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**Andrew Hassard**  
Parks and Leisure Director  
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SUBJECT: **FILIPINO CULTURAL EVENT " Kapamilya Festival 2010"**

Dear **Mr Hassard**

Mabuhay!

The Filipino Communities in Northern Ireland have been coordinating with some sponsors from the Philippines to hold a grand family festival on 03 July 2010 in an open park within Belfast.

The event hopes to attract about 3000 guests and participants from all parts of Northern Ireland and neighbouring areas of the Republic of Ireland. It will be a whole day event that hopes to gather all Filipino families together by way of a variety show with famous Filipino artists arriving from the Philippines. Local Filipinos will be invited to participate in the event to showcase their talents through modern or folk dances or singing. The event also hopes to attract local guests to taste Philippine cuisine and shop for souvenirs. There will be agents/investors from the Philippines dealing with tourism, real estate and other products promoting the Philippines and its culture to locals and Filipinos and those of Philippine origin.

It will be a first ever Filipino Festival that does not only hope to promote our culture in Belfast but to promote Belfast to the world. Since the population of the Filipinos is increasing in Northern Ireland, our sponsors have offered to conduct such event in Belfast. They are the ones sponsoring the Barrio Fiesta in Hounslow annually and quite experienced with local councils' regulations. We also welcome any form association from local groups to help make the event a success from all sides.

One of the main sponsors is the ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation and their representatives and had been in Belfast last 29 March to conduct a possibility/feasibility study of our parks. Among the parks were visited was **Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park** at Inverary as the most suitable for the conduct of the proposed event.

In this regard, may we request your approval for its use?

Thank you very much and we anticipate your support.

Respectfully

  
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