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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



Happy Lunar New Year!

As we prepare to enter the Year of the Pig on Wednesday, February 5th, I would like to extend my most sincere best wishes to all those participating in this special tradition.

Growing up this was always one of my personal favorite celebrations of the calendar year, most especially because of the opportunity to eat special rice cake delicacies such as Tikoy (Filipino).

Today, I continue to embrace and preserve these very traditions here in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area and everywhere else my travels may take me during this time of the year.

In the end, regardless of your designated zodiac sign, I wish you all much joy, success and peace in all of your respective endeavors. MAFFAA is humbled by your unending support to preserve and present these very cultural customs that we all hold so near and dear in our community.

Happy New Year! □□□□

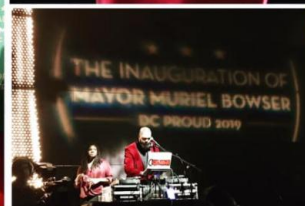
Respectfully,  
Patrick Realiza  
Co-Executive Director, Mid Atlantic Foundation for Asian Artists, Inc.

## JANUARY 2019 COMMUNITY RECAP

**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA EMCEES  
NEW YEAR'S PARTY AT LOCAL FILIPINO RESTAURANT  
BISTRO 1521, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA ATTENDS  
MAYOR BOWSER'S INAUGURAL BALL  
THE ANTHEM, WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA ATTENDS  
SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE  
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CONGRESSIONAL STUDIES  
WITH CONGRESSMAN BOBBY SCOTT OF VIRGINIA  
UNITED STATES CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MEETS WITH  
NEWLY ELECTED HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE OF GUAM  
CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL SAN NICOLAS  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MEETS WITH  
SPECIAL DELEGATION OF PORTUGUESE MAYORS FROM ALENTEJO  
WITH MR. HUGO PALMA OF THE EMBASSY OF PORTUGAL  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA ATTENDS  
SPECIAL RECEPTION FOR INCOMING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS  
WITH MSNBC NEWS ANCHOR AND JOURNALIST RICHARD LUI**



RENAISSANCE HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC



CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA PARTICIPATES IN  
**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE WITH LOCAL CATHOLIC PARISH**  
ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA



CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA PARTICIPATES IN  
**SPECIAL WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION**  
THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON, DC




**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA PARTICIPATES IN  
SPECIAL DEDICATION IN HONOR OF  
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MEETS WITH  
HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR ROLANDAS KRISCIUNAS  
EMBASSY OF LITHUANIA, WASHINGTON, DC**



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