

Philippine Ambassador Visits Miami

Miami Florida – June 23, 2014

On June 26, 2014. Philippine Ambassador Jose Cuisia Jr. will be in Miami to take part in an Economic Diplomacy Outreach to Florida. He will be accompanied by Commercial Counselor Maria Roseni Alvero and Agriculture Attache Joy Javelosa.



“This economic diplomacy outreach will greatly boost business and trade and will allow a closer and meaningful interaction between the Philippines, the Caribbean, and the United States”, claims Dr. Joy Bruce, Founding President of NANAY, a nonprofit community-based organization that provides supportive services to elders, homebuyer education and foreclosure intervention for low to moderate income families in South Florida.

According to the 2010 Census, more than 90,000 Filipinos reside in Florida, representing a 66% increase in population over the past ten years. Filipinos constitute the second largest Asian ethnic group in Florida, particularly in Miami-Dade where business and foreign trade abound due to its close connection with the neighboring Caribbean countries. The greatest number of hospitals (including Jackson Memorial Hospital that is ranked one of the best hospitals in the U.S. by U.S. News), nursing and residential care facilities, and ambulatory health care services are located in Miami-Fort Lauderdale. This is especially important since these health care

facilities can serve as beacons of opportunity for doctors, nurses, other health care professionals and a host of others coming from the Philippines.

Among the proposed activities is a dinner reception with the local Filipino American community in the evening of June 26, hosted by NANAY and sponsored by the Philippine American Federation of South Florida and South Florida Filipino-American Fellowship.

“The Ambassador would like the opportunity to meet members of the Filipino-American community in the Miami area including entrepreneurs, professionals, leaders of associations/organizations, and retirees”, says Lilibeth P. Almonte-Arbez, Consul and Head of Economic Section, Philippine Embassy.

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