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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



Happy Summer fellow MAFFAA supporters!

Hard to believe that June has arrived and summer is upon us! Again, it has truly been a pleasure to serve all of you this first half of 2019 as I continue to engage and network with various communities in and around the Washington, DC area.

Some key highlights include attending a special reception with His Excellency Ambassador Cui Tiankai of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to kick off the Chinese Embassy's annual open house in conjunction with Passport DC series.

Another key opportunity, was the privilege to partake in the first working group meeting of the newly established Commercial Diplomats Club with His Excellency Ambassador Arjun Kumar Karki of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal. This club seeks to further improve bilateral relations and economic diplomacy efforts

between the United States and participating member countries.

Other activities this past month focused on the learning more about the rich histories of the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of the Philippines, beginning with the Spanish Embassy's open house which was held during the European Union designated weekend of Passport DC.

Furthermore, I also had the chance to acquire a deeper understanding of the Philippine indigenous people of Bukidnon of Mindanao through an evening program hosted by the Philippine Embassy and Tanghalang Pilipino, which featured world class Filipino musician and artist, Mr. Waway Linsahay Saway of the Talaandig tribe.

In closing, no matter where you may be spending these next few months, I wish you all a very safe and enjoyable summer ahead!

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

## MAY 2019 COMMUNITY RECAP

**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MEETS WITH  
HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR CUI TIANKAI  
EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA ATTENDS  
SPANISH EMBASSY OPEN HOUSE DURING PASSPORT DC  
EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MEETS WITH  
AMBASSADOR ARJUN KUMAR KARKI OF NEPAL  
FIRST WORKING MEETING OF COMMERCIAL DIPLOMATS CLUB**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA ATTENDS PROGRAM  
FEATURING MR. WAWAY LINSAHAY SAWAY OF TALAANDIG TRIBE  
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**





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