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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



Welcome to March!

As spring quickly arrives here in Washington, DC I am eager to reflect on this past month and the many events that I have been so fortunate to partake in. From ringing in the Lunar New Year at the start the month through a local celebration at the Fashion Centre in Pentagon City, to joining one of my favorite diplomats from Latin America, His Excellency Ambassador Hugo de Zela of Peru for this special Pisco Sour Day celebration I could not have asked for a more interesting month.

Other unique opportunities included the chance to partake in a local dialogue through International Religious Freedom (IRF) Roundtable as well as the pleasure joining the diplomatic community most notable the Royal Thai Embassy as they celebrated their Armed Forces Day at Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia, highlighting the kingdom's long standing history and relations with key partners such as the United States of America.

Lastly, I had the sincere pleasure of closing out this very eventful month with His Excellency Ambassador Amit Kumar of India as his staff hosted an opening reception to kickoff a special women's film festival presented in collaboration by the Indian Embassy and local universities in the Washington, DC area.

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

## FEBRUARY 2020 COMMUNITY RECAP

**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA PARTICIPATES IN  
SPECIAL LOCAL LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION  
FASHION CENTRE AT PENTAGON CITY  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MEETS WITH  
CHAIRMAN GREG MITCHELL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ROUNDTABLE  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA JOINS  
AMBASSADOR HUGO DE ZELA FOR PISCO SOUR DAY  
EMBASSY OF PERU**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MEETS WITH  
DIRECTOR KALI WASENKO OF STABLE ARTS CENTER  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA JOINS  
CAPTAIN CHUNHAKIT OF THE ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE  
FOR SPECIAL THAI ARMED FORCES DAY PROGRAM  
FORT MYER  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA JOINS  
AMBASSADOR GEORGE CRISTIAN MAIOR OF ROMANIA  
FOR LOCAL SOCIAL HOSTED BY ROMANIANS OF DC  
MARI VANNA RUSSIAN RESTAURANT AND BAR  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA JOINS  
AMBASSADOR DATO SERBINI ALI OF BRUNEI  
FOR SPECIAL NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION  
EMBASSY OF BRUNEI**






**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA ATTENDS  
LOCAL PERFORMANCE BY THE OUTCASTS BRASS BAND  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA JOINS  
AMBASSADOR AMIR KUMAR OF INDIA FOR SPECIAL  
OPENING RECEPTION OF LOCAL FILM FESTIVAL  
EMBASSY OF INDIA**



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