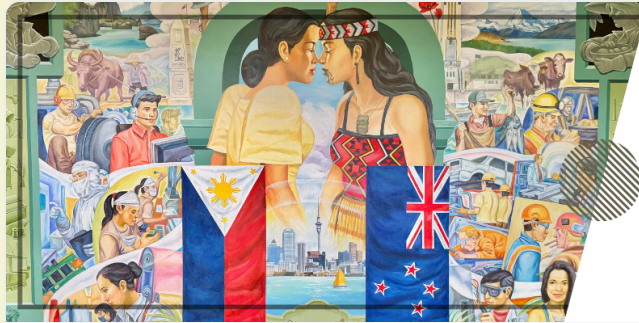




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Philippine Embassy holds first ever public flag-raising ceremony in New Zealand to mark the 128th Anniversary of Philippine Independence Day

The Philippine Embassy in New Zealand commemorated the 128th Anniversary of Philippine Independence through a flag raising

ceremony held at the Lower Hutt City Council in the morning of 12 June 2026.

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Ambassador Kira Azucena celebrates Philippine Independence Day with Filipinos in Waikato, showcasing cultural talents and Filipino cuisine

A vibrant celebration of Philippine Independence Day lit up the Hamilton Gardens on June 13, organized by the Waikato Filipino

Association, uniting the Filipino community in Hamilton with cultural pride and togetherness.

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**Ambassador Kira Azucena
calls on Mayor Fauono Ken**

Laban of Lower Hutt City

Ambassador Kira Azucena paid a courtesy call on Mayor Fauono Ken Laban on 10 June 2026 at the Lower Hutt City Council. During the meeting, Ambassador Azucena expressed her appreciation to Mayor Laban for graciously accepting the Philippine Embassy's invitation to attend the flag-raising ceremony commemorating the 128th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, which will be held at the Lower Hutt City Council.

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The poster features a blue background with a faint map of the Philippines. At the top, there are logos for the Philippine Embassy in New Zealand, the Philippine Studies Network, AUT (Auckland University of Technology), and the Dialogo II conference. The central text reads "CALL FOR PAPERS" in white, followed by "(Re)imagining the Global Filipino" in large, stylized letters. Below this, it says "ROOTS, KNOWLEDGES, COMMUNITIES, AND COLLECTIVE FUTURES". A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, with the text "Please submit your paper via this QR code on or before 15 July 2026" next to it. At the bottom, the dates "18-19 FEBRUARY 2027" and the location "AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AUT) CITY CAMPUS, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND" are listed, along with the email "philippinestudiesconference@aut.ac.nz" and the website "www.philippinestudies.global".

Dialogo II: International Conference on Philippine

Studies to be held in New Zealand in 2027

The Philippine Embassy in New Zealand, the Philippine Studies Network Aotearoa New Zealand(PSNANZ), and the Philippine Studies Hub - AUT - Auckland University of Technology proudly announce the launching of Dialogo II: International Conference on Philippine Studies.

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PH Embassy spearheads first PH-NZ taekwondo collaboration in Wellington

The first ever collaboration between the Philippines and New Zealand in the sport and martial art of Taekwondo was held in Wellington on 28 June 2026, in the form of a training seminar conducted by Philippine National Taekwondo Team Coaches Carlos Jose Padilla V and Rodolfo Reyes Jr.

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Other news



Philippine Embassy in New Zealand holds a town hall meeting with Filipino artists

The Philippine Embassy in New Zealand convened a town hall meeting with Filipino artists based in Wellington on 10 June 2026 at the Hutt Art Centre. The gathering aimed to foster dialogue between the Embassy and members of the Filipino artistic community, while exploring opportunities for collaboration and future cultural engagement.

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Philippine Embassy in New Zealand unveils upgraded website for enhanced user experience

The Embassy is delighted to announce the launch of its newly-revamped website. This improved platform is designed to deliver a more seamless and user-friendly experience, making it easier for clients to navigate and access updated information about the Embassy's services.

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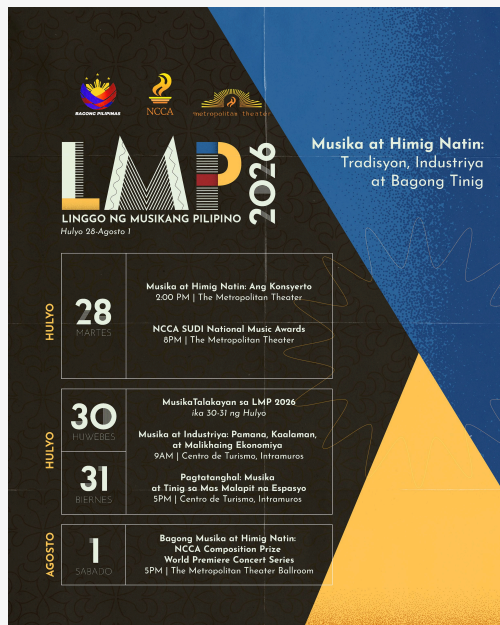


Philippine Embassy conducts Consular Saturday for the second quarter of the year

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What's happening this July



Linggo ng Musikang Pilipino 2026

Every last week of July, the Philippines celebrates Linggo ng Musikang Pilipino (LMP) pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 933, s. 2014.

This annual observance highlights the richness and diversity of Original Pilipino Music (OPM) and encourages Filipinos to develop a deeper appreciation, respect, and lasting pride in the country's musical and cultural heritage.

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!



What is the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting? The ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting or AMM is a key gathering of the foreign ministers from the member states ASEAN and its key partners. This meeting serves as a platform for discussing regional and global issues, strengthening cooperation, and advancing ASEAN's shared goals, which include fostering peace, stability, and economic integration in the region. The AMM is crucial because it addresses pressing challenges such as climate change, maritime security, economic recovery, and geopolitical tensions, ensuring coordinated responses among member states. The meeting also promotes ASEAN's collective voice on the international stage and strengthens partnerships with other countries and organizations, contributing to regional and global stability.

The 59th AMM is currently being held in Manila, Philippines, from 20 to 24 July 2026. Under the theme "Navigating Our Future, Together," this year's AMM gathers top diplomats from the 11 member nations alongside representatives from key ASEAN partners, including U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, solidifying its role as a cornerstone of Indo-Pacific diplomacy. The significance of this year's summit is amplified by pressing geopolitical

challenges. Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro has called for "active, deliberate problem-solving" to address global trade disruptions, territorial disputes in the South China Sea, and ongoing internal crises such as the situation in Myanmar. A key highlight of this meeting is the upcoming celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), reflecting ASEAN's enduring commitment to peace and regional solidarity.

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Overseas Voting Bulletin



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: Carla (Filipino) and Ramon (Filipino) live in Hamilton, New Zealand. They are not married. Ramon acknowledges their child, Luis, in a public document and consents to the child using his surname. Who has parental authority over Luis under Philippine law?

Answer: Even if Luis uses Ramon's surname, he remains an illegitimate child because his parents are not married. Under the provision, illegitimate children shall be under the parental authority of their mother. Thus, Carla retains parental authority. The use of the father's surname does not transfer parental authority to the father.

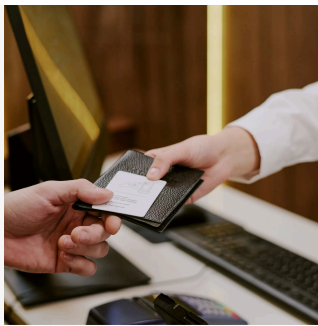
Q2: In Dunedin, Filipino couple (not married) Leo and Nina have a daughter, Mia. Leo signed the birth report filed at the Philippine Embassy, acknowledging Mia as his child, so Mia uses Leo's surname. Later, Leo claims he was pressured and that Mia is not really his child. Can he challenge the filiation?

Answer: Yes, but only during his lifetime and through proper court action. The law states that the father has the right to institute an action before the regular courts to prove non-filiation during his lifetime. If he successfully proves non-filiation in a Philippine court, Mia's status and her use of his surname may be affected according to the court's ruling and subsequent civil registry corrections.

Q3: Rosa and Miguel, both Filipinos in Wellington, are not married. Miguel acknowledged their son, Carlo, and Carlo now uses Miguel's surname. Miguel stops sending financial support, saying, "We live in New Zealand now, Philippine law doesn't apply." Is Carlo still entitled to support under Philippine law?

Answer: Yes. The provision states that illegitimate children shall be entitled to support in conformity with the Civil Code. As Filipino citizens, their status and obligations under Philippine family law (including support) generally continue to apply, especially for matters like filiation and support, subject to conflict-of-law rules. The place of residence (New Zealand) does not automatically remove the obligation to support the child under Philippine law. Enforcement may require legal action and may also involve applying or coordinating with New Zealand law/procedure.

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