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To the Mayor and Members of Council:

We hope this message finds you well.

On behalf of Hamilton Philippine Heritage Festival and Hamilton Fiesta Extravaganza, we would like to extend an invitation to the opening ceremony of **Hamilton Fiesta Extravaganza 2024 “Sining, Sayaw at Saya” (Art, Dance and Happiness)** on **Saturday, July 27 at 11:00 am**. The festival will be at **Bayfront Park, 200 Harbour Front Drive**. It will run from Saturday, July 27 to Sunday, July 28.

The Fiesta Extravaganza events have become the biggest Filipino-Canadian Summer Event from coast to coast to coast. For 2024, Fiesta Extravaganza events are happening in 9 cities across 5 provinces.

The 2024 Hamilton Fiesta Extravaganza aims to showcase the rich tapestry of Philippine culture and heritage to the Canadian Community. Our group aims for:

Cultural Preservation: The Fiesta Extravaganza serves as a platform to preserve and promote the Philippines' traditions, arts, and customs for future generations.

Cultural Exchange: This festival fosters cultural exchange and understanding between the Filipino-Canadian community and Canadians. By sharing our traditions, cuisine, music, and dance, we strengthen the bonds of friendship and unity among diverse communities.

Community Engagement: The Fiesta Extravaganza provides an opportunity for Filipinos and Canadians to come together in celebration. Through various activities such as performances, workshops, and culinary experiences, attendees will have the chance to immerse themselves in the vibrant culture of the Philippines.

It would be an honour and privilege if you can be at our opening ceremonies. The following have confirmed their participation and will be sharing quick remarks:

- Ambassador Maria Andrelita S. Austria – Philippine Ambassador to Canada
- The Honourable Rechie Valdez, P.C., M.P. (Mississauga – Streetsville) – Minister of Small Business
- The Honourable Salma Zahid, P.C., M.P. (Scarborough)

We are looking forward to celebrating with you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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For more information, please email info@hamiltonphfestival.com or contact 905-531-2151. To learn more about this event, visit www.fiestaextravaganza.com.