## Deadline for Submission of Applications to Fil-Am Youth Leadership Program Extended

**26 March 2012, Washington DC.** The Philippine Embassy and Consulates General in the United States wish to announce that the April 15, 2012 deadline to submit applications for the Filipino American Youth Leadership Program has been extended to April 30, 2012.

A memorable week in Manila awaits the 10 chosen participants, whose travel will be fully funded. In addition to taking part in the 7th Ambassadors, Consuls General, and Tourism Directors Tour from July 11 to 14, a special 2-day program is being crafted for the young achievers that will include meetings with prominent Filipino personalities, social activities, and site visits of academic and cultural institutions.

Among the qualifications for the 10 young Filipino Americans that are being sought are the applicants' scholastic achievements and other accolades, leadership skills and accomplishments, active involvement in school or civic organizations, as well as vision and commitment in helping their communities and the Philippines.

Applicants should be no younger than 18 years old or no older than 35 by July 1, 2012 and should be ready to travel (possessing valid passports) by this date. The chosen participants are expected to engage with the Philippine Foreign Service posts in ways that would advance causes and interests of Filipinos and Filipino Americans.

The names of the 10 chosen participants will be announced on May 15, 2012 in the website of the Philippine Embassy, <a href="www.philippineembassy-usa.org">www.philippineembassy-usa.org</a>, where the application form may also be downloaded. Questions concerning the search may be sent to <a href="mailto:embassy@philippinesusa.org">embassy@philippinesusa.org</a>.