

## PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

### **Philippine Food Festival** **2-11 June 2010, Swissotel, Zurich**

In celebration of the 112<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Philippine Independence, the Philippine Embassy in Berne, Switzerland invites the Filipino community, family and friends, as well as food enthusiasts to savor and enjoy the unique flavors of Philippine cuisine at the “**Philippine Food Festival**” to be held from 2 to 11 June 2010 at the Swissotel in Oerlikon, Zurich.

For the first time, a leading hotel in Switzerland, will exclusively offer Filipino cuisine in fine dining. Three Filipino Chefs, recognized for their culinary creativity and expertise will be flown from Cebu to Zurich for this special event. The Filipino Chefs are based in Marco Polo Hotel in Cebu City, a 5 star hotel in the south of the Philippines. .

To ensure the freshness and quality of the food, Singapore Airlines will transport to Zurich fresh Philippine ingredients and produce, including fresh mangoes, on a regular basis.

The Department of Agriculture will also feature its “Pinoy Agri Kart” to showcase Filipino agricultural products, delicacies and fruits.

The Department of Tourism will create a Filipino Fiesta atmosphere at the Swissotel lobby with a tourism booth to promote Philippine tourism products and services.

The hotel lobby will also feature paintings of Filipino artist, Vicky Abad Kerblat. Her paintings will show the beauty of the country and its people, particularly Batanes and Northern Philippines, using indigenous Philippine materials.

The Philippine Food Festival is organized by the Philippine Embassy in Berne in cooperation with the Philippine Department of Tourism, Philippine Department of Agriculture, Singapore Airlines, Gretz Communications AG, and Swissotel.

For lunch and dinner reservations during the Food Festival , please contact Swissotel at tel. no. +41 44 317 31 11.

### **Filipino Community Night** **5 June 2010, Swissotel**

A special night for the Filipino community is scheduled on 5 June 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The evening will showcase a buffet of Filipino cuisine, from appetizers to desserts, prepared by the three Filipino chefs from the Philippines. Moreover, a concert will be performed by Filipino artists who will render classical, Broadway, and Filipino songs after the buffet dinner. They will directly come from Manila also for this special event.

For the June 5 event, tickets are priced at Chf 85 excluding drinks. For inquiries, please contact the Philippine Embassy and request for Ms. Ava Arçilla or Ms. Cecile Estrella at tel. no. 031 350 1717 or send an email to [info@philembassyberne.ch](mailto:info@philembassyberne.ch).

See you all in June and *Mabuhay ang Pilipinas!*