

NANAY GETS BANAAG AWARD

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The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) proudly congratulates the **National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and the Youth (NANAY)** as a recipient of the **Banaag Award** of the **2021 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO)**. Recipients of the PAFIOO award will each receive a medallion from the President of the Republic and a certificate of recognition from the CFO Chairperson. As a Banaag Awardee, NANAY will be honored by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte with the 2021 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas

(PAFIOO).

The awardees were selected from a total of 117 nominations received by the CFO-PAFIOO Secretariat since it opened the nominations in August 2019. These nominations came from 31 countries and were endorsed by 39 Philippine Foreign Service Posts across Asia, North and South America, Europe, and Australia.

Institutionalized in 1991 through Executive Order No. 498, the PAFIOO is a biennial search for overseas-based organizations or individuals who have dedicated their work in the service of Filipinos in the Philippines or abroad, selflessly supported relief, rehabilitation, and development programs in the home country, or excelled in their field of work or profession.

The awardees were thoroughly screened through a 4-stage evaluation process. The first stage consisted of an evaluation by the Awards Screening Committee established and convened by the Philippine Foreign Service Posts. Nominees endorsed by the Posts went through the second stage of the evaluation process by an eight-member inter-agency Technical Committee and were further screened by a multi-sectoral Executive Committee, then submitted to the Office of the President for final evaluation and approval.

The PAFIOO has four award categories – *Banaag*, *Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (LINKAPIL)*, *Pamana ng Pilipino*, and *Kaanib ng Bayan*.

The Banaag Award is conferred on Filipino individuals and organizations for their contributions which have significantly benefited a sector or advanced the cause of overseas Filipino communities.

The LINKAPIL Award is conferred on Filipino individuals and organizations for exceptional or significant contribution to the reconstruction, progress, and development of the Philippines. The Pamana ng Pilipino Award is conferred on Filipino overseas, who, in exemplifying the talent

and industry of the Filipino, have brought the country honor and recognition through excellence and distinction in the pursuit of their work or profession. The Kaanib ng Bayan Award is conferred to foreign individuals and organizations for their exceptional or significant contribution to Philippine reconstruction, progress, and development, or have significantly benefited a sector or community in the Philippines or advanced the cause of overseas Filipino communities.

Owing to the fluidity of the situation due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the exact date and mode of conferment of the awards are still to be determined and coordinated with the Office of the President. The PAFIOO Secretariat will inform all awardees of the further details of the awarding ceremony through e-mail.###