PROCLAMATION

Philippines-Canada Friendship Day

WHEREAS: Bilateral relations between the Philippines and Canada were established in December 1949 when Canada established a trade mission in Manila. Since then, the Philippines has established an Embassy in Ottawa (1971) and three Philippine Consulates in Vancouver (1956), Toronto (1978), and most recently in Calgary (2016).

Canada likewise upgraded its consular operations in Manila to an Embassy in 1972 with an honorary consulate in Cebu. Today, it is one of the largest Canadian Embassies in the world.

This year in December marks the 75th anniversary of the bilateral relations between the two countries. The 75th anniversary, with the theme, "Building Bridges, Celebrating Connections", encapsulates the dynamic and forward-looking diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The Philippine Consulate General in Toronto, in partnership with the City Government of Brampton and the Filipino community in Brampton, intends to hold the lighting of the Brampton City Hall Clock Tower in the colors of the Philippine flag, followed by the community Christmas party every 1st of December.

These activities are expected to raise awareness about the significant developments in Philippines-Canada relations especially those involving and impacting the City of Brampton and to further build on the robust people-to-people ties with a view to opening new pathways for collaboration in various fields and sectors.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2024 as “Philippines-Canada Friendship Day” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton