

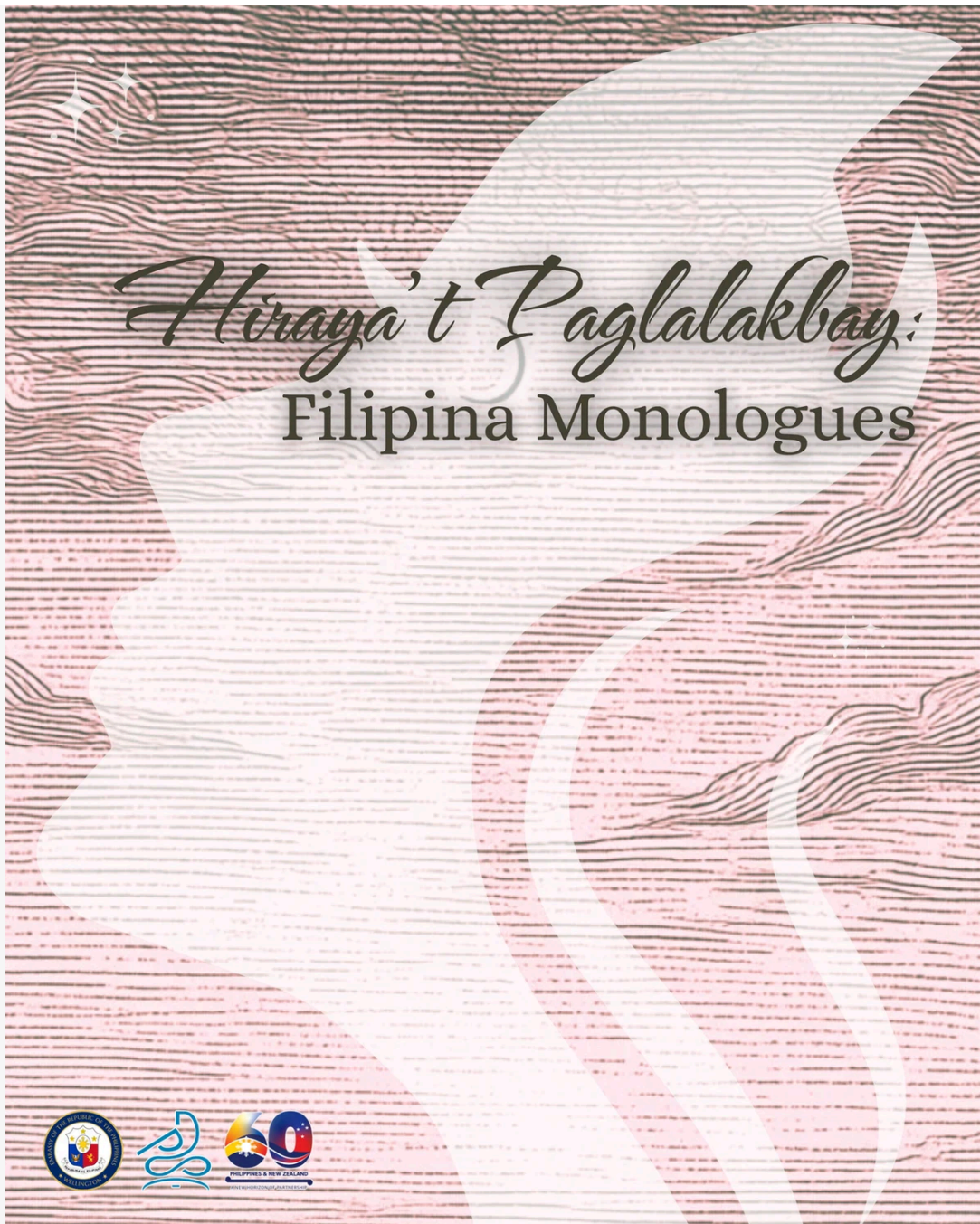


Philippines and New Zealand unveil official logo marking 60 years of diplomatic relations

Marking the occasion, the Philippine Embassy in Wellington and the New Zealand Embassy in Manila jointly unveiled the official commemorative logo celebrating 60 years of Philippines-New Zealand diplomatic relations.

The logo features a stylized figure "60," incorporating the vibrant flag colors of both countries. The design prominently integrates wave and ocean motifs, symbolizing the maritime nature of the Philippines and New Zealand, their deep connection to the sea, and their shared heritage as nations shaped by ocean-going ancestors. These elements also reflect the countries' common interests within the wider Indo-Pacific region.

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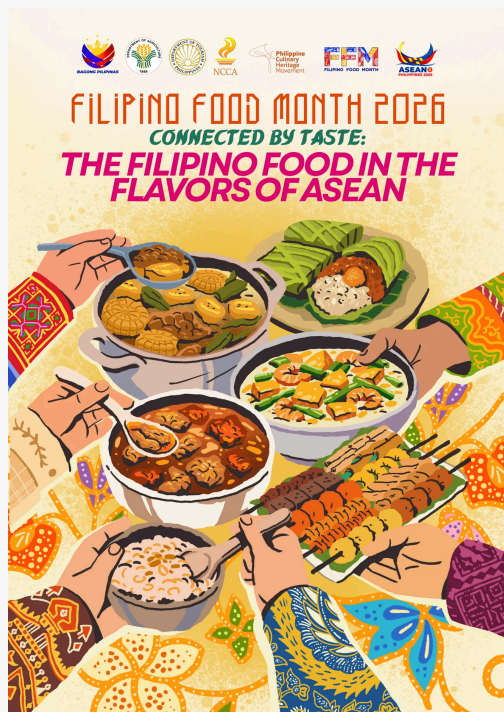
Philippine Embassy in New Zealand launches e-book publication *Hiraya't Paglalakbay: Filipina Monologues* for National Women's Month

On the occasion of National Women's Month, the Philippine Embassy in New Zealand launched the groundbreaking e-book "*Hiraya't Paglalakbay: Filipina Monologues*", an anthology of personal stories of Filipino women in New Zealand.

The highlight of the launch activity, which was done on March 25 via the Zoom platform and livestreamed at the Embassy's facebook page, were the live performances of these stories rendered by the authors and artists.

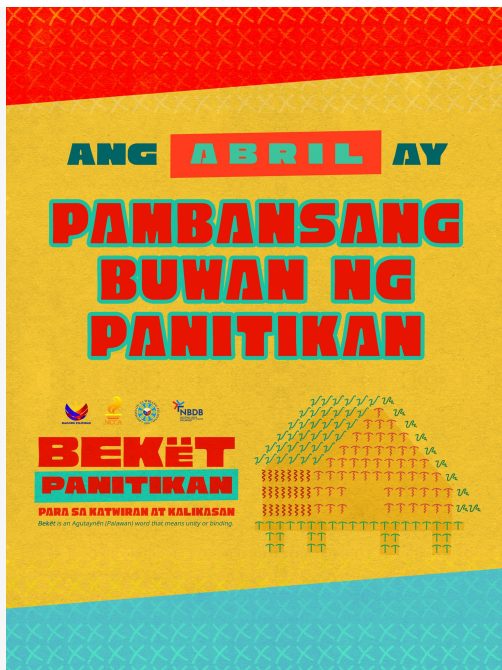
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What's happening this April



Filipino Food Month

This April, the Philippine Embassy in New Zealand joins the celebration of Filipino Food Month under the theme "*Connected by Taste: The Filipino Food in the Flavors of ASEAN.*"



Buwan ng Panitikan

Kasama ng Pambansang Komisyon para sa Kultura at mga Sining, Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino, at Pambansang Lupon sa Pagpapaunlad ng Aklat o National Book Development Board - Philippiines, at alinsunod sa Proklamasyon Bilang 968 na nilagdaan noong 2015, nakikilahok anf Pasuguan ng Pilipinas sa New Zealand sa pagdiriwang ng National Literature Month o Pambansang Buwan ng Panitikan ngayong Abril sa temang *Bekët Panitikan: Panitikan ng Katwiran at Kalikasan*.



Mobile Consular Mission in Napier

The Philippine Embassy is set to hold its second Mobile Consular Outreach Mission for the year in Napier from April 17 to 19, 2026. The event will take place at the Taradale Club, located at 55 Wharerangi Road, Napier, and will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

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Meet and Greet the Ambassador in Hawke's Bay

The Philippine Embassy warmly invites the Filipino community to a special "Meet and Greet" with the Ambassador on April 18, 2026, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Taradale Club, 55 Wharerangi Road, Napier.

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Please visit the Embassy Facebook and Instagram accounts for the latest updates on these events.

ASEAN Corner

This is your go-to spot for fascinating tidbits about ASEAN and the Philippines' Chairship of ASEAN in 2026!




The Philippines is a founding member of the ASEAN, which was established on August 8, 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Philippines signed the Bangkok Declaration alongside Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand. Since the organization's inception, the Philippines has served as the ASEAN chair several times, including in 1987, 1999, 2007, and most recently in 2017.

The 2017 ASEAN chairmanship of the Philippines coincided with the organization's 50th founding anniversary. The theme for the year was "Partnering for Change, Engaging the World," reflecting the Philippines' commitment to fostering regional cooperation while addressing global challenges.


The 12th ASEAN Summit in Cebu City, Philippines (2007) was a crucial meeting as ASEAN leaders signed agreements paving the way for the creation of the ASEAN Charter, which transformed ASEAN into a rules-based legal entity. The charter would later come into effect in 2008.

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Overseas Voting Bulletin



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NOTICE OF RERB HEARING

Date: 06 April 2026

To All Interested Parties:

Please be notified that the Resident Election Registration Board (RERB) of the Philippine Embassy in **Wellington, New Zealand** will convene at

Sentro Rizal, 50 Hobson Street, Thorndon, Wellington 6011
(Indicate where RERB hearing will convene)

on **20 April 2026 at 3:00 to 5:00 PM** to hear the applications for registration, certification, reactivation, correction of entries or change of name, change of address, transfer, recapture and other types of applications filed with the Post from **01 December 2025 to 31 March 2026**.


Any interested party who would like to interpose any objection to the list may file their opposition in writing addressed to the **RERB of the Philippine Embassy in Wellington, 50 Hobson Street, Thorndon, Wellington, New Zealand 6011**.

The written opposition may be filed via email to wellington.pe@philembassy.org.nz

The last day to file oppositions is on **13 April 2026**.

The List of Applicants subject to the RERB Hearing on 20 April 2026 is attached to this Notice.

(Sgd.)
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RERB Chairperson



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1st RERB Hearing

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Ongoing Overseas Voter Registration for the 2028 National Elections

As part of the Embassy's continuous commitment to voter accessibility, Overseas Voter (OV) registration is still ongoing. Filipino citizens are encouraged to register in preparation for the 2028 National Elections or update their voter information. Applicants need to bring a valid Philippine passport or a Dual Citizenship Identification Certificate.

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Consular 101

This is your one-stop hub for important updates, helpful tips, and everything you need to know about the Embassy's consular services.



Q1: Who is eligible to reacquire Philippine citizenship?

Cynthia was born in the Philippines to Filipino parents. She later acquired New Zealand citizenship and renounced her Philippine citizenship. Cynthia is now considering moving back to the Philippines permanently. Can she reacquire her Philippine citizenship?

Answer: Yes, Cynthia is eligible to reacquire Philippine citizenship. Under Republic Act No. 9225, also known as the Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003, natural-born Filipinos who lost their citizenship through naturalization in another country (like New Zealand) can apply to reacquire it.

Q2: What are the advantages to reacquiring Philippine citizenship?

Cathy, who became a New Zealand citizen, is considering reacquiring his Philippine citizenship but wants to know the potential benefits. What does reacquiring Philippine citizenship offer her?

Answer: By reacquiring Philippine citizenship, Cathy will regain the following rights and privileges:

- The right to own land and property in the Philippines.

- The ability to engage in business or practice a profession in the Philippines.
- The right to vote in Philippine elections.
- Cathy can retain both New Zealand and Philippine citizenships. Once reacquired, she will benefit from dual citizenship status

Q3: How does one apply for reacquisition of Philippine citizenship?

Joanna, based in Auckland, wants to start the process of becoming a dual citizen. She wonders about the steps and documents required.

Answer: Joanna can apply at the Philippine Embassy in Wellington. She needs the following:

1. A duly accomplished application form.
2. Birth certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).
3. Her New Zealand citizenship certificate or proof of naturalization.
4. New Zealand passport.
5. Two 2"x2" passport-sized photos.

She will also attend an oath-taking ceremony at the Embassy as part of the process.

Q4: Can reacquired citizens pass on their Philippine citizenship to their children?

Greg, who recently reacquired his Philippine citizenship while living in New Zealand, wants to know if his child born in New Zealand can also become a Philippine citizen.

Answer: Yes, Greg's minor child is eligible for derivative Philippine citizenship. Under R.A. 9225, unmarried dependent children under the age of 18 (including legitimate, illegitimate, or adopted children) can acquire Philippine citizenship through their parent's reacquisition process.

Q5: Does reacquired Philippine citizenship affect one's obligations in New Zealand?

Amanda, a naturalized New Zealand citizen, plans to reacquire her Philippine citizenship but is concerned about her obligations as a New Zealander. Will this change anything?

Answer: No, reacquiring Philippine citizenship does not affect Amanda's obligations or rights as a New Zealand citizen. Dual citizenship is recognized by both the Philippines and New Zealand. However, Amanda may want to consult New Zealand's laws for any specific implications related to taxation or other legal matters.

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