines) that contributed significantly to the protection of the rights and welfare of Filipino migrants and their families. The Awards has two categories: Philippine category and overseas category. Their achievements should include:

- outstanding or significant service or contribution toward the protection of the rights of Filipino migrants; and
- dedication and commitment to advocate for the rights of Filipino migrants.

The Primer containing the rules and guidelines for the Awards, as well as nominations forms are available in the Consulate. Nomination forms may also be downloaded at the official websites of Philippine Migrants Rights Watch and Commission on Filipinos Overseas at www.pmrw.org and www.cfo.gov.ph, respectively.

For other inquiries and information on the above Awards, please contact the Awards Secretariat at:

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Deadline for submission of nomination documents is **on or before 30 July 2009** and said documents should be forwarded to the Philippine Migrants Rights Watch at the address indicated above or may be sent through facsimile number (632) 721-4296 or e-mail at migrantswatch@pmrw.org.

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