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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



Happy August!

As we conclude our summer plans in the coming months, I take this time to reflect on another memorable series of events throughout the month of July. I continue to learn so much from these various community events.

Key highlights include partaking in a number of national day celebrations, including those presented by the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Republic of Peru. Both countries celebrated in style by showcasing their rich cultural histories through art, food and dance! Truly humbled to have been afforded such invitations and to opportunity expand our network in the arts.

Another key event was the exclusive opening night of the Tapestry of Light exhibition at the Museum of the Bible. This unique and profound exhibition was presented by Dr. Irene Barberis, seeking to explore themes of apocalyptic art, with a focus on theology, revelation and light.

In closing, I hope your final months of summer will continue to be nothing of short exciting as mine has proven to be so far!

All the best,  
Patrick Realiza  
Co-Executive Director, Mid Atlantic Foundation for Asian Artists, Inc.

## JULY 2019 COMMUNITY RECAP

**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ATTENDS EXCLUSIVE OPENING OF  
THE TAPESTRY OF LIGHT EXHIBITION BY DR. IRENE BARBERIS  
MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE | WASHINGTON, DC**



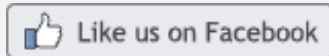
**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA CELEBRATES WITH  
MADAM PATRICIA BENEBY MINNIS, FIRST LADY OF THE BAHAMAS  
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**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA CELEBRATES WITH  
HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR HUGO DE ZELA OF PERU  
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