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To All Filipinos in Bahrain,

The Philippine Embassy wishes to inform you that the Bagong Bayani Foundation, Inc. (BBFI) in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), other government agencies and the private sector announced that the search for the 2016 Bagong Bayani Awardees is now open.

The Bagong Bayani Awards (BBA) is a worldwide search for the country's outstanding and exemplary Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs). The awards seek to recognize and pay tribute to our OFWs for their significant efforts in fostering goodwill among peoples of the world, enhancing and promoting the image of Filipino as a competent, responsible and dignified worker, and for contributing to the socio-economic development of their communities and our country as a whole.

The following are the general pre-qualifying criteria for nominations:

- Must be or has been an OFW for at least two (2) years;
- Has no past or present criminal or derogatory record;
- Must be of good moral standing, or has received recognition from past or present employer for exemplary behavior or outstanding service; and
- The employment contract must have been processed by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).


The Award categories are as follows:

1. Bagong Bayani Award for Outstanding Employee
2. Bagong Bayani Award for Community and Social Service
3. Bagong Bayani Award for Culture and the Arts
4. Capt. Gregorio S. Oca Achievement Award
5. Blas F. Ople Award para sa Natatanging Bagong Bayani

The Blas F. Ople Award is the highest and most prestigious Bagong Bayani Award and shall only be given to the most outstanding OFW who have been nominated, qualified and excelled in at least two (2) of the above four categories mentioned above.

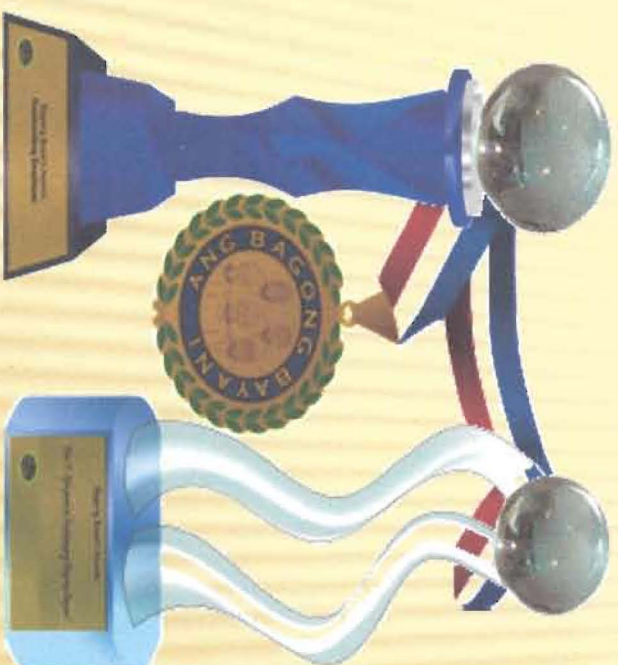
All nominations with supporting documents must be submitted to the Secretariat, Bagong Bayani Foundation, Inc. 3/F BFO Bldg., POEA Ortigas Avenue cor EDSA on or before the deadline on 15 December 2015.

You may wish to visit the BBFI website at www.bbfi.com.ph for the official nomination form and instructions on submission of nominations.


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Ambassador



**THE SEARCH IS ON
FOR THE 2016**



BAGONG BAYANI AWARDEES

Please visit our website at www.kbfi.com.ph for more information.



BAGONG BAYANI FOUNDATION, INC. (BBFI)

The BBFI is a non-stock, non-profit organization conceived to uphold the new heroes of our time, the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). It works hand-in-hand with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) and the private sector in paying tribute to the OFWs through the Bagong Bayani Awards (BBA).



PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE BBFI

1. To promote recognition and appreciation of the role of the Filipino overseas workers in the Philippine society and economy.
2. To foster high standards of responsibility, efficiency and integrity among Filipino workers.
3. To Promote the welfare of the Filipino workers.



THE BAGONG BAYANI AWARDS (BBA)

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The BBA aims at providing proper recognition to deserving nominees, thus setting up examples for others to emulate, and for the country to be proud of.



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The Bagong Bayani Awards aim to:

1. Provide a nationally established system of recognizing the significant contributions of OFWs;
2. Recognize the extraordinary and exemplary deeds, acts, life, services and contributions of OFWs towards their employers, fellow workers, their families and communities;
3. Honor the Filipino workers worldwide and their families for their distinct role in promoting the integrity of the Filipino workers, and in nation building.



AWARDS CRITERIA

General Pre-Qualifying Criteria

Any Filipino working overseas, whether landbased or seabased, and possessing the following qualifications, may be nominated:

- Must be or has been an OFW for at least two (2) years
- Has no past or present criminal or derogatory record
- Must be of good moral standing, or has received recognition from past or present employer for exemplary behavior or outstanding service
- The employment contract must have been processed by the POEA



AWARDS CATEGORIES

There are five (5) awards categories to allow the recognition of specific contributions of OFWs corresponding to the different areas of their involvements.

The highest honor is the Blas F. Ople Award Para sa Natatanging Bagong Bayani, which is awarded to the most outstanding and exemplary OFW who satisfies all the requirements of other awards criteria.

In 2011, the BBFI have also created a perpetual Capt. Gregorio S. Oca Achievement Award for outstanding seafarers.



AWARDS CATEGORIES

1. Bagong Bayani Award for Outstanding Employee
2. Bagong Bayani Award for Community and Social Service
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4. Capt. Gregorio S. Oca Achievement Award
5. Blas F. Ople Award Para sa Natatanging Bagong Bayani



SPECIFIC CRITERIA PER CATEGORY

Bagong Bayani Award for Outstanding Employee

- Must have earned the respect, trust and confidence of his or her employer, superiors and co-workers
- Has proven his or her competence by being promoted in status or in rank, or awarded citation or recognition for distinguished and outstanding performance of his or her work duties and responsibilities, which in turn contributed to the growth or well-being of the company he or she works or have worked for
- Manifested love for work, concern for the company and his or her co-workers



SPECIFIC CRITERIA PER CATEGORY

Bagong Bayani Award for Community and Social Service

- Must have initiated or has been sincerely involved, whether in the country or abroad, in community or socially relevant services or activities aimed at either helping or extending assistance to fellow workers or their families, or promoting the Philippines as a business or tourism destination
- Has selflessly offered his or her time, skills and/or resources, in collective or personal capacity, to engage in such community services or activities that are beneficial to the people
- Has performed heroic act or deed, or has saved life or property, the performance of which is beyond the normal call of duty



SPECIFIC CRITERIA PER CATEGORY

Bagong Bayani Award for Culture and the Arts

- Has worked or has been involved in the promotion, preservation and development of Filipino culture and the arts
- Has excelled in his or her work as an artist abroad thereby earning recognition, adulation or honor for Filipino artistry and talent



SPECIFIC CRITERIA PER CATEGORY

Capt. Gregorio S. Oca Achievement Award

A special award to be conferred upon a seafarer or a group of seafarers who best symbolizes any of the achievements or contributions of the late Capt. Oca to the maritime industry.

- Must come from among the seafarers-awardees of the last 3 years; and
- Must have dedicated service towards the advancement of the welfare and general well-being of his fellow seafarers; or
- Must have exhibited exemplary leadership or demonstrated exceptional valor/bravery in overcoming a problem while at sea.



SPECIFIC CRITERIA PER CATEGORY

Blas F. Ople Award para sa “Natatanging Bagong Bayani”

This is highest and most prestigious *Bagong Bayani* Award and shall only be given to the most outstanding OFW who have been nominated, qualified and excelled in at least two (2) of the above four categories mentioned above.



WHO MAY NOMINATE?

Nominations may be made either by:

- The employer
- The deploying recruitment or placement agency
- Industry Associations
- Co-workers
- Other reputable individuals or institutions



REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION

The following requirements must be submitted with the duly accomplished official nominations form:

- An endorsement letter signed by the nominee's employer
- A photocopy of passport
- Profile of accomplishments
- Photocopy of awards or citations (if available)
- 4 (2x2) colored photos
- Copy of Employment Contract

Please visit the BBFI website at www.bbfi.com.ph for the official nomination form and instructions on submission of nominations.



Duly accomplished nomination form with supporting documents must be submitted to:

1. Bagong Bayani Foundation, Inc.
3RD Floor, Blas F. Ople Bldg., POEA, Ortigas Avenue corner EDSA
Mandaluyong City, Philippines
2. Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO)

The BBA Awarding will be held on **07 June 2016** at the PICC as a most fitting event during the Migrant Workers' Day celebration.

Deadline for submission of nominations is on 15 December 2015.



INCENTIVES

Aside from being recognized, the awardee will receive the following:

- Trophy
- Medal
- Cash
- Name inscribed at the “Bantayog ng mga Bagong Bayani “ located at the POEA
- and more



Thank you

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