

*Pasuguan ng Pilipinas*



*Embassy of the Philippines*

## MESSAGE

The officers and staff of the Embassy of the Philippines in London join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to the Government of the United Kingdom, the British public, and the Filipino and international communities and organizations in the UK, particularly Ummah Global Relief in Manchester for their expressions of solidarity with the Filipino people as we deal with the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda/Haiyan.

The immediate and generous response of Her Majesty's Government to the disaster, particularly its timely provision of assistance, personnel and assets to the affected people and areas, speaks eloquently of the long-standing friendship between our two countries.

The generosity of the public, who have thus far raised £73 million in one month in response to Disasters Emergency Committee's Philippines Typhoon Appeal, is truly heartwarming. Moreover, the letters and e-mails from numerous individuals offering condolences and prayers are deeply appreciated.

At this juncture, as the Filipino people begin rising from this calamity, we are grateful for the continuing efforts of various organizations like the Ummah Global Relief to provide crucial assistance for the more difficult task of rebuilding and rehabilitating the affected areas. We also thank the artists who are donating their time and talent in tonight's performance, as well as the sponsors who made this event possible.

I regret that I am unable to join all of you tonight as I am in the Philippines for official meetings. However, the rest of the Embassy and I are one with you in our desire for the affected communities to rise again.

Once again, thank you for your support.

  
**ENRIQUE A. MANALO**  
Ambassador

21 December 2013, London