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### ***Welcome to our first major event for 2008!***

I should like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you in our search for Miss Philippines Hamilton 2008. It has been our aim since the beginning to seek more than just physical allure. Tonight, we shall have the pleasure of witnessing a group of exceptional Filipino-Canadians as they showcase not only their beauty but also their intellect, sophistication, and social competence.

This endeavour began with a concern about cultural identity. We believe that culture can be well exhibited only when it is well developed. Societal and cultural growth has always been our primary focus. Today's youth is the foundation of our society, and so a bright future can be heralded only by a promising youth-body. With this mind, we have encouraged our contestants to use this pageant as a platform for personal growth. Their journeys have driven them to excel overall and to strike a balance between the aesthetic and personal areas of their lives. They stand here today with the understanding that their actions, decisions, and contributions to society will reflect on coming generations.

Equality and good education are two of the strongest indicators of cultural progress. We hope that our efforts here will strengthen both. As a token of gratitude and further motivation, we shall award the winner of The Miss Philippines Hamilton 2008 Pageant with an educational scholarship worth \$3000. Runner-ups of this event will receive similarly generous prizes. The crown winner will also receive a one year Apprenticeship Contract from Minerva Television who is on Roger's Mabuhay Channel. This will help develop them as TV host producer, script writing, and whatever interest they have on Broadcasting. Our aim, ultimately, is to promote development in the Filipino community through education, empowerment, and equality for young women. This pageant serves as a great and memorable first step in achieving our long-term goals.

We ask for your consideration and your assistance in realizing our vision of social, cultural, and educational development. Our sponsorship program will ensure that each donation and partnership is well honoured and professionally maintained. Revenue generated from this pageant will go toward the maintenance and operation of the Hamilton Filipino Community Centre (HFCC). The HFCC serves as a base of operations for events such as The Miss Philippines Hamilton 2008 Pageant. Its upkeep would ensure that we remain capable of organizing future enterprises.

I should like to acknowledge all the parents and relatives who gave their time and support to this pageant. Special gratitude goes to our generous sponsors e.g., Minerva Television, Toronto; Dr. Belle Tumbukon, Owner Bell Optical, Toronto, Gerry Jutsun, President, ILACO Financials; Patrick Musitano, Concession Medical Pharmacy, Hamilton, Betty Charles, In2 Uniforms, Hamilton & Oakville; HeavenScent Flowers, Oakville; Maurice Collins, IMG Financing Consultants; Emmanuel Yanga, Parkway Honda, Toronto; Settlement & Integration Services Organization (SISO), Hamilton; Philkraft Marketing Corporation & Monte Vista Hotspring Resorts, Philippines; TALIBA Newspaper (CANADA) and Advertisers, the Supporters of our elegant candidates, the Board of Judges, the Auditors, the Volunteers, and most especially the members of the Pageant Committee.

To mark this historical event, we have in attendance tonight the Guest Speaker and Guest of Honour, Philippine Ambassador to Canada, H.E. Jose S. Brillantes, the Embassy Delegation, Second Secretary and Consul, Rhenita Rodriguez, Minister and Consul General Joseph Gerard Angeles. I thank you for your presence. I should also like to greet the Miss Philippines Hamilton Pageant Committee, the FILIPINO PRESS as well as the local Press, the Minerva Television production crew, Miss Philippines Hamilton 2008 official photographer, 4ens Photography, official Printer, UPS, Carmen's Banquet & Convention Centre and Staff. Last but not least, I extend my love to my family, who were always alongside me in full support.

***Congratulations and Good luck to my seven beautiful young ladies,  
Ayeza, Sandy, June, Tiffany, Nikki, Pavielyne & Vanessa!***