



Philippine Ambassador to Canada H.E. Jose S. Brillantes will make an official visit to Hamilton on 02-04 May 2008. Accompanying him from the Philippine Embassy, Ottawa are Minister and Consul General, Mr. Joseph Gerard B. Angeles, Second Secretary & Consul, Rhenita B. Rodriguez, and Mr. Frank Luna, Labor Representative based in Toronto.

As part of the Ambassador's visit, the Embassy delegation will conduct a Briefing for Overseas Filipinos on Saturday, 03 May, 4 p.m. This briefing/orientation-seminar is geared towards overseas Filipino workers and members and leaders of the Filipino community in Hamilton. The visit is mainly aimed at touching base with the Filipino community, especially new migrants, in Hamilton and environs; acquaint the Filipino community and Overseas Filipino Workers with the functions and services of the Embassy and Consulate; and disseminate information on the Philippine Government's programs for Filipinos in Canada. The delegation from the Embassy would like to target as many Filipinos and Filipino-Canadians as possible.

This briefing/orientation-seminar will have speakers discussing the following topics:

- Functions of and Services offered by the Philippine Embassy
- Services that address OFW needs (e.g., remittances et al)
- Immigration and Citizenship Matters (representative from CIC)
- Labor Laws (Philippine Labor Representative in Canada)
- Representative from an NGO that caters to workers, especially foreign workers

Hamilton is fortunate to be the first Filipino community in Ontario to be given this opportunity.

Saturday, May 3, 2008, Hamilton Filipino Community Centre (HFCC), starts at 4:00pm.

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