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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



Welcome to February!

Writing to you all today excited for what 2020 has already been like for me. This past month, I had the privilege of partaking in number of local opening exhibitions ranging from a sustainable-focused one through the Hillyer Art Gallery in Washington, DC to another one focused on the Estonian Diaspora presented in collaboration with the European Union (EU) Delegation Office at the Mehari Sequar Art Gallery in the H Street Northeast Corridor.

Furthermore, I also had the chance of ushering in the Year of the Rat, a widely celebrated and important event for many Asian and Asian-American communities. This time of year always brings me great joy to partake in the opportunity to relive many of my Filipino traditional cultural childhood memories which also contained many deep-seated Chinese and other East Asian influences.

As we continue to charge ahead this year, I hope that each and every one of you will continue to be reminded of the value of preserving our cultural roots and ensuring that they are not forgotten most especially among the youth of today.

Personally, I always take great pride in my Asian-oriented upbringing values along with the numerous American traditions that become an integral part of my present day forward looking outlook.

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

## JANUARY 2020 COMMUNITY RECAP

**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA ATTENDS  
SPECIAL OPENING EXHIBITION OF ROCOCO REMASTERED  
BY LOCAL DC-BASED ARTIST NOEL KASSEWITZ  
HILLYER ART GALLERY  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA PARTICIPATES IN  
LOCAL CATHOLIC PRAYER GROUP FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING  
OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA JOINS  
AMBASSADOR STANLEY KAO OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)  
FOR SPECIAL WATCH ELECTION PROGRAM AND RECEPTION  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA JOINS  
MR. MICHAEL CURTIS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION  
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION OFFICE  
FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM FEATURING ESTONIAN DIASPORA  
MEHARI SEQUAR ART GALLERY  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MEETS WITH  
WORLD-RENOWNED ARCHITECT AND PRINCIPAL DESIGNER OF  
DC CHINATOWN FRIENDSHIP ARCHWAY MR. ALFRED LIU  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MEETS WITH DEAN AND DIRECTOR SYLVIA ZWI OF THE SITAR ARTS CENTER WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA JOINS HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR AMIT KUMAR FOR 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF INDIAN REPUBLIC DAY EMBASSY OF INDIA**



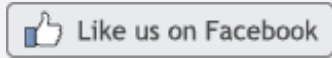
**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA BIDS FAREWELL TO HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR MAHENDRA SIREGAR OF INDONESIA WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA JOINS HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR CUI TIANKAI AND MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE (HKETO) FOR CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAM AND CELEBRATION WASHINGTON, DC**



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