

25-27 February 2015, Manila Hotel

Theme: *“Vision and Action for the Filipino Diaspora 2015 and Beyond”*

Day 1. February 25, 2015 (Wednesday)

February 25, 2015 marks the 29th anniversary of the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution. The date, by virtue of Proclamation No. 655 (s. 2013) is commemorated as the revolution that “restored and ushered political, social and economic reforms in the country.”

By tradition, past Philippine Presidents visit the various commemoration sites significant to the 1986 revolution during February 25. In 2014, President Aquino broke away from tradition in order to recognize the people who have quietly kept the spirit of People Power alive by standing by their fellow Filipino in times of greatest need. He led celebrations of the 28th Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution in different disaster-stricken provinces, where recovery is evident thanks to the unity and solidarity manifested by different sectors of society. *(source: Official Gazette)*

In light of this new tradition, the Third Global Summit participants are invited to join the “Balikbayani Tour” especially prepared for the homecoming of this nation’s modern-day heroes. This optional tour prepared in partnership with the Department of Tourism aims to give participants a fresh perspective of Philippine history by touring significant places in the City of Manila.

BALIKBAYANI TOUR ITINERARY

February 25, 2015

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration and Assembly at Manila Hotel
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Travel to the Malacañang Museum
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Malacañang Museum Tour
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Travel to the Metropolitan Museum in Manila at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) for Lunch
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Lunch at the Metropolitan Museum in Manila at the BSP
12:45 am - 1:00 pm	Travel to Intramuros from BSP
1:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Tour of Intramuros, Fort Santiago, Manila Cathedral, San Agustin Church and the Manila Collectible
2:45 pm -3:00 pm	Travel from Intramuros to Luneta
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Tour of Luneta Park
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Travel to National Museum
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Tour of National Museum
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Drop off at designated points along Roxas Boulevard/Manila Hotel

Important Note: The Balikbayani Tour is offered only to overseas-based delegates of the Summit.

Day 2. February 26, 2015 (Thursday)

Venue: Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel

Opening Ceremony (9:00 am – 10:00 am)

Invocation and National Anthem

Audio Visual Presentation on the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO)

Welcome Remarks of CFO Chairperson

Secretary Imelda M. Nicolas

Message on behalf of Summit Partners

Atty. Jose Lina, Jr. (President, The Manila Hotel)

Message of His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines

Video of Ms. Lea Salonga’s rendition of “Tagumpay Nating Lahat” (sang during the 2014 Presidential Awards of Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas as Pamana ng Bayan Awardee

First Plenary Session (10:00 am – 12:00 nn)

Sub-theme: Migrants and Diaspora for Development – in practice and advocacy

- **“Movements and Momentums”** (Presentations of Filipino Diaspora Councils) (5 mins. each)
 - Message on Behalf of all the Global Networks
Atty. Loida Nicolas-Lewis, GFDC President
 - Global Filipino Diaspora Council (GFDC)
Atty. Ted Laguatan, GFDC Spokesperson
 - US Pinoys for Good Governance (USP4GG)
Atty. Rodel Rodis, USP4GG President
 - European Network of Filipino Diaspora (ENFiD)
Mr. Gene Alcantara, ENFiD Chair
 - Middle East Network of Filipino Diaspora (MENFiD)
Mr. Fidel Escurel, MENFiD Interim Head
- **Audio Visual Presentation on the Overseas Voting Registration**
- **“Updates on Government Initiatives to Promote Interests of Overseas Filipinos”**
 - Migrant Empowerment through the “Overseas Voting Act of 2013” (Ms. Ellene Sana, Center for Migrant Advocacy)
 - The Philippine Health Tourism Program (Dir. Cynthia C. Lazo, Department of Tourism)
 - Prospect for Return and Reintegration of Overseas Filipinos (General Manager Veredigno Atienza, Philippine Retirement Authority)
 - Reform Agenda on Good Governance (Secretary Florencio Abad, Department of Budget and Management)
- **Audio Visual Presentation on the Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI2)**
- **Audio Visual Presentation on Overseas Filipino Diaspora Remittances for Development (OF-ReD) Project**

- **“Shaping Goals and Action Plan for the Filipino Diaspora 2015 and Beyond” – Appreciative Inquiry as a tool for Visioning (Dr. Sabsy Palanca)**

“Appreciative Inquiry (AI) is a strategy for purposeful change that identifies the best of “what is” to pursue dreams and possibilities of “what could be”. It is a cooperative search for strengths passions and life-giving forces that are found within every system – those factors that hold the potential for inspired, positive change.

By discovering the strengths and successes that exist in every individual and community, a sense of hope is generated through which people begin to anticipate a better future. Further, they have a better understanding of the relevance of new initiatives to their long-term goals. Buoyed by the confidence of their past successes, and inspired by a vision of a better future, people are better able to take up the many challenges that they face in their day-to-day lives.” (Ashford and Patkar, 2001)

The Appreciative Inquiry workshop aims to help Filipino community leaders in developing a vision for their respective diaspora, objectives, goals and plan of action towards a common direction for the region and for the Philippines, beyond 2015.

Lunch (12:00 nn – 1:00 pm)

PhilHealth Presentation by Ms. Chona Sienes-Yap (Senior Manager for Overseas Filipinos Program, PhilHealth)

Workshop Session (1:00 pm – 5:30 pm)

Sub-theme: Visioning for 2015 and Beyond

Participants of the Third Global Summit will be grouped according to regions and Diaspora to Development (D2D) of interest to them. They will undergo an AI experience through a Visioning Exercise guided by facilitators and moderators.

The regions are:

1. North America
2. Europe
3. Asia
4. Middle East
5. Oceania

Philippine-based participants will be allowed to join the workshops of the 5 regions to enable them to determine how they can create convergence and synergize activities and resources.

Prior and in preparation to the Visioning Exercise, selected representatives of the Filipino diaspora groups will present updates and best practices on Diaspora to Development (D2D) initiatives in the region.

(Note: Workshop sessions are expected to end by 5:30 pm.)

Welcome Dinner for Delegates (7:00 pm onwards)

Attire: Philippine national dress and Barong Tagalog or national costume of their host country

Day 3. February 27, 2015 (Friday)

Venue: Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel

Second Plenary Session (9:00 am - 10:00 am)

Sub-theme: Prospects and Practices for Philippine Development

- **Audio Visual Presentation on the Campaign Against Human Trafficking**
- **Audio Visual Presentation on the Migration and Development Initiative - Western Visayas (MDI-WV)**
- **Presentations on latest initiatives for Philippine Development** (5 mins. each)
 - **“The Medical City Network and TMC Clark, Serving Global Filipinos”**
Dr. Cenon R. Alfonso (CEO, The Medical City Clark)
 - **“US Medicare Portability”**
Mr. Eric Lachica
 - **“Science and Technology Action Networks for Development”**
Dr. Samuel Bernal
- **Audio Visual Presentation on the CFO BaLinkBayan Project**
- Open Forum (15 minutes)
- Coffee Break

Third Plenary Session (10:00 am - 11:00 am)

Sub-theme: Dreams Realized in the Diaspora

- **Presentations on successful or innovative diaspora engagements** (5 mins. each)
 - Mr. Alexander Dixon, Rockefeller Aspen Diaspora Program
 - Mr. Earl Valencia, IdeaSpace
 - Mr. Dexter Ligot-Gordon, Kalibrr Inc.
 - Ms. Regina “Ging” Reyes, on TFC
 - Ms. Patricia Riingen, on Western Union’s Projects for the Diaspora
- **Audio Visual Presentation on the Peso SENSE: The Financial Freedom Campaign Project**
- Open Forum (15 minutes)

Fourth Plenary Session (11:00 am - 12:00 nn)

Sub-theme: Report Backs and Moving Forward: Visioning for 2015 and Beyond

Regional representatives who will be designated as rapporteurs will present to the plenary the outputs/action plan of their respective visioning exercises (10 minutes each region)

Lunch (12:00 nn - 1:00 pm)

Plenary Session (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)

Diaspora Networking Activity

An enduring fixture for the past Global Summits is the networking of Filipino diaspora community leaders. For the Third Global Summit, the DNA aims to encourage all delegates to continue having even bigger conversations and finding more partners across other networks and region. Like the DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), it is our objective that strong linkages will be created among groups, which could serve as one of the building blocks for the diaspora organization's success.

Closing Ceremony (2:00 pm – 5:30 pm)

- **Synthesis of Plenary Sessions** (10 mins.)
Professor Stella P. Go (Chair, Philippine Migration Research Network)
- **Closing Commitment Rites**
Regional representatives will present their commitment and action plan to Secretary Imelda Nicolas in the presence of the Diplomatic Corps (25 mins.)
Moderators: Dr. Isabelita Palanca and CFO Usec. Mary Grace A. Tirona
- **Messages from the Diplomatic Corps and International Organizations** (5 mins. each)
 - Ambassador Neil Reeder, Canada
 - Ambassador Bill Tweddell, Australia
 - Ambassador David Strachan, New Zealand
 - IOM Philippines Chief of Mission Marco Boasso
 - Deputy Chief of Mission Brian Goldbeck (on behalf of Amb. Philip Goldberg of the US Embassy)
 - Mr. Lubomir Frebort (on behalf of Amb. Guy Ledoux of the Delegation of the European Union)
- **Message on Behalf of the Department of Tourism (DOT)**
Undersecretary Benito Bengzon, Jr., DOT Tourism Development
- **Closing Song**
- **Photo Opportunity**