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Gov. Cuomo turns N.Y. to 'immigrant-friendly'

1st global summit planned in Manila

A Mini-Summit from Diaspora to Development will be held on June 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Lovin' Life Learning Center at 4 West 43rd Street, between 5th and 4th Avenues in New York City.

This mini-summit is a precursor to the Global Summit that is being organized and co-sponsored by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, US Pinoy for Good Governance, and National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA).

The First Global Summit will be held in Manila on Sept. 27 to 28 with the following objectives: (a) to highlight the achievements of overseas Filipinos in all fields all over the world and to discuss how those could be harnessed systematically and synergistically for the country's development; (b) to create, grow and sustain an "eco-system"/network of leaders of the Overseas Filipino community; (c) to launch the Commission on Filipinos Overseas' "Diaspora to Development" or "D2D" institutional program.

About 1,000 participants are expected to attend.

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ABS-CBN stars Karylle (left) and Jericho Rosales with multitude of cheerful fans and admirers at the Philippine Independence Day parade and festival in New York on June 5.

Dinagyang, Ati-Atihan dancers and cool temps enliven parade

By DAWN FRASER
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Last Sunday marked the staging of the annual Philippine Independence Day parade on Madison Avenue in midtown Manhattan, as hundreds of costumed performers, dancers, musicians and marchers celebrated Philippine heritage, culture and history.

The turnout was bigger this

time compared to last year, with the cool, comfortable weather probably playing a part.

Perennial favorite Aklan Association's Ati-Atihan captivated the crowd as usual, their colorful beaded costumes, replete with headaddresses and native props complementing their choreographed dance

moves and marching.

The new costumes were used in the Kulibo festival last January.

Another consistent crowd drawer, the Kinding Sindaw dancers, represented the Mindanao provinces in their traditional clothing and display of

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As some states across the United States are becoming more and more harsh and unsympathetic toward immigrants, New York has severed ties with the Department of Homeland Security in enforcing a controversial immigration program in which local law enforcement automatically shares information with the federal government meant to target criminals but caught many non-violent illegal immigrants in the net.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has suspended the state's participation in the program called "Secure Communities" that has drawn fire from immigrant advocates, civil liberties

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GOV. CUOMO

...Alabama cracks whip

The Alabama Legislature has passed an Arizona-style sweeping bill to crack down on illegal immigrants, including a requirement that all businesses verify new employees' legal status, that both supporters and opponents call the toughest of its kind in the country.

The Alabama measure would allow law enforcement officers to detain motorists stopped for a traffic violation if there is a "rea-

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Vice President Jejomar Binay (center) alights from his car on his way to the Philippine Center in New York on June 5. (Photo courtesy of Reyes Paterlin by Florian Alente)

Binay unhurt in minor car accident here

One of the vehicles in the convoy of Vice President Jejomar Binay figured in a car accident around 8:30 a.m. Sunday in Manhattan, but Binay and the rest of the Philippine delegation were all safe.

The Vice President was in another car behind a gray Toyota Sienna minivan that was bumped by a pick up truck on

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Mar Roxas joins Aquino cabinet as DOTC sec'y

MANILA — Former Sen. Manuel Roxas II, President Benigno Aquino III's personal friend and defeated running mate, has been appointed new secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

Mr. Aquino said he talked to Roxas as "friend and president" and convinced him to assume the post vacated by Jose de Jesus

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