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OF
THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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Mabuhay!





PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM
(Pambansang Awit ng Pilipinas)

Bayang Magiliw
Perlas ng silanganan
Alab ng puso sa dibdib mo'y buhay
Lupang hinirang,
Duyan ka ng magiting
Sa manlulupig di ka passisiil.
Sa dagat at bundok, sa simoy at sa
langit mong bughaw,
May dilag and tula at awit sa
paglayang minamahal,
Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y
tagumpay na nagniningning
Ang bituin at araw niya
kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim
Lupa ng araw ng luwalhati't pagsinta
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo.
Aming ligaya na pag may mang-aapi,
Ang mamatay ng dahil sa iyo.



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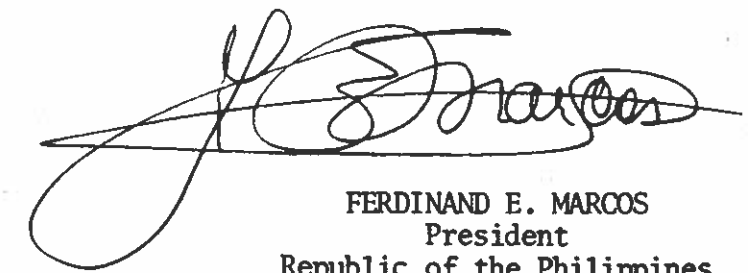
To my Countrymen and Friends in Denmark,

As we look back on our First Republic, proclaimed by the Filipino people on June 12, 1898, we mark our New Republic's faithfulness to our historical legacy.

Finding historical roots in Kawit, we have since rediscovered a sense of identity and true national pride that leads us towards greater awareness of ourselves as Filipinos, as well as of our role as members of the world community.

Wherever you are, no matter how distant from your native land, your roots are here, well-marked on days as this when you celebrate with us, and with all Filipinos in other parts of the globe, the anniversary of the First Republic.

I send you my greetings and bid you celebrate past and future, Filipinos moving forward in dignity and harmony, true to our heroic forefathers, pledged in our legacy to generations yet to come.



FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines



MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I greet the Filipino Association of Denmark with a hearty 'Mabuhay' on the occasion of the 85th Anniversary of the Philippine Independence.

It has been an immense source of pride for me to see expatriate Filipinos in foreign lands observe their national day. The commemoration of Philippine Independence by the Filipino Association of Denmark indeed serves as a testimony to the Filipino's never ending ties with the homeland.

Differences in culture are often stark but depending on the length of one's stay in another land, the culture of the host country can often be observing.

The observance of Philippine National Day therefore, has a role in that it is a faithful reminder of the expatriate roots.

My best wishes for a joyous celebration of June 12 and for the continued success of the Filipino Association of Denmark.



(SGD.) J. V. CRUZ
Philippine Ambassador to Great Britain



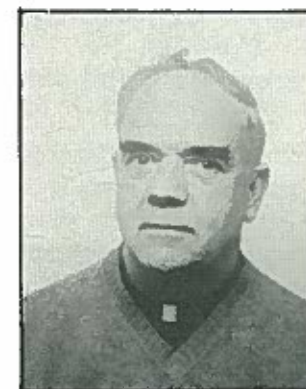
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It is a great privilege to my wife, Bente and myself to convey to all members of the FAD my warmest greetings on the occasion of the 85th Philippine Independence Anniversary.

Having been in office for little less than one year, I am happy to observe the close cooperation between the Filipinos living in Denmark and also their willingness to develop a closer relationship with the Danish people.

A milestone this year in the cooperation between our two countries, will undoubtedly be the delivery of 'M.S. Filipinas', built in Aalborg, to be used as a training-ship for Philippine seamen. It is my hope that this occasion will strengthen the ties between the Philippines and Denmark.

THORKILD ERRITZØE
Phil. Consul General a.h.



MESSAGE

A Proclamation and Struggle!

It was so, with God's Chosen People. Moses came down from the mountain of Sinai and presented them with their Constitution to Freedom. Yet it was still a long journey through history, 3000 years of struggle before they could reach their Promised Land.

Eighty five years of Independence seems short by comparison for God's other Chosen People in that Far Eastern 'Pearl of the Orient', the Philippines, where there is to be found a truly Christian Community desirous and deserving to be free as a Nation.

Today we celebrate 85 years of the nation's Independence. We pray for the Philippines and for all Filipinos. Here in Denmark, we pray for a great growth in respect, trust, acceptance, and genuine friendship between Filipinos and Danes.

Above all through the Filipino effort may the Christian Faith be reestablished and preserved... a Pearl to Share.. a Faith to Proclaim... here in Denmark as we celebrate Philippine Independence Day.

Mabuhay to all Pinoys in Denmark. May the Mother of Perpetual Help with her Son keep you in their special love and care.

PATRICK J. SHEILS, CSSR
FAD Spiritual Adviser



MESSAGE

It is with deep pride that I extend my heartiest regards and best wishes to the FAD as it celebrates the 85th Philippine Independence Anniversary today.

After twelve years of dedicated labor, total commitment to enhance the social well-being of the Filipinos living in Denmark, promote their culture and develop closer relationship with the Danish people, the civic achievements of the FAD have given it solid credentials for undertaking more challenging tasks in the future. This is a noble commitment that deserves the full support of all members.

This celebration will be made more meaningful if the members of the FAD will care for re-assessment of the Association's goals and ascertain how you can positively contribute to the government efforts to improve the quality of life of our countrymen and the development of our country.

May God bless us all !!!


BENJAMIN B. GARCIA
Chairman

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MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to lead the Filipino community in observing the 85th Independence Anniversary of the Republic of the Philippines here in Denmark.

Once again, Filipinos in Denmark will gather to renew our faith and oneness with our country. Let this occasion also be a reminder of the noble sacrifices of our forefathers that we may today enjoy the blessings of Independence. Emulating them, let us work together collectively for a better and united Filipino community.

Let us therefore declare today our unity and commitment.

Mabuhay ang Republika ng Pilipinas at Filipino Association of Denmark!


JORGE N. ABAINZA
FAD President

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

by Filomenita Mongaya-Høgsholm

When the silken Tricolor, our red-white and blue Filipino flag was raised to the majestic strains of the "Marcha Nacional Filipina" (composed by Julian Felipe and up to this day, our National Anthem, the Pambansang Awit) that sunny Sunday afternoon of June 12th 1898, foremost in the minds of those present must have been the blood, the sweat and the tears of our forebears that made possible the historic moment at Kawit, Cavite. There were tears in not a few of the revolucionarios' eyes as they listened to the proclamation of Independence read by Ambrosio Riansares Bautista.

Indeed ours is a long history of struggle for freedom from foreign domination. We remember Lapu-lapu, chieftain of Cebu who refused to make a compact with the Portuguese explorer sent by King Philip of Spain to circumnavigate the globe in search of spices and trade. Successful at making peace with datus and rajas of nearby islands, Magellan was met in Cebu with hostility; the battle of Mactan was waged, Magellan slain, and the native Lapu-lapu earned for posterity the honor of being the first Filipino freedom fighter.

40 years later, the Spanish crown successfully conquered the islands with the Legazpi expedition in 1571 thus annexing the archipelago as Spanish territory for the next 333 years. The Hispanization process of tribute collection and forced labor sowed seeds of resentment early on. A series of revolts erupted in the far reaches of Spanish rule during the 17th and 18th centuries. Some of them were extensive and protracted like the Dagohoy revolt in Bohol which lasted for 80 years! The Igorots of Luzon maintained their independence for 300 years, perhaps not surprising from a people who built the 8th wonder of the World, the magnificent Banaue Rice Terraces without slave labor! To this day, there are still parts of Mindanao that have never been colonized by either Spanish or the Americans.

Discontent among the Filipino clergy was to be a focal point in the growing national ferment. Brother Pule (Apolinario dela Cruz) of Tayabas (Quezon Province) was to hold captive the entire Fort Santiago in 1843 when the friars denied recognition of the religious confraternity that he had established. When the native priests Gomez, Burgos and Zamora were garroted in 1872 for complicity in the Cavite mutiny by the authorities, we see another impetus to the nationalist movement. By the time the Spaniards subjected our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal to a firing squad in Bagumbayan (what is now Rizal Park) at dawn of December 30, 1896 as a result of his incendiary novel, Noli Me Tangere, the Philippine nation had been a-borning for some time.

Andres Bonifacio and his Katipuneros had rejected the Reform movement of Rizal and the other ilustrados (scions of the privileged classes who had the means to be educated in Spain and Europe) in favor of a more effective means of securing change: armed uprising. It was Bonifacio, the Tondo warehouseman who founded the secret society, a truly mass organization, the Katipunan which led the successful struggle against Spain.

A rival leader, Emilio Aguinaldo of Cavite, signed the Pact of Biak-na-Bato with the Spanish before leaving on self-exile to Hongkong, but first having declared the Revolution ended and imposing death on those who didn't heed the decree. Bonifacio and his men felt that the Pact was a betrayal and continued the fighting. This power struggle was to cost Bonifacio his life at the hands of the Katipuneros from Cavite, later on.

The advent of the Spanish-American war saw the return of the exiles from Hongkong. On May 31st, Aguinaldo signed a Proclamation of war on Spain signifying the start of the General Uprising. By first week of June, the whole country was practically under Filipino control. Some 5000 Spanish soldiers were captured and 10,000 rifles and assorted arms collected. It was a jubilant

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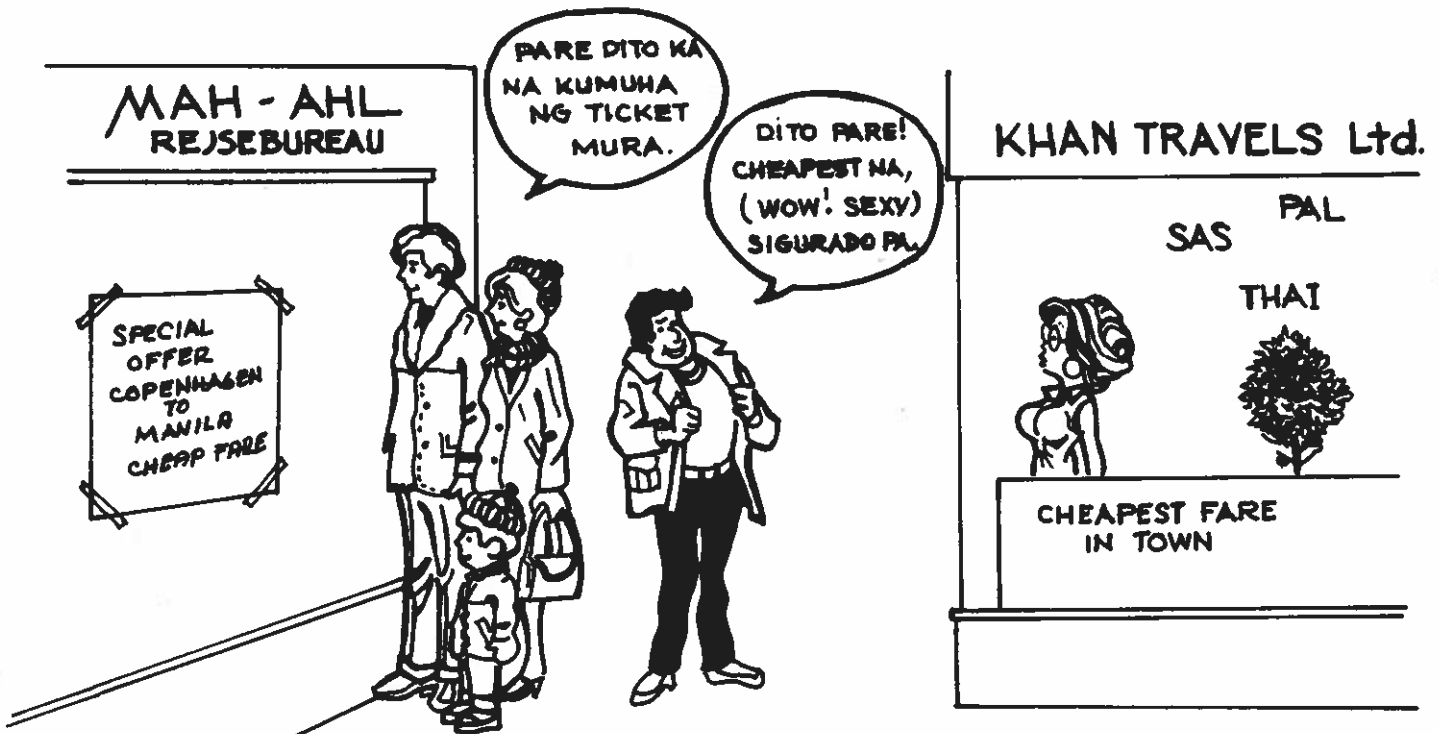


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