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CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
TORONTO

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Dear Director McGuckin,

This year marks a milestone in the history and cultural identity of the Filipino diaspora in Canada with the celebration of the 120th Anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence and the proclamation of the month of June as Filipino Heritage Month by the Toronto City Council last November 8, 2017. This year also holds a special meaning for the Philippine Consulate General as it will celebrate its 40th year of establishment as a Consulate General in the City of Toronto.

According to the latest data from Statistics Canada, Toronto is home to 274,670 Filipinos while 322,415 individuals surveyed in the province of Ontario identified themselves as of Filipino descent. Indeed, Filipinos have contributed in enriching the diversity and social fabric not only of Toronto, but also other areas where there is a huge Filipino population. Moreover, as you may be aware, a vast majority of Filipino children attend the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

We commend the initiatives of the Filipino community, as spearheaded by the Filipino Heritage Month Council (FHMC) and the Filipino-Canadian Parents Association in Catholic Education (FCPACE), to celebrate June as Filipino Heritage month across all sectors of society, including public education. It is in this light that we would like to express our strong support for their request addressed to the Toronto Catholic District School Board to declare June 12 as Filipino Heritage Day and/or the month of June as Filipino Heritage Month.

We look forward to your most favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

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