



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 18**  
Series of 2026

**TO : THE SENIOR DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATORS, DEPARTMENT / REGIONAL / PROJECT MANAGERS, DIVISION MANAGERS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS (PAFIOO)**

Pursuant to Office of the President Memorandum Circular No. 112 dated 15 January 2026, all government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations such as the National Irrigation Administration, are directed to extend full support to the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) in the conduct of the 2026 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO).

The PAFIOO is the highest presidential recognition accorded to outstanding Filipino individuals and organizations permanently residing abroad for their significant contributions to Philippine development, promotion of the welfare and interests of overseas Filipinos, or excellence in their respective fields of endeavor. It also recognizes foreign individuals and organizations supportive of these causes.

The nomination period runs from 11 December 2025 to 29 May 2026. The award categories are Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino Award, Banaag Award, Pamana ng Pilipino Award, and Kaanib ng Bayan Award. Eligibility focuses primarily on outstanding overseas Filipinos (individuals or organizations) who have made notable impacts, with nominations also open to supportive foreign entities. Nominations are submitted directly to the CFO or through the nearest Philippine Embassy or Consulate General with jurisdiction over the nominee's residence or place of work. Detailed guidelines, nomination forms, step-by-step instructions, and requirements are available at the official PAFIOO website <https://presidentialawards.cfo.gov.ph> and the CFO website <https://cfo.gov.ph>.

Nominations are submitted directly by nominators to the CFO or the relevant Philippine Foreign Service Post—no internal facilitation or reporting is required.

For widest information and guidance.

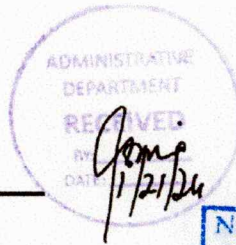
**ENGR. EDUARDO EDDIE G. GUILLEN**  
Administrator

Date: 25 FEB 2026





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**ADMINISTRATOR EDUARDO EDDIE G. GUILLEN**  
National Irrigation Administration  
Edsa, Quezon City

**Sir:**

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance, a certified copy of Memorandum Circular No. 112 dated January 15, 2026 entitled **"DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO SUPPORT THE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS (PAFIOO)"**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**ATTY. LOVELY V. TOLENTINO-NAVA**  
Director IV





**Office of the President**  
**Malacañang**

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 112**

**DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO SUPPORT THE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS (PAFIOO)**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 498 (s. 1991) institutionalized the PAFIOO as a biennial award conferred by the President of the Republic of the Philippines to outstanding overseas Filipinos, as well as foreign individuals and organizations, in recognition of their exceptional achievements, humanitarian and philanthropic initiatives, and significant contributions to Philippine development and the advancement of the interests of the Filipino diaspora;

**WHEREAS**, since its establishment in 1991, the PAFIOO has been conferred by seven (7) Presidents to 555 individuals and organizations from 55 countries and territories, emphasizing the enduring excellence, selfless service, and deep commitment of overseas Filipinos and international partners to nation-building;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3(d) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 72 (s. 1980) or "An Act Creating the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) and for Other Purposes," mandates the CFO to initiate and directly undertake the implementation of special projects and programs, whenever necessary, to promote the welfare of Filipinos overseas with respect to their interests and activities in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has opened the call for nominations for the 2026 PAFIOO from 11 December 2025 to 29 May 2026, covering the following award categories: *Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino Award*, *Banaag Award*, *Pamana ng Pilipino Award*, and *Kaanib ng Bayan Award*, after which the nominations shall undergo a multi-stage evaluation process leading to the conferment of the awards in December 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the successful conduct of the 2026 PAFIOO requires the dissemination of information and the active participation of government agencies and instrumentalities, as well as the general public in identifying and endorsing qualified nominees;



**NOW, THEREFORE**, the following are hereby ordered:

All government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are hereby directed, and all local government units, non-government organizations, and the private sector, are hereby encouraged, to extend full support to the CFO in the conduct of the 2026 PAFIOO.

Further, the Presidential Communications Office is also directed to implement effective measures to inform and encourage the public to nominate qualified individuals in the 2026 PAFIOO.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 15th day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

By authority of the President:

  
**RALPH G. RECTO**  
Acting Executive Secretary

