



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### TWO FIL-AMS FROM CHICAGO GRANTED “PAMANA NG PILIPINO” AWARDS AT THE 2018 PAFIOO

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago proudly congratulates Messrs. Paul Balan and Edward Brotonel who were granted “Pamana ng Pilipino” awards during the 2018 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO) held at Malacañan Palace on December 5.

Conferred by President Rodrigo R. Duterte, the biennial Awards included 25 outstanding Filipino individuals and organizations and six Model OFW Family of the Year awardees.

Mr. Balan, a painter and sculptor from Laguna, is a coinage and medal designer who earned the distinction of being the first Filipino and first Asian whose designs have been selected for commemorative coins and congressional medals of the United States. An accountant by profession, Mr. Brotonel served as a special agent in the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division. He received recognitions for uncovering major theft, fraud and felony crimes during the post 9/11 Iraq reconstruction.

Among the four categories of PAFIOO, the Pamana ng Pilipino Award is granted to Filipinos overseas who exemplify the talent and industry of the Filipino and have gained honor and recognition through excellence and distinction in the practice of their profession. A total of 96 nominees from 28 countries were narrowed down through a multi-stage selection process. **END**

