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Consulate General to Host Art Exhibit by Mr. Paul C. Balan

The Consulate General of the Philippines would like to invite the Filipino-American community and the general public to the opening reception of the **Art Exhibit of Mr. Paul C. Balan** titled, "**Lupang Hinirang Series**" on **16 March 2017, 5:30 pm**, at the **Kalayaan Hall of the Consulate General** located at 122 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60603.

Mr. Balan, a native of Paete, Laguna, is a Filipino-American painter and sculptor who has received numerous national and international awards. The "Lupang Hinirang Series" is the first ever visual interpretation of the Philippine national anthem. It consists of ten (10) 24" x 18" pen and ink compositions inspired by the lyrics of the national anthem. Each composition of Mr. Balan's exhibit is detailed with symbolic representations of the Filipino people's journey as a nation and as individuals. It highlights Filipino virtues and captures Filipino struggles and triumphs with historical accuracy.

The Exhibit, which will run from 17 to 23 March 2017 at the Kalayaan Hall of the Consulate General, will serve as the "*Pagkikita sa Konsulado*" for the month of March.

For more information, please contact the Consulate General's Cultural Officer, Anna Liza F. Alcantara, at telephone no. (312) 583-0621 ext. 13 or email the Consulate at chicagopcg@att.net.

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