



Filipino Communities Council of Australia Inc.



Theme for 2016 Philippine Independence Day:
Kalayaan 2016 – Kagkaisa, Pag-aambagan, Pagsulong

It is that time of the year again when Filipinos celebrate the Philippine Independence Day regardless of where they are in the world, in the Philippines or overseas. This year, the theme is “Kalayaan 2016 - Pagkakaisa, Pag-aambagan, Pagsulong”.

As President of FILCCA, the national umbrella body of the Australian States and Territories, I wish to CONGRATULATE the Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory (“FAANT”) as they celebrate the 118th Philippine Independence Day led by their able and capable President, Mr Oscar Parian.

There is a common bond between FILCCA and the state peak councils, their common vision and commitments to maintain and, more particularly teach our youth, the Filipino values, culture and traditions as well as continue to advocate and support the Filipinos in Australia and be committed to upholding and being the voice for our kababayans.

FILCCA will be holding its 14th Filipino National Conference, a biennial event at Toowoomba City Golf Club, Queensland on 28-30 October 2016 to celebrate 120⁺ years of Filipino settlement in Australia. Coincidentally too, this year is also the 70th Anniversary of Philippine Australian diplomatic relations. Celebrating such milestones, make us realise how far we’ve come and how much we Filipinos, have contributed to our adopted country, Australia, we now call home. We have lined up interesting topics that will centre on issues that are of concern to the Filipino community in Australia and on behalf of FILCCA we invite you to join us in Toowoomba, Queensland.

Again, congratulations to your State Council for being in the forefront in celebrating the 2016 Philippine Independence Day. Mabuhay ang Pilipinas; mabuhay tayong lahat.

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