

## CFO Press Release

# CFO NOW ACCEPTING SONG ENTRIES FOR ITS FIRST HIMIG MIGRASYON 2021



The Commission on Filipinos Overseas formally opens nomination for its first ever **HIMIG MIGRASYON: SONGWRITING CONTEST**. This Songwriting Contest aims to make music as an advocacy tool to raise public awareness on the life of our overseas Filipinos and the issues and challenges they face abroad.

CFO is searching for a musical piece that will embody the inspiring and challenging life of an overseas Filipino and their migration journey. CFO Secretary Francisco P. Acosta said that the song will serve as a tribute to the sacrifices and important contributions of the 10 million Filipinos overseas to their host countries and to Philippine development, and during this time of global pandemic.

### **CONTEST MECHANICS:**

The contest is open to all Filipino composers and songwriters, and music enthusiasts, including those based overseas. Naturalized Filipinos and Filipino descendants are also qualified to join. A contestant may be an individual or a group of musicians in collaboration.

Each entry must be an original work of the contestant and may be written in any song genre. The song's lyrics should be in Filipino or English (or combination of both) and must embody the inspiring and challenging life of an overseas Filipino and their migration journey. The song could express the inspiration, joy or hardship faced by a migrant in a foreign country. It could convey longing for their loved ones and the

Motherland, overcoming challenges, or finding better opportunities and experiencing new culture or way of life in their host countries.

**PRIZES:**

**Three (3) winners will be chosen, with the following prizes: 1st Prize – PhP100,000. 2nd Prize – PhP75,000. 3rd Prize – PhP50,000.**

**DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION:**

The deadline for the submission of entries is on **October 31, 2021**. CFO will organize an event where winners shall be recognized, in December 2021 during the Month of Overseas Filipinos Celebration.

To submit an entry, you may click here <https://tinyurl.com/Himigrasyon2021> or you may wish to email [himigrasyon2021@cfo.gov.ph](mailto:himigrasyon2021@cfo.gov.ph) along with this [Registration Form](#).

Click [here](https://cfo.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Himigrasyon-2021-Mechanics-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf) (<https://cfo.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Himigrasyon-2021-Mechanics-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf>) for a copy of the Mechanics, Terms and Conditions.

For the past four decades, the CFO has been an integral part of the life-changing and challenging journey of Filipinos as they leave the shores of the motherland and pursue better lives and opportunities abroad. As a migrant serving agency, CFO has been providing quality programs and services catered to the unique needs of overseas Filipinos around the world – from promoting and upholding their interests, rights and welfare, to strengthening their ties with the Motherland.

For updates about Himigrasyon, please visit the official website of the CFO at <https://www.cfo.gov.ph/>. For inquiries, you may also call the CFO Himigrasyon Secretariat at (+632) 8-552-4766.