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Liberal MPs Attend Philippine Independence Day Celebrations

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Ms. Kadis and Liberal MP Maurizio Bevilacqua for Vaughan also attended the Flag-Raising ceremony in the City of Vaughan. (Ontario)

John McCallum, Liberal Member of Parliament for Markham-Unionville and Susan Kadis, Liberal Member of Parliament for Thornhill, acknowledged the contribution of Filipino Canadians to the rich cultural fabric of Canada while attending a Flag-Raising ceremony in celebration of the 109th Philippine Independence Day.

"This occasion is a time to mark the achievements of Filipino Canadians and highlight the many contributions they have made to this great country," said Mr. McCallum. "Their hard work, determination and contribution to the social, economic and multicultural fabric of Canada has benefited all Canadians."

"Filipino Canadians are a vibrant and important force in Canadian society, contributing greatly to our rich cultural diversity," added Ms. Kadis. "The Filipino community has worked hard and made many sacrifices in order to succeed. It continues to set an inspiring example for all Canadians."

Mr. McCallum and Ms. Kadis also brought greetings and best wishes to all Filipino Canadians from Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion. Mr. Dion's message emphasized the valuable role Filipino Canadians have played in enriching Canada's cultural diversity. It also said Mr. Dion and the Liberal Party look forward to working closely with all Filipino Canadians to realize the great potential of Canada.

Ms. Kadis and Liberal MP Maurizio Bevilacqua for Vaughan also attended the Flag-Raising ceremony in the City of Vaughan and presented the Charter of Freedom and Rights in Tagalog to Philippine Consul General, Alejandro Mosquera. It is the first Tagalog version of the Canadian Charter.