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The Philippine Embassy in Rome is hosting the Diaspora-to-Dialogue: 1st Filipino Europe-wide D2D Conference, on September 26-29, 2012.

This was an offshoot of the 1st Global Summit of Filipinos in Diaspora held in Manila in 2011, which opened a network of exchange among the attendees. The Summit adopted the formation of the Global Filipino Diaspora Council to meet in Europe in 2012 and engage the Filipinos in the region to collectively strengthen their role as partners in enriching the Filipino Community in Diaspora.

There are some 214 million international migrants, 11 million are Filipinos scattered worldwide.

The sheer number poses a complex of issues threatening family, social and economic well-being of the Filipino society at home and host countries, the latter having to adapt to differing cultures and migration policies. There are several institutions and conferences that track the growing trends in the constantly changing social dynamics of migration.

Thus, the Filipino-Italian Members of the Global Filipino Diaspora Council (GFDC) convened the D2D-Europe conference, which is supported by the International Organization of Migration (IOM), the Scalabrini Institute of Migration Onlus (SIMI-ONLUS), and assisted by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO).

The conference will be held at Aran Mantegna Hotel and Convention Center, Via Mantegna 130, EUR-Roma. Participating countries are from Europe (Italy, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.K.); Asia (Philippines, Hongkong); Middle East (Dubai, Saudi Arabia); and North America (Canada, U.S. A.).

The conference is partially funded by a grant from IOM-Italy and other private donations. Sponsors are invited to partner with the event and advertisement placements in the souvenir book are encouraged. SIMI-ONLUS officially manages the funds of the conference.

For more information on how to be a participant, contact Ms. Marie Luarda-Reyes at info@d2d.ph. She is the Honorary Representative of CFO in Italy.