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PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATION OVERSEAS (PAFIOO) NOMINATION EXTENDED UNTIL 31 MAY 2021

Chicago, 13 January 2021 – The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago wishes to inform the Filipino-American community in the U.S. Midwest that due to the on-going COVID-19 global pandemic, which has afflicted countries across the globe and restricted mobility of people, as well as the requests of some Filipino communities overseas and diaspora organizations, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) Awards Secretariat headed by Justice Francisco P. Acosta has extended the PAFIOO nomination period up to 31 May 2021 to give a chance to qualified overseas Filipinos to participate, especially health workers and other front liners.

The PAFIOO is a biennial search to honor and recognize overseas Filipinos and other individuals or organizations who contribute to Philippine development initiatives or promote the interests of overseas Filipino communities. The awards are also given to overseas Filipinos who have exceptionally distinguished themselves in their work or profession and have thereby brought pride to the Filipino nation. A distinct category in the awards is also reserved for foreign individuals or organizations, for their exceptional contributions to the Philippines and for advancing the cause of overseas Filipino communities.

Since its inception in 1991, the awards have already been bestowed upon 485 individuals and organizations overseas based in 52 countries and territories.

The Awarding Ceremony is tentatively scheduled in December 2021.

For more information and updates regarding the PAFIOO visit www.presidentialawards.cfo.gov.ph and Like and/or Subscribe to the Gawad ng Pangulo Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/gawadpangulo/>. The Awards Secretariat may be reached through e-mail: presidentialawards.cfo@gmail.com for more inquiries and clarifications related to the awards or the Cultural Section of the Consulate at cultural.chicagopcq@gmail.com. **END**