



2014 Theme:

iPinoyCan!

Understanding the
Filipino-Canadian
Identity - the Key to
Transformational
Leadership

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Toronto Public Library

Fairview Mall Theatre

35 Fairview Mall Drive,

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Background Information

The Young Filipino-Canadian Leaders Summit came out of the following identified issues experienced, observed and studied by a focused group of Filipino-Canadian youth leaders:

- The need to foster understanding and bridge generation gaps between parents and their children, as well as among generations of Filipino/Filipino-Canadian youth from 1st, 1.5 and 2nd generations.
- The need to understand and address the invisibility of the Filipino community in Canadian society. Filipinos are the largest source of migrant labour in Canada. Filipinos are the 4th largest visible minority according to the 2006 Statistics Canada. Filipinos are one of the most highly educated immigrants migrating to Canada. However, it has been argued that due to de-skilling and devaluing of their education and work experience, as well as the experiences of discrimination and racism, Filipinos and their contributions to the Canadian society continue to be invisible.
- Despite many years of invisibility since the first major waves of Filipinos post 1960s, the children of those who first arrived and the youth who have come after, have started what has been dubbed as a renaissance of Filipino pride in Canada. Youth of Filipino descent are exploring with curiosity and enthusiasm: what it means to be Filipino in Canada; Philippine history, art, culture and heritage while trying to also understand their place in Canadian society.

Objectives

More specifically, the Young Filipino-Canadian Leaders Summit aims to provide youth of Filipino descent aged 18 -35 and accompanying leaders/coordinators/mentors, with an understanding of their history, both Philippine and the Canadian connection; provide them tools that they can bring home to their community; and provide them with opportunities to network with other Filipinos and community leaders.

Vision

From such a context, the Young Filipino-Canadian Leaders Summit hopes to provide a space and opportunity for youth of Filipino-descent to explore and create a fuller sense of their identity towards the ultimate outcome of inspiring a generation of youth who will be visible and a united national force in Canadian society.

Mission

The Young Filipino-Canadian Leaders Summit aims to empower youth, cultivate pride and provide youth with the tools and support to be able to not just echo but also put into action the vision of the summit within their own regional community groups.

Schedule of Events

March 8, Saturday, 9:00 AM

Welcome Address

Talk #1:

Philippine History & Culture: A Backgrounder

Talk #2:

Disturbing Invisibility of Filipinos in Canada

Open Mic: Know and Understand Your Roots

March 8, Saturday, 2:00 PM

Bayan Bayanan, Letters from Home

A theatrical production of a modern masterpiece by acclaimed Filipino playwright, Bienvenido Noriega, Jr., with added scenes by international award-winning playwright/director Anton Juan, PhD.

March 9, Sunday, 9:00 AM

Let's Talk About Leadership!

**Testimonies from Filipino-Canadians
community leaders and prominent
Filipino-Canadians**

Open Mic: Ask & Learn from the Leaders!

Closing Remarks

Socials & Networking

iKubo Media publishes the Filipino-Canadian community magazine, *Kubo Magazine*. iKubo Media is more than just a publishing company. It is a media company that is unapologetic about celebrating everything Filipino – the culture, the traditions, the people, the places – through various media (print and online), events and services. The people behind this company are very passionate about promoting the Filipino culture, traditions and values and making our contribution to uplift the thriving Filipino-Canadian community.

TPF Canada organizes and manages the *Toronto Paskuhan Festival*. Its board of directors are a group of individuals bearing the same passion and dedication to continue the Christmas tradition for the Filipino community. It also aims to bring the best of the Filipinos culture and heritage through community events by collaborating with various community organizations, media, local and international talents and community leaders.