



**MESSAGE**

I wish to congratulate the officers and members of the Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey, Inc. on their successful hosting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual CARE and Scholarship Award on 21 September 2007.

The theme for this evening, "A 3D Look at PNANJ's Culture: Dedication, Determination and Diversity" is an accurate reflection of the strength of character and sincere commitment to serving others that Filipino nurses throughout the United States have given to those under their care. Elected officials and industry leaders here in New Jersey have had nothing but words of praise and admiration for the intelligence, diligence and excellence of Filipino professionals. Tonight, PNANJ, Inc. will give recognition to those among this elevated field who have emerged as excellent. But for me, all the members of this organization deserve recognition.

Congratulations to you all and I wish you continued success in the coming years.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

  
**CECILIA B. REBONG**  
Consul General

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