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FCNC ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONVENTION & NATIONAL GALA

Empowering Filipino Leaders: Building Capacities, Bridging Communities, Driving Change

AUGUST 14, 2025

**PRE-CONVENTION
(OPTIONAL – SELF-GUIDED)**

6:00 PM ----- Tour at the Global Fest Village

To purchase a ticket: [Get Tickets - GlobalFest](#)

AUGUST 15, 2025

**PRE-CONVENTION
(OPTIONAL - FULLY BOOKED)**

7:00 AM to 3:00 PM ----- Day Tour to Canmore and Banff

6:00 PM ----- Welcome Reception Dinner (By invitation only)

Venue: Dr. Jose Rizal Hall, Philippine Consulate General – Calgary
Suite 100, 1001 1st Street SE, Calgary, Alberta

AUGUST 16, 2025

LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

 DoubleTree By Hilton Calgary North (2120 16 Avenue NE, Calgary)

MORNING SESSION (Coffee and Tea with assorted pastries will be served)

8:00 AM ----- Arrival & Registration

9:00 AM ----- National Anthem – Philippines / Canada

9:04 AM ----- Opening Prayer – Mary Jane Napolitano, Treasurer / Founding Director - MB

9:06 AM ----- Land Acknowledgement – Treenee Lopez, Founding Director - BC

9:08 AM ----- Welcome Remarks – Jerry Caingcoy, Founding Director - AB / Convention Chair

9:13 AM ----- Greetings – Emma Sarne, Philippine Consul General - Calgary

9:18 AM ----- **Plenary Session Topic 1: Together We Thrive: Championing Filipino Leadership in Canada**
Speaker: Richard Sampang

9:43 AM ----- Greetings – Government Representative

9:48 AM ----- Break

10:00 AM ----- **Plenary Session Topic 2: Crisis Leadership: A Reflection of the Lapu-Lapu Festival Tragedy**
Speaker: MLA Mable Elmore

10:25 AM ----- Breakout Session:

Moderators: Each table will be assigned with an FCNC Director and a member to serve as moderator and documenter. A sheet with 3 questions will be provided and space to write down the discussion points.

11:25 AM ----- Summary of Breakout Sessions and Recommendations

Presenters: Monica Anne Batac, PhD (University of Manitoba)
Jeella Acedo, PhD (Mount Royal University)
Melanie Quimzon, PhD (Calgary Catholic School District)

Each presenter will be assigned to specific tables to review and synthesize the discussion notes. They will summarize key highlights and present actionable recommendations to the larger audience.

12:00 PM ----- Lunch and Entertainment



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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 PM ----- Ice Breaker

1:05 PM ----- Greetings – Government Representative

1:10 PM ----- **Plenary Session Topic 3: Trailblazing the Future: Empowering Communities, Driving Change**
Speaker: Senator Gigi Osler

1:35 PM ----- **Plenary Session Topic 4: Bridging Communities Through Service: An Impact Report Presentation by Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth'**
Speaker: Cristina Balamban, Director of People and Culture - CBFY

2:00 PM ----- Breakout Session:

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3:00 PM ----- Summary of Breakout Sessions and Recommendations

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4:00 PM ----- Closing Remarks - Narima Dela Cruz, FCNC Founding President

Emcee: *Marjorie Newman*





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NATIONAL GALA NIGHT

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- 6:00 PM ----- Arrival & Registration
- 7:00 PM ----- National Anthem – Philippines / Canada
- 7:05 PM ----- Opening Prayer – Pastor Butch Juson, Secretary / Founding Director - SK
- 7:10 PM ----- Land Acknowledgement - Virginia Sumalinog, Founding Director – AB, Convention Vice-Chair
- 7:20 PM ----- Welcome Remarks – Eddie Villarta, President / Founding Director - ON
- 7:25 PM ----- Keynote Speech: Mayor Jyoti Gondek, City of Calgary
- 7:30 PM ----- Dinner / Entertainment / Greetings
- 8:30 PM ----- Honoring Ceremonies
Processional: *FCNC Officers and Directors*
Philippine Consul Generals
Filipino Canadian Elected Officials
Local/Provincial/Federal Government Representatives
- 8:35 PM ----- Message by: MLA Tany Yao – MLA for Fort McMurray - Wood Buffalo
- 8:40 PM ----- Video Greetings – The Honourable Rechie Valdez, MP (Mississauga-Streetsville) MLA Yvonne Clark (Porter Creek Centre, Yukon), Councillor Lisa Bower (Ajax, Ontario)
- 8:45 PM ----- Reading of the Message from Prime Minister Mark Carney by Corey Hogan, MP- Calgary Confederation

Reading of the Message from the Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, Pierre Poilievre by David G.L. McKenzie, Member of Parliament - Calgary Signal Hill
- 9:00 PM ----- Distribution of Certificates of Appreciation to Keynote Speakers, Sponsors, and Volunteers – Jake Salcedo, Asst. Treasurer / Founding Director – NS, Aurora Viernes – Founding Director – Yukon, Gina Moreno, Founding Director - NB
- 9:10 PM ----- Distribution of Certificates of Membership of FCNC Membership & Development Committee Chair, Vice Chair & Deputy Vice Chair: - Ronnie Dela Gana, 2nd Vice President / Founding Director - ON - Narima Dela Cruz, FCNC Founding President, Virginia Sumalinog, Founding Director – AB, Convention Vice-Chair
- 9:20 PM ----- Announcement of the Next Leadership Convention – Eddie Villarta – President – ON, Jerry Caingcoy – Founding Director – AB, and Alfredo Miguel Nieves – Director - PEI
- 9:30 PM ----- Closing Remarks – Genalyn Tan, 1st Vice-President / Founding Director – MB
- 9:35 PM to 12:00 AM ----- PARTY, PERFORMANCES, ENTERTAINMENTS, PHOTO OPS & NETWORKING

Emcees: Chris Rodriguez, Founding Director - SK and Melanie Quimzon, PhD