



PH Embassy, PTIC, NZPBC lead Executive Roundtable and Business Forum to strengthen trade and investment ties between the Philippines and New Zealand

The Philippine Embassy in New Zealand, together with the Philippine Trade and Investment Center (PTIC)-Sydney and the New Zealand

Philippines Business Council (NZPBC), organized an Executive Roundtable Discussion and Business Forum on 25 May 2026 in Auckland to explore opportunities and deepen economic partnerships between the Philippines and New Zealand.

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Philippine Embassy, AUT sign donation agreement to host international conference on PH studies in Auckland in 2027

A significant step in advancing Philippine studies globally was marked today with the signing of a donation agreement between the Philippine Embassy in New Zealand and Auckland University of Technology (AUT).

The milestone was made possible through the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs and the support of the Office of Senator Loren Legarda, whose advocacy includes the global promotion of Philippine culture, heritage, and academic scholarship.

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In celebration of National Heritage Month, the Philippine Embassy in New Zealand invites you to

Roots & Horizons

Exploring Works by Filipina and Wāhine Māori Artists

27 May 2026 | 05:00–06:00PM | Via Zoom and FB Live

Resource Speakers

Ms. Louise Anne M. Salas

Louise recently completed her doctoral thesis on Filipina and wāhine Māori artists and feminist developments (1970s–2000). She is a Research Fellow at the University of Auckland's Public Policy Institute and a founding member of PSN.

Maileenita Penalba, Ph.D.

Maileenita is the Director of the Cordillera Studies Center at UP Baguio, holds a PhD in Politics and International Relations and co-founded PSN.

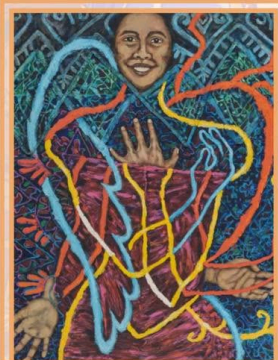
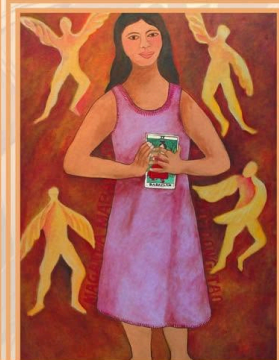
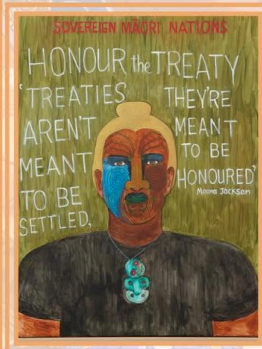
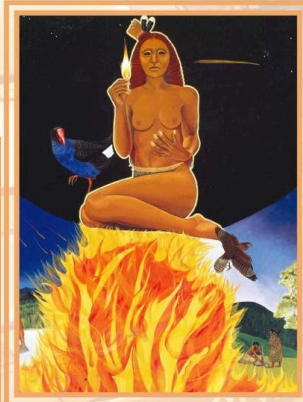


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Philippine Embassy in New Zealand highlights Filipina and Wahine Maori artists for National Heritage Month

Women artists of the Philippines and Maori (wāhine) used visual art, performance, and storytelling to express cultural identity, reclaim narratives, and reflect on historical and contemporary experiences.

This was the focus of the webinar “Roots and Horizons: Exploring Works by Filipina and Wāhine Māori Artists” organized by the Philippine Embassy on 27 May 2026 on the occasion of National Heritage Month.

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Other news



Philippines Participates in the 33rd ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue

DFA Undersecretary Leo Herrera-Lim, Philippine Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) Leader, led the Philippines in the ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue held on 14-15 May 2026 in Christchurch, New Zealand.

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Embassy Launches 2026 Mobile Consular Outreach Program in Auckland

The Embassy officially kicked off its Mobile Consular Outreach Mission in Auckland on May 22, 2026. The outreach was held at Danish House (6 Rockridge Avenue, Penrose, Auckland) on May 22-23 and at Pioneer Women's Hall, Ellen Melville Centre on May 24.

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Ambassador Kira Azucena hosts gathering with writer- contributors of the Filipina Monologues e-book

Ambassador Kira Azucena hosts a gathering with the writer-contributors of the first Filipina Monologues e-book, celebrating their creative contributions and dedication to storytelling.

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Ambassador Kira Azucena, Filipino Scholars and Educators welcomed at AUT Marae for a Day of Cultural Connection and Reflection

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What's happening this June

Kalayaan 2026
Kalayaan. Kinabukasan. Kasaysayan.

On the occasion of the 128th anniversary of the Declaration of Philippine Independence

the **Philippine Embassy in New Zealand** and the **Knights of Rizal - Wellington Chapter** warmly invite kababayans to a

FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

08:00 a.m. on Friday, 12 June 2026
Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Hutt Central

Let us come together in unity and patriotism.

Magkita-kita po tayo!
Attire: Barong Tagalog / Filipiniana

128th PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY 12 JUNE 2026

2026 Philippine Independence Day celebration

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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!



2026 year carries particular significance as we mark the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), which serves as a foundational code of conduct for interstate relations in the region and a cornerstone of ASEAN's political and security architecture.

The Philippines, as 2026 ASEAN Chair, will lead the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the TAC, marking 50 years of cooperation and dialogue in the region and beyond. We will continue to champion peace and stability through dialogue, adherence to international law, and

enhanced cooperation on traditional and non-traditional security issues.

The commemorative logo features the Sampaguita, the national flower of the Philippines, which symbolizes friendship, humility, purity of intention, hope, and warm welcome—values that closely resonate with the spirit and enduring relevance of the TAC. Its five (5) petals represent each of the five (5) continents from which the fifty-eight (58) HCPs to date originate: Asia, Americas, Africa, Europe and Oceania. The fifty (50) strokes forming the five (5) petals demonstrate fifty (50) years of the Treaty’s enduring appeal as a foundational code of conduct for inter-state relations in the region for peaceful relations, mutual respect and cooperation, and a cornerstone of regional peace and stability. The flowing lines of the flower signify continuity, reflecting TAC’s sustained relevance and growing membership of the HCPs.

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Overseas Voting Bulletin



Ongoing Overseas Voter Registration for the 2028 National Elections

As part of the Embassy's continuous commitment to voter accessibility, Overseas Voter (OV) registration is still ongoing. Filipino citizens are encouraged to register in preparation for the 2028 National Elections or update their voter information. Applicants need to bring a valid Philippine passport or a Dual

Citizenship Identification
Certificate.

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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.



Q1: Maria and Juan are both Filipino citizens living in Auckland, New Zealand. They are not married to each other. Maria gives birth to a child, Ana, in Auckland. Juan does not sign any documents

acknowledging that Ana is his child. What surname should Ana use under Philippine law?

Answer: Ana is an illegitimate child (because her parents are not married). Under relevant laws, illegitimate children shall use the surname of their mother and be under her parental authority. Since Juan did not expressly recognize his filiation (e.g., through a civil registry record, a public document, or a private handwritten instrument), Ana should use Maria's surname.

Q2: Same facts as above, but this time Juan signs the New Zealand birth certificate and clearly acknowledges that he is Ana's father. Maria wants Ana to use the father's surname. Can Ana use the surname of her father under RA 9255?

Answer: Yes. Illegitimate children may use the surname of their father if their filiation has been expressly recognized by the father through the record of birth appearing in the civil register. Even though the birth occurred in New Zealand, if Juan's acknowledgment appears in the birth record and is properly recognized/registered in the Philippine civil registry (through reporting of birth to the Philippine Embassy), Ana may use Juan's surname, following the procedure under RA 9255 and its implementing rules.

Q3: Pedro, a Filipino in Wellington, is not married to Carla, also Filipino. They have a son, Marco, born in Wellington. The birth certificate lists only the mother's details, but later Pedro signs an "Affidavit of Acknowledgment of Paternity" before the Philippine Embassy in Wellington, a public document. Can Marco use Pedro's surname?

Answer: Yes. RA 9255 allows an illegitimate child to use the father's surname when the father expressly recognizes filiation either:

1. Through the civil register (record of birth), or
2. Through an admission in a public document or a private handwritten instrument.

Pedro's sworn affidavit before the Philippine Embassy is a public document and a clear admission of paternity. Following RA 9255 procedures and after the necessary annotation in the civil registry, Marco may use Pedro's surname.

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