

Celebrate Pista sa Nayon With Asian Festival and Dragon Boat Festival on June 9th

The FACC has traditionally celebrated Philippine Independence Day with a picnic called "Pista sa Nayon," usually on a Saturday in June to coincide with the June 12th Philippine Independence Day. This year, "Pista Sa Nayon" will be celebrated as part of the Asian Festival and Dragon Boat Festival to be held on June 9, 2007.

The FACC is a member of the Asian Chamber, the sponsor of these two festivals. These events, which have been promoted widely, provide an excellent opportunity for FACC vendors to reach a potentially much larger market for their goods and services. This could be an exceptional chance to showcase Philippine crafts and cuisine.

Vendors who want to participate are urged to contact Doris Mata, doris_mata@yahoo.com or Jacky Ganzon, ganzon@carolina.rr.com. We are looking for vendors who will sell Filipino food or Philippine goods or crafts.

We will have displays of Filipino crafts and other goods. Volunteers are needed to help set up and decorate the different displays.

The Miss Asian Festival will be held at the same time, and we are looking for candidates to represent the Philippines. The last two winners, Emily Supil and Jackie Fallar, are both Filipino-Americans. Contact Dr. Nini Bautista if you are interested. There is a \$100 fee to enter.

We have one FACC team that will compete in the dragon boat races. It is sponsored by First VP Vic Esclamado's company, Altamira Incentives, and captained by Sam Bagood. If you are interested in forming or sponsoring a second team, please contact Doris Mata or Sam Bagood. A team consists of 22 members. Coed teams are required to have at least 8 women. There is a \$30 fee per person to participate (Team fee is about \$600). The FACC will provide free lunch for the team members.