



Masuguan ng Pilipinas

Ottawa

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MESSAGE

My warmest felicitations and congratulations to the men and women of the Hamilton Filipino Community Centre and the prime movers of Miss Philippines Hamilton 2008, as we witness the coronation of tonight's grand winner.

I am pleased to acknowledge the dynamism of the Filipino community in Hamilton. The Miss Philippines Hamilton pageant is a fitting and excellent occasion to highlight your many contributions to the social, cultural and economic fabric of Canada. I am even more pleased to note the charitable purpose of this event – to award a scholarship grant to Miss Philippines Hamilton 2008, with the end in view of empowering our youth through education.

To the lovely ladies vying for the crown tonight, I can see that you all radiate natural beauty, strength of character and self-confidence. Please remember that you represent the Philippines in a very important way, as you will be the face and the symbol of a Filipino people with a rich and unique heritage. Cherish this wonderful and memorable experience of being able to serve as role model for the Filipino youth, whether they be back home or abroad just like you, and of having the opportunity to advocate Philippine culture and tourism.

I join you all in wishing many, many more years of Miss Philippines Hamilton – may this meaningful pageant continue from success to success!

Mabuhay kayong lahat!


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