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The Philippine Embassy New Delhi would like to inform all Filipinos under its jurisdiction that 30 July 2016 will be celebrated as the **World Day Against Trafficking**. The observance of this occasion was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2013 and thereafter adopted by member states through a resolution.

This year's celebration, with the theme **"Ituloy ang Laban Kontra Human Trafficking!"** aims to highlight the gains and accomplishments in raising awareness on the issue of trafficking and promoting the rights of the victims. It also aims to further strengthen the commitment and partnership of government, civil society organizations and the international community.

In Article 3 of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, it is stated that:

- (a) "Trafficking in persons" shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs;
- (b) The consent of a victim of trafficking in persons to the intended exploitation set forth in subparagraph (a) of this article shall be irrelevant where any of the means set forth in subparagraph (a) have been used;
- (c) The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitation shall be considered "trafficking in persons" even if this does not involve any of the means set forth in subparagraph (a) of this article;
- (d) "Child" shall mean any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

As part of the said occasion, the Philippine Embassy further informs that it intends to hold a film showing activity to increase the awareness of the Filipino community on human trafficking issues. The date and venue of this activity will be confirmed in due course.


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