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FILMIS CHALLENGES FILIPINO MIGRANTS IN THE NL TO JOIN ITS CULTURAL CRUSADE

Many Filipino in the Netherlands are still asking what FILMIS is all about. Although they hear, see, and read it on Facebook, they still want to know more about its objectives. So, what is FILMIS? The acronym "FILMIS stands for Filipino Migrants in Solidarity. This organization is composed of Filipino migrants who voluntarily commit themselves to the cause of promoting the interests of fellow Filipino migrants.

FILMIS highlights the organizational objectives in its mission and vision enshrined in its constitution. Its core mission is to promote the culture, education, and the human rights of the Filipino migrants in the Netherlands. It envisages the empowerment of more Filipino migrants in the Netherlands by encouraging them to develop their full potentials in the pursuit of their dignity, respect, and recognition of their basic human rights.

This coming October 2016, the

organization will celebrate its three years of existence. But despite of its infancy, it has already developed the artistic talents of some of its members who come from different walks of life. Joy, the FILMIS secretary, proudly declares, "It is a milestone to achieve all these things in a span of three years".

FILMIS members are also happy to share their talents in dancing, singing, and arts with passion and dedication to fellow Filipinos who have the same interests. FILMIS organizers are, indeed, proud that they have inspired, influenced, and motivated young generation of Filipinos who desire to discover and develop their innate talents.

Now, FILMIS has a regular group of dancers who are dedicated to share their passion, and showcase their talent in every performance they do. To hone up the dancing skills of group members, the organization has designated an official choreographer who teaches them traditional and modern dances.

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Educating the Filipino migrants empowers them to be critical, self-reliant and social agents of improvements. **EDUCATION** is a source of knowledge which is an important tool of power. It revitalizes and expands their perspectives, confidence and self-development.



Cultivating the unique Filipino **CULTURE** makes every Filipino proud of his or her country's heritage in the Dutch society



Promoting the **HUMAN RIGHTS** of the Filipino migrants helps them fight against any exploitations and abuses. It gives them protection and upholds their dignity as human beings.



Are you proud of your Filipino heritage? Are you proud of yourself? Or, do you want to add more meaning to your life and get the most out of it during your stay in the Netherlands? Have you ever dreamed to be a performing star on stage? Who knows that by joining FILMIS will be a way to discover your untapped talents that may lead you to your dream!

FILMIS continues to challenge the Filipinos to join its group and experience a lot of fun with the company of people with a sense of versatility and idealism. And, it is proud to welcome people who want to achieve anything out of their talents.

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OKIA invites migrants to consultation forum



Marijke Bijl, the coordinator of OKIA and adviser of FILMIS on Human Rights issue, has invited FILMIS to participate at the consultation forum which will be held this September 2016. Romke Paint, a police officer of Diversity Department, is invited to speak at the event with the theme: "Safe Declaration by the Undocumented".

IDWF supports two domestic workers against deportation

Karin Pape, the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) Europe coordinator, calls on domestic workers in the Netherlands to unite and organize a nationwide campaign to stop the deportation of the two domestic workers, the two leaders of domestic workers Union of the FNV for being undocumented. The two had been active in the campaign for the ratification of the Convention-189 recognizing domestic work as decent work. Karin has also sought the initiative of Jack, the FILMIS president, to start mobilizing the domestic workers organizations and supporters in the Netherlands for a collective action against deportation.

Jack expressed his thanks to Karin for the support she extended to the domestic workers in the NL. In his email to Karin, Jack says, "Indeed, the kind of support you have given to the two domestic workers has fattened our heart and deepened our admiration for your unwavering commitment to the cause of domestic workers' struggle for recognition of their rights in the NL".

FILMIS ASSISTS ITS MEMBERS WHO WANT TO STUDY

One of the main thrusts of FILMIS is to encourage its members to study in order to improve their critical thinking, and broaden their knowledge on important social issues that affect their interests as migrants. FILMIS believes firmly that knowledge is power. That's why FILMIS members are goaded to attend workshops, seminars, forums, trainings and conferences that help them expand their knowledge and to be critical on various social, economic and political issues facing the country and the world in general. Specifically, it wants its members to be aware of the latest news on the issue of human rights since it is part of its goal to empower them. Jacob, the FILMIS President, says, "We have collaborated with the leaders of different institutions and organizations such as Foundation University, ISS, Leadership, and Social Entrepreneurship (LSE-NL), and among others, to enable us to pursue our objectives of giving our members the opportunity to study and learn from the programs and courses they offer for migrants".

As part of its policy, FILMIS has allotted a budget to assist them financially in their studies. The organization is willing to help them for their transportations, registration fees and even the costs of tuition fee as long as there is sufficient funds for it.

