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Chairperson's Annual Report 2008-2009

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests and friends

Let us acknowledge the traditional owners of country on which we stand and I pay respect to the people of the Kulin Nation, custodians of this sacred land.

Thank you for joining us today and I warmly welcome you to the home of the Bayanihan Australia Community Network (BACNI). Every generation has a story to tell; a migrant community, a journey to share. We are a bunch of dreamers, with no money but a vision to build. This time last year, I stood before you to report on the journey that a group of Filipino Australian families in Victoria started in 2007.

“Do not let the past determine your future; but take the past with you to the future.”

(from My Big Fat Greek Wedding)

As migrants who made the choice to stake our future in Australia, BACNI committed to support generational change in good organisations, to build community connections and to pass the baton on to emerging Filipino Australian leaders in this transitional generation and to the next generation.

“Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes time.

Vision with action can change the world.” – Joel Barker

The Bayanihan vision is: **“Strong community partnerships that deliver benefits to the Filipino Australian community”**. We also agreed to follow a **Code of Conduct** -“To do the right thing and to do things right”.

Today marks the end of the two year-term for Founding Officers of BACNI. It is on behalf of the BACNI Committee that I report to you in public and with humble pride the bayanihan activities for 2008-2009. There are three pillars underpinning the BACNI organisation: **leadership development, intergenerational mentoring and community partnerships**. Our 3-year Strategic Plan 2007-2010 has guided us from year to year; our Calendar of Events still coordinate and promote our events to the public and governments. The BACNI website has been an excellent resource for suburban and rural members and non-members.

We sincerely thank the following for their continuing support of our vision: Melbourne City Council for the City Village office; Victorian Multicultural Commission; Federal Dept of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs; CGF Insurance and our many community supporters I cannot acknowledge today due to time constraints but whose generosity we acknowledge at our annual Pasko sa Nayon (Christmas in the Village) events.

In December 2008 at Government House, several BACNI members received the VMC Awards of Excellence in recognition of outstanding community service, including the Filipino Silayan Dance Academy for their 40 continuous years of teaching Filipino folk dance since 1968. What a positive and wonderful year it has been for all of you! To my fellow members, to the Organisation Presidents who joined us in this journey, to the hardworking BACNI Committee Members, to the individuals who continue to guide us forward, to the kindness of strangers – we convey our deep gratitude to all, marami pong salamat and God bless!

- Mila Cichello (Chairperson), 5 July 2009

**Our BACNI activities continued the objectives of our 3-year Strategic Plan 2007-2010.
The BACNI member highlights for 2008/09 are:**

August 2008

16 Aug 2008 – Rural Springdale Filipino Evening - Dance Performance by **Filipino Australian Friendship Assoc of Geelong Inc (FAFAG)** and **Filipino Silayan Dance Academy (FSDA)** dancers

September 2008

13 Sep 2008 - **FAFAG** Day Trip from Geelong to Shepparton

13 Sep 2008- Community Dance: A Night to Remember – organised by **FSDA** and held at Peppermill Receptions Coburg

20 Sep 2008 - **FAFAG** 27th Anniversary Dance at the Clubhouse, 7 pm

October 2008

3 Oct 2008 -**BACNI** Meeting City Village 6.30 to 8.00pm

8 Oct 2008 -FAFAG Senior Citizens Week Concert - Ballarat Golden Voice Seniors Choir perform, followed by afternoon tea

11 Oct 2008 –**Melbourne Integrated Sports Club Inc (MISCI)** Fundraising Dinner Dance - Millennium Receptions Sunshine- 6pm to 12 am

15 Oct 2008 - BACNI Committee Meeting with Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) at City Village 2 pm

26 Oct 2008 - FAFAG BBQ Lunch and AGM -12noon to 4pm at the Clubhouse

November 2008

1 Nov 2008 - FAFAG Halloween Karaoke Night 7pm at the Clubhouse

6 Nov 2008 - Leadership Training with City of Boroondara's **Community OnBoard**
Topic: Event Management 7pm to 9pm, Hawthorn

7 Nov 2008 - BACNI Meeting City Village 6.30 to 8pm re PILIPINO PAROL Project

8 Nov 2008 – FSDA Family BBQ 5pm at Tito Don & Tita Josie's house, Nunawading

Nov- December 2008- **Parol Making Project** by BACNI families at the BACNI Office, City Village

23 Nov 2008 - Monthly FAFAG Executive Committee Meeting 2 to 4 at the Clubhouse

27 Nov 2008 - Leadership Training with **Community OnBoard**
Topic: From Ideas to Project 6.30pm to 9pm Hawthorn

December 2008

5 Dec 2008 - BACNI Committee Meeting City Village 6.30 to 8pm

6 Dec 2008 - PASKO SA NAYON 2008 (Christmas in the Village) "*Theme: Filipino Christmas under the Stars*" Guest speakers: VMC Chairperson George Lekakis & Mr John Williams PSM (VIC State Manger, DIAC). Featuring – **Just Another Band** to lead Christmas community carols. Kulin Room, City Village from 6.30pm

7 Dec 2008 - FAFAG Pokies Trip to the Crown

14 Dec 2008 - FAFAG Family Christmas Lunch & exchange gifts

15 Dec 2008- Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) Awards of Excellence at Government House, by Governor Professor David de Kretser and VIC Premier John Brumby

February 2009

15 Feb 2009 - BACNI Meeting City Village followed by Valentine's Day Lunch 12 midday

19 Feb 2009 - Leadership Training with City of Boroondara's **Community OnBoard**

Topic: Who's Who in Grant Making 7 to 9pm, Camberwell

28 Feb 2009 - PAKO Multicultural Festa Geelong organised by Diversitat (Migrant Resource Centre). Cultural folk dances FSDA and FAFAG Dancers

28 Feb 2009 - 50th Anniversary of Daughters of Divine Zeal Congregation
St Augustine's Church Richmond, 5 pm mass followed by dinner celebration organised by community benefactors Nelson Estrella, Phil Rounsevell and Sister Licia. Folk dances by FSDA dancers

March 2009

Tues 10 March 2009 - BACNI Meeting City Village 6 pm- 8 pm. Discuss and draft **City Village Eligibility Report 2009**; present at Melb City Council meeting

Fri 13 March 2009- BACNI Committee helped community groups write funding applications at City Village office. All day.

Sat 14 March 2009 - VMC Premiers Multicultural Gala Dinner
The Palladium at Crown 7 pm, tables for BACNI, FAFAG, CPCA and PEASER members

Sun 15 March 2009 - FAFAG Working Bee at 10 am to paint Clubhouse and clean FAFAG grounds followed by BBQ Lunch

Sat 21 March 2009 – DIVERSITY WEEK Youth Event: Wanted2009 Hiphop Competition at Melbourne Music Academy, Victoria Parade near Queen Vic Market. Proudly organised by Kath Pollard, Joe Natoli, Joseph Platt & friends (youth organisers supported by FAFAG, FSDA and BACNI. Event funded by City of Melbourne)

Thurs 26 March 2009 - Leadership Training with Community OnBoard
Topic: Annual Business and Community Networking 6 to 8.30pm, Kew

April 2009

Fri 10 April 2009 – MISCI travel to Adelaide with Melbourne basketball, golf and tenpin bowling teams for 33rd NASA Easter Games. BACNI members attended to support NASA.
C/o Sammy Riego, MISCI Director/ NASA Melb Director

10 to 12 April 2009 - National Australian Sports Association (NASA): 33rd NASA & 2nd Global Fil-Oz Easter Games. Held at Campbelltown Leisure Centre, ADELAIDE. Hosted by Mr Ramon Cruz (NASA Adelaide Director) and Philippine Guardians of Aust Inc

Sat 11 April 2009 - FAFAG Easter Dance at the Clubhouse 7 pm - 12 midnight
CD Music and karaoke, BYO Nibbles and drinks, raffles and Easter eggs. \$5 per person

23 April 2009 - Leadership Training with Community OnBoard
Topic: Grant Writing, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Kew- Grant application deadlines!

23 April 2009 - Leadership Training with Community OnBoard
Topic: Grant Writing 7 to 9pm, Camberwell

30 April 2009 - Leadership Training with Community OnBoard
Topic: Governance Issues for Committees of Management 7 to 9pm, Hawthorn

May 2009

Sat 2 May 2009 - FAFAG Day Trip to Victoria Market from the Clubhouse

Tues 5 May 2009 - BACNI Meeting City Village 6 pm- 8 pm. Noodles nite. Contact: Mila or Praveen

Wed 13 May 2009 - Leadership Training with Community OnBoard
Topic: Marketing and Promotion 9.30am to 1pm, Camberwell

Sat 15 May 2009 – FSDA Family BBQ in Nunawading. Interview of past and present Silayan dancers by Channel31 PinoyTV crew.

Thurs 14 May 2009 - Leadership Training with Community OnBoard
Topic: Marketing and Promotion 6.30 to 9pm, Camberwell

Sun 31 May 2009 – Channel31 PinoyTV Studio, Melbourne: taping of folk dance performances by FSDA and FAFAG dancers.

June 2009

Fri 12 June 2009 - **Phil Independence Day event**: “Filipinos Ageing Well” HACC South Eastern Regional Forum held at Edinburgh Hall, Springvale. Led by Centre for Philippine Concerns Inc (CPCA), partly sponsored by BACNI as part of intergenerational community consultation, by other seniors clubs, councils and departments in the Region.

Sat 13 June 2009 - FAFAG Philippine Independence Day Dance at the Clubhouse. Folk dance by FAFAG members. Featuring **Betula Sounds Band** (Don Lawas, Rob & Geoff Roberts) 7 pm - 12 am

16 June 2009 - Leadership Training with Community OnBoard
Topic: Working Sustainably 7 to 9pm, Surrey Hills

26 June 2009 - BACNI Committee Meeting City Village at 5 pm

UPCOMING PROJECTS and EVENTS for financial year 2009-2010

July 2009

Sun 5 July 2009 - BACNI Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers
Guest Speaker: Carmela Trinidad Sison (New convenor 3ZZZ) on “Bayanihan spirit and the role of media in the community”. Please read the BACNI Constitution on the website.
Venue: Kulin Room City Village 1 pm- 4 pm, Contact: Mila (0408 800 288) or Praveen

Sun 5 July 2009 - **FAFAG Pokies Trip to Crown**
Bus departs 9:30 am from Clubhouse, raffles. Booking necessary \$15 per person
Contact: Irene (03- 5257 1921)

August 2009

Aug 2009 – BACNI Committee Planning Meeting (agenda circulated by BACNI Committee in advance as usual)

Sat 15 Aug 2009 - **FAFAG Health & Migration Information Seminar** (with the Council of Greater Geelong, Diversitat and Dept of Immigration & Citizenship)
Venue: FAFAG Clubhouse, 1pm- 4 pm Contact: Barry (03- 5257 1921), John or Fely

28- 30 August 2009 - **First BACNI Network Residential Retreat** (New BACNI Committee to post out flyers)

September 2009

Sep 2009 – BACNI Monthly Committee meeting; Member Organisations Planning month

October 2009

Sat 3 Oct 2009 - FAFAG 27th Anniversary Dance at the Clubhouse BYO Nibbles and drinks, lots of raffles. 7 pm - 12 midnight \$15 per person Contact: Barry (03- 5257 1921)

17 Oct 2009 - MISCI Multicultural Fundraising event – details TBA

Sat 31 Oct 2009 -Halloween Night Dance at the Clubhouse BYO Nibbles and drinks, lots of prizes. 7 pm - 12 midnight \$5 per person Contact: Barry (03- 5257 1921)

November 2009

Nov 2009 - Leadership Development Seminars begin - all members to please note. Contact: Mila on 0408 800 288

Sun 22 Nov 2009 - FAFAG Pokies Trip to Crown

Bus departs 9:30 am from Clubhouse, raffles on the bus. Booking necessary \$15 per person
Contact: Irene

December 2009

Sat 12 Dec 2009 - 3rd PASKO SA NAYON (Christmas in the Village) Community Concert Federation Square 6 pm start organised by Bayanihan Australia Community Network Inc and BACNI members Contact: Mila

Sun 20 Dec 2009 - FAFAG Christmas Lunch BBQ & Exchange gifts male and female \$10 value per gift, 12 pm start Contact: Barry or Irene (03- 5257 1921)

January 2010: TAKE A BREATHER

(Have a safe and wonderful summer holiday!)
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Jan 2010- Australia Day (PEASER with the City of Kingston),
- MISCI Western Multicultural Basketball Family BBQ

Feb 2010 - Pako Multicultural Festa Geelong (FAFAG & FSDA perform)
- Leadership Development monthly sessions begin

March 2010 – Diversity Week - Bayanihan Multicultural Fiesta (south eastern Melb region),
- Western Multicultural Sports event (Western Melb region)
- Vic Multicultural Gala Dinner

March- May 2010 = all Organisation Members wanting to apply for 2010/2011 funding, you have to keep this period free from work-intensive events so you can draft your applications with help of BACNI Committee, Individual Mentors and other members

April 2010 – MISCI sports players to participate in the 34th NASA & 3rd Global Interstate Easter Sports Fest in Perth for the Easter Week-end

April- June 2010- BACNI recruitment / renewal period, review Constitution for effectiveness and legal changes, prepare financial statements for auditor, BACNI Committee travel for community consultations, members prepare the next Strategic Plan 2010- 2015.

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