



Philippine Embassy in New Zealand commemorates 10th Anniversary of South China Sea Arbitral Award

The Philippine Embassy in Wellington commemorated the 10th anniversary of the landmark 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award

through a series of academic and public engagements in Wellington and Auckland, underscoring the Award's continuing importance to international law, peaceful dispute settlement, and the rules-based international order.

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Second Filipino-Māori Friendly Exhibition Basketball Game held in Wellington

The second Filipino-Māori Friendly Exhibition Basketball Game was held last Sunday, 25 October, at the Akau Tangi Sports Centre, during the 2nd day of the Pistang Pilipino sa Wellington 2026. Co-organized by the Philippine Embassy and Poitūkohu Māori o Aotearoa (Māori Basketball), the exhibition match featured two teams comprised of basketball players from the Filipino and Māori community faced off in a friendly competition, with both sides displaying both skill and sportsmanship.

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Philippine Martial Arts Association New Zealand holds inaugural Arnis tournament in NZ

The Philippine Martial Arts Association New Zealand (PHILMAA NZ) held its inaugural National Arnis Tournament in Wellington from 24 to 25 October 2026, during the Pistang Pilipinas in Wellington 2026.

Supported by the Philippine Embassy, the tournament attracted Filipino Martial Arts (FMA) enthusiasts from all over New Zealand to compete in full-contact Filipino Stick Fighting using padded armor and sticks.

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Other news



Embassy in New Zealand welcomes Overseas Workers Welfare Administration delegation for Pistang Pinoy 2026

The Philippine Embassy in Wellington welcomed the delegation from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), led by Deputy Administrator Rosalia Susana S. Bahia-Catapang, during their visit to New Zealand in

connection with Pistang Pinoy 2026, held on 24–25 October 2026.

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Ambassador Kira Azucena engages with Victoria University students on PH-NZ relations

Ambassador Kira Azucena attended the presentation of research papers by students of Victoria University of Wellington's Global Studies Programme, highlighting various aspects of Philippines–New Zealand relations.

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Philippine Embassy in New Zealand brings consular services closer to Filipinos in Christchurch

The Philippine Embassy in New Zealand successfully concluded its Mobile Consular Mission in Christchurch, held from 9 to 11 October 2026 at the Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square.

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Embassy provides consular services during the 2026 Pistang Pilipino in Wellington

Philippine Embassy in New Zealand successfully delivered frontline consular and migrant worker support services to the local Filipino community during the Pistang Pilipino 2026 festival held over Labour Weekend at the Ākau Tangi Sports Centre and the Wellington Indian Hall.

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Ambassador Kira Azucena highlights PH-NZ friendship and women empowerment at Zonta Club Wellington

Ambassador Kira Azucena addressed members of the Zonta Club of Wellington, highlighting the longstanding friendship between the Philippines and New Zealand, the Philippine Government's commitment to protecting the welfare of overseas Filipinos, and the significant contributions

of Filipino women to nation-building.

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Ambassador Kira Azucena meets with the PH National Authority for Child Care officials

Ambassador Kira Christianne D. Azucena received officials of the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), led by NACC Council Member Ms. Glady Bunao and Inter-Country Adoption Division Officer-in-Charge Ms. Irene Fagayan, during a courtesy call at the Philippine Embassy in Wellington.

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Message of H.E. Ambassador Kira Christianne D. Azucena for the 2026 Pistang Pilipino in Wellington



Pistang Pilipino sa Wellington is the largest annual cultural festival and gathering that celebrates Filipino heritage, community, sports, food, music, and arts in New Zealand. The event's most recent edition took place over Labour Weekend from 23 to 25 October 2026 in

Wellington, hosted by the Streams of Life Charitable Trust with support from the Filipino Community of Wellington.

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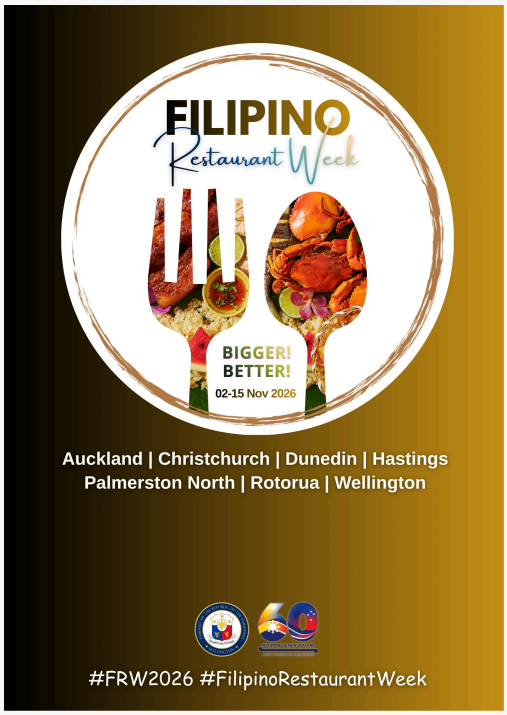
What's happening this November



2026 Filipino Restaurant Week

Craving adobo? Longing for pandesal? Need that perfect kape? We got you. Check out our amazing participating restaurants! Two weeks. All the Filipino flavors. Where are you eating first? Don't forget to tag us and use #FilipinoRestaurantWeek — we want to see your foodie adventures! Kain na!



Hospitality Pinoy 2026

Organized by the New Zealand Philippines Business Council, Hospitality Pinoy 2026 is a joint initiative and restaurant development program to be held in Auckland, designed to support, uplift, and empower Filipino-owned businesses, restaurant owners, managers, and workers in the local food and hospitality sector.



Comfort and Joy: A Christmas Choral Concert

Comfort and Joy: A Christmas Choral Concert is a live holiday musical event presented by the Bulwagan Foundation Trust featuring FilCoro (the Wellington Filipino Choir).

Please visit the Embassy Facebook and Instagram accounts for the latest updates on these events.

ASEAN Corner

This is your go-to spot for fascinating tidbits about ASEAN and the Philippines' Chairship of ASEAN in 2026!



Updated ASEAN Emblem

The updated ASEAN emblem was unveiled at the 49th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits in Manila, coinciding with the implementation of the Cebu Protocol. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., serving as ASEAN Chair, officially presented the updated flag and certificate alongside ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Kao Kim Hourn. During his opening remarks, President Marcos Jr. highlighted the essence of ASEAN, stating, “This is the core of what it means to be part of ASEAN: different nations moving with common purpose, each sharing responsibility, unified in action, for the strength of the whole.”

The redesigned emblem maintains the original design's core symbolism —signifying stability, peace, purity, and dynamism—through the familiar depiction of bound paddy stalks within a circle. The key update includes the addition of an eleventh paddy stalk, symbolizing Timor-Leste’s historic inclusion as ASEAN’s eleventh Member State. While the design evolves, it continues to reflect the organization’s enduring values of friendship, solidarity, and unity among its members.

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Overseas Voting Bulletin



Philippine Embassy in New Zealand conducts 3rd RERB Hearing to review applications for overseas voter registration, certification, and recapture

The Philippine Embassy in New Zealand convened its third Resident Election Registration Board (RERB) Hearing to review and deliberate on applications for overseas voter registration, certification, and recapture in preparation for the upcoming national elections.

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Consular 101

This is your one-stop hub for important updates, helpful tips, and everything you need to know about the Embassy's consular services.



Question 1: Can I use the Travel Document to travel to another country other than the Philippines?

Answer: No, the Travel Document is issued in lieu of a passport and valid for one-way, direct travel to the Philippines. A travel document is issued to a Filipino citizen who needs to urgently travel home but is unable to fully comply with the requirements for the issuance of a regular passport, at the time of emergency.

Question 2: Where can a Philippine passport holder apply for a travel document if their passport is lost abroad?

Answer: You must apply in person at the nearest Philippine Embassy or Philippine Consulate General in the country where you are currently located. If there is no embassy or consulate in that specific country,

you will need to contact the Philippine foreign service post that holds jurisdiction over that area.

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