

**2018 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO
INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS AND THE
OWWA MODEL OFW FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARDS
AWARDING CEREMONIES**

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MESSAGE
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Magandang gabi po sa ating Pangulong Duterte at sa mga panauhin.

Tonight, we are honoring outstanding Filipinos who have brought honor to our country through their industry, dedication and courage in their respective stations abroad. And we have two Awards!

The first of two prestigious awards is the Most Outstanding OFW Family of the Year or the MOFYA under OWWA. As member of the DOLE family, OWWA administers our welfare assistance, education and training, social benefits, social services and welfare services programs for our OFWs and their families.

MOFYA is our way of honoring the unsung heroes of our country. They are the families of OFWs who are instrumental in inspiring their loved ones abroad to work hard, face the challenges, strengthen their faith, realize their dreams and pursue the passion to help our countrymen.

The second is the Presidential Awards for 25 most outstanding overseas individuals and organizations of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas or the CFO. This is the agency mandated to promote the welfare and interests of overseas Filipinos and assists them through their various programs and projects.

Although the two agencies have different mandates, their common role is the protection and promotion of the welfare of overseas Filipinos and their families. And while the criteria for choosing the awardees may vary, they both honor our OFWs for your fulfillment and being silent partners of government in pushing economic development and progress.

Tonight, your sacrifices and efforts have not gone unnoticed by a grateful nation. You are all winners and we are all proud of you!

Maraming salamat po sa tulong ninyo sa ating pambansang ekonomiya. Maraming salamat sa inyong matatag na pamilya na nagsisilbing inspirasyon ng Pamilyang Pilipino.

At higit sa lahat, maraming salamat sa pagtataguyod ninyo ng magandang imahe ng mga Pilipino sa ibang bansa. Mga Pilipinong masikap, masipag, maaasahan, mapagkakatiwalaan, at huwaran ng bawat mamamayan.

Mabuhay po kayong lahat.