

51 pairs say 'I do' in PNP mass wedding

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MANILA—What does it take to make a marriage last? Patience, love, and a lot of understanding. These, for Police Officer 2 Melchor Basco, are some of the elements that made his marriage with wife Charelina last for more than 14 years.

Although the couple has been living together for more than a decade, it was only last Feb. 12 that they exchanged "I do's" in front of the altar. "We were busy so it's only now that we're able to get wed," Basco said. They already tied the knot though in civil ceremonies, but they said they always wanted to get married in a church because

"we want to get the blessings of the church and of God." Basco, together with 50 other couples, walked down the aisle at the St. Joseph Multi-faith Chapel in Camp Crame last Feb. 12. Some 25 police officers joined the mass wedding: five non-uniformed personnel, and 21 police dependents. Senior Superintendent Rey Urmeneta, director of the PNP chaplain services, officiated the rites.

Uremeta advised all newly-weds to set an example for their children and to live their married lives under the Lord's guidance. When asked what advice he could give to other newly-weds, Basco said, "Love one another forever, be faithful to each other, and be strong." And the newly-wed Basco's honeymoon? Just at home, they said with a sheepish smile.



Fifty-one couples tie the knot in the Philippine National Police-sponsored mass wedding in Camp Crame Thursday. Some are teary-eyed as they walk down the aisle to exchange 'I do's'. Photo from Inquirer.net

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Caterer for US, NATO wants ban on workers in Afghanistan lifted

ANGELES CITY—One thousand Filipinos are needed immediately for high-paying jobs offering "extreme" benefits in war-torn Afghanistan. A US company providing catering services to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the US Department of Defense has asked Malacañang for an "area specific exemption" from the ban on the deployment of workers to Afghanistan. Global Procurement Consulting, a US registered company, and Supreme Foods, a Swiss registered company, made the appeal in a letter to Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita. Workers are "urgently needed to support NATO/United States Department of Defense (US-DOD) military installations in Afghanistan," the letter said.

"Filipino workers are the No. 1 desired workers by Supreme Foods and other NATO military forces. Supreme is ready to charter aircraft to the Philippines and fly workers directly to the military airfield in Kandahar," the two firms said. Supreme Foods cited the "urgent requirements in Afghanistan for cooks, waiters, cashiers, utility workers, maintenance personnel, and other administrative personnel to fill the 1,000 vacancies by the end of February and an estimate of 1,000 more by midyear." The two firms also requested the Department of Foreign Affairs for "an area specific exemption to allow the Filipino workers to live and work only inside military installations in Afghanistan." Those hired shall receive "\$385 to \$800 per month; \$1,200 annual bonus; free roundtrip airfare every six months with 21 days paid leave. "Food, lodging, uniforms, and laundry are all provided free of charge. A full time doctor is available for Supreme workers and medicine is free," the letter read. The workers' salaries and benefits are tax-free. "Supreme Foods provides accident, disability, and death benefits. Death benefits are three times the annual salary of the worker which would equal to a minimum of P600,000," it added.

Lt. Col. Edgar LeBenne, representing Supreme Foods, is in the country to appeal to the government to allow Filipinos to work at the Afghanistan installation. Miriam Pangan, deputy chief of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, said the deployment ban in Afghanistan is still in effect. (Philstar.com)

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