



CFO EXTENDS PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS NOMINATION PERIOD UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2020



Due to COVID-19 pandemic afflicting countries across the globe, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) would like to inform the public that the submission of nominations to the **2020 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organization Overseas (PAFIOO)** has been extended from 31 July 2020 to **31 December 2020**.

This is in recognition of the requests made by our Diaspora as well as our Posts for extension since the focus right now is on protecting the health and welfare of the people, as well as restrictions in global mobility.

The PAFIOO is a biennial search to honor and recognize overseas Filipinos and other individuals or organizations who contribute to Philippine development initiatives, or promote the interests of overseas Filipino communities.

The awards are also given to overseas Filipinos who have exceptionally distinguished themselves in their work or profession, and have thereby brought pride to the Filipino nation. A distinct category in the awards is also reserved for foreign individuals or organizations for their exceptional contribution to the Philippines and for advancing the cause of overseas Filipino communities.

Since its inception in 1991, the awards have already been bestowed upon 485 individuals and organizations overseas based in 52 countries and territories.

Interested overseas Filipinos and the public must submit first their nomination documents to the Philippine Embassy or Consulate General that has jurisdiction over the place of residence/operation of the nominee for endorsement.

Endorsed nomination documents must be received by the CFO – Presidential Awards Secretariat on or before, or postmarked no later than 31 December 2020 in order to qualify for the screening by the Awards Committees. Subsequently, the Awarding Ceremony will likewise be postponed to December 2021.

For more information and updates regarding the PAFIOO visit <u>www.presidentialawards.cfo.gov.ph</u> and Like the *Gawad ng Pangulo* Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/gawadpangulo/</u>. The Awards Secretariat may be also reached through e-mail: <u>presidentialawards.cfo@gmail.com</u> for any inquiries and clarifications related to the awards.

