



## Philippines Consulate General Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

29 May 2016

Mr. Oscar Parian  
President  
Filipino Australian Association of the NT, Inc.  
4 Batten Road  
Marrara, NT

Re: Congratulatory Message

Dear Mr. Parian,

I am honoured to receive an invitation to attend the Commemorative Celebration of the 118<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Philippine Independence on 4 June 2016. It is with regret that I cannot be present at this special occasion as I have planned many months in advance my trip overseas from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

However, as in the previous years, Philippine Independence celebration by FAANT, Inc. is highly successful due to the commitment and dedication of the hard working Executive Officers under your leadership as the President. Preparing a significant event like this requires an application of high degree of organisational skills and such effort is well observed by all at this function.

The Office of the Philippine Consulate General in the Northern Territory encourages all members of the Community to join FAANT and become members. Through large membership, FAANT can strongly achieve coherence and solidarity in displaying our culture and tradition to the wider community.

I personally thank FAANT for its laudable and commendable effort in pursuing further the celebration of traditional cultural event and by so doing, FAANT promotes the welfare of all Filipinos in the NT and fosters the vital links between the Philippines and the Northern Territory.

This Office pledges its unconditional support to FAANT in all its endeavours. Keep up the good work. I have produced a video presentation of the Philippine Independence which FAANT may use during this Celebration. Mr. Steve Prasser has a copy of this video presentation. I hope you will find this useful.

Januario John Rivas AM  
Consul General ad honorem