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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 1999 Tanjay Fiesta celebration. Once again we have gathered to celebrate a tradition brought here from our homeland. These events give us the opportunity of socializing not only with our resident members but also with our out-of-town members who have come to enjoy the fiesta with us. Many of us look forward to meeting old friends and renewing acquaintances at these events.

Fourteen years ago a group of futuristic Tanjayanons came together and founded this organization. Today, our membership roll encompasses Tanjayanons across the U.S., Canada, and other parts of the world. Our Tanjay Newsletter (ATN) was created at a very opportune time. It has served to bridge the communication gap created by distance between states and countries. Tanjayanons and their friends look forward to reading the stories and jokes that the ATN staff write and create. With the ATN also made available in a website, courtesy of our own Iking Carino, we are able to reach other Tanjayanons who "surf" the net.

As outgoing president of the association, I thank all of you for giving me this opportunity to serve. Your support and friendship has made these last two years a memorable one. I would like to specially thank Danny and Badingding for always being there for us and for providing their home as a central place for our meetings. I also would like to thank Braddock who has always been there to mentor new presidents such as myself. On behalf of the association, I would like to thank Marlene, who is one of the association's vice presidents, for her generosity and support. To the other officers of the association (Tita, Marianne, Alice, Precy, Quirining, Gigi, Jimmie, Lualhati, Sally, Gina, Joaquin, Rico, & Polly), thank you all for your loyalty and support. Last but not least, I would like to thank Matchuy for his patience in accompanying me to all the association's meetings.

We are going to have elections tomorrow for officers who will lead this association to the next millennium. To everyone, I say thank you for just being here. Let us continue to be united in our vision to keep this organization strong and alive.

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