

## TMP holds a seminar for migrant leaders in the NL

Transnational Migration Platform (TMP), an alliance of several migrant communities from the Global South, initiates a Europe-wide seminar this September in Amsterdam in order to address the urgent need to leverage voices of migrant and refugee communities in Europe on issues and policies that directly affect them.

FILMIS is studying the possibility to attend the seminar and participate in the discussion. Jack believes that this seminar would provide the leaders of the organization with a better understanding about the current situation of migrants and refugees vis-à-vis the European policies.

## Ganda joins the Executive Body as a new FILMIS Newsletter coordinator

Last June 30, 2016, Jack Apostol, the FILMIS president, appointed Ganda to the position of Newsletter coordinator following the untimely resignation of Karen Juarez because of other commitments and personal reasons. In her resignation letter, Karen expressed her gratitude for the wonderful time of serving the organization as Public Relation Officer. She also welcomed the new coordinator and wished her the opportunity to shine for her new position.

The FILMIS president thanked Karen for her great contributions to FILMIS during her tenure as PRO. Jack says, "She performed her function with graceful style and formality that gradually earned measure of respect from other people. Because of this, I salute you Karen!"



FILMIS plans to join an alliance with Media Correspondent and Volunteers Organization (MCVO) in order to widen its network among the Filipino community. This is an international organization that gives assistance to any Filipino individual, or family, or community in need, to widen its networks among the Filipino community in the Netherlands.

According to Jack Apostol, the FILMIS president, that the plan is still in a planning stage, and it needs to be discussed among officers at the executive body meeting scheduled on the third week of August. He said that he would seek the approval of the Executive Body for joining the alliance. "It would be for the greater interest of FILMIS and its members to be part of an alliance", says Jack.

## ZUMBA



## ZIN Maan donates 250 euros to FILMIS

Maan Scott, a member of FILMIS, donated two hundred fifty (250) euros to support its activities for the Filipino community in the NL. The donation was the total amount of fees she collected from her weekly Zumba class at Stichting Zebra. FILMIS President Jacob Apostol formally received the donation from Zin Maan during a simple ceremony held last June 15, 2016. Jacob expressed his profound thanks to Maan for her commitment to the organization, and also congratulated her for the success of her Zumba Class in den Haag. Many FILMIS members, who were mostly Zumba students, attended the event.

## FILMIS launches its first major cultural event in Den Haag



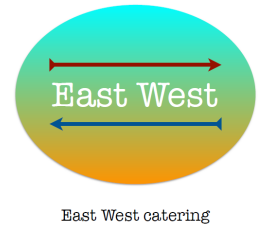
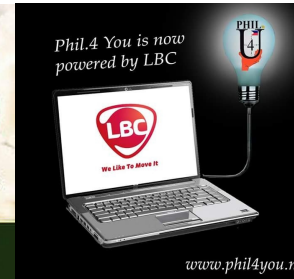
After long months of preparation, FILMIS finally launched its first major cultural event for a charity cause last June 25, 2016, at Don Bosco Rijswijk. The event highlighted a variety of cultural performances of Filipino artists and groups from different ages and backgrounds. During the program, the event organizers took the opportunity to honor five (5) Filipino achievers:

(Cora Espanto, Florisa Almodiel, Diana Oosterbeek-Latoza, Irene Esquisine, and Lana Jalenjev) for their huge contributions to the Filipino community in the NL

The Philippine Ambassador to The Netherlands, honorable Jaime Victor Ledda, who was the guest speaker, congratulated the achievers for their profound dedication in serving their countrymen in the NL.

It also held an art exhibition during the event featuring the artworks by three Filipino painters (Arlene, Chelony, and Totanes) and a photographer (Marissa). Last August 10, 2016, FILMIS donated the proceeds of the event to SEMP founder Edwin Vanlsum who was in the Philippines to visit the beneficiaries of the said donation.

Also, through the support and help of the following sponsors, made the event more successful.



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**FILMIS dance group receives several invitations to perform**

Good news for FILMIS dancers! Joy, the FILMIS cultural committee coordinator, revealed that she has received several invitations from various organizing groups for FILMIS dance group to perform on stage at their events. Most of the organizers have requested the FILMIS dance group to perform a cultural dance that would suit the themes of the events.

The dance performances have been scheduled to take place on September 10, Zumba demo at the fundraising event of Stichting SEMP; September 25, Multi-Cultureel Ontmoeting Centrum Vredesfeest;



October 2 at Mayamang Kultura 3.0 Filipino Culture Event; October 8 - at Aziatische Food Markt Food Festival; and October 15- Dance Contest 4 you and 4 all final dance competition. Since the third week of August, Rhiza has scheduled the FILMIS dancers to rehearse in preparation for the series of performances on September and October.