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VALLEJO – With over 75 booths and attendance estimated at over 15,000 in 2005, the 2006 Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon is now poised to become one of the largest Asian cultural festivals in Northern California.

This year's festival theme will reflect the national celebration of 100 years of the Filipino American Story, which was launched at the Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. on February 10, 2006. Filipinos are well-known for their family values and respect for their elders. This year's festival will recognize Filipino-American centenarians for their contributions as pillar of the community.

The Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon will kick off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 3 2006 with a parade starting along Capitol and Marin streets en route to the festival site in Vallejo and will feature co-marshals Vallejo Council member Hermie Sunga and Vallejo School Board member Oggie Villanueva. The Jesse Bethel High School Band and Drumline will lead the parade. The festival will be held at the scenic Vallejo Marina Waterfront on Mare Island Way from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Philippine Cultural Committee will celebrate its 20th Anniversary in conjunction with the Philippines 108th year of independence from spain. On May 23, 2006 Vallejo Mayor Anthony Intintoli, Jr., will officially proclaim June as Philippine cultural Month in the City of Vallejo.

The Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon is the highlight of the month-long celebration and features entertainment for the old and the young. Over 75 booths showcasing Filipino cuisine, handicrafts, native and traditional clothing and music will be part of the festival, as well as live entertainment including popular singers from the Philippines, traditional folk dancing, and contemporary music from Filipino-American youth. 2005's entertainment featured special performances from famous Philippine singers, sisters Imelda and Gloria Papin, and renowned actress and singer Jolina Magdangal. The featured entertainers for this year's festival will be announced soon.

For more information, please visit our website at www.vallejopistasanayon.com or contact Mel or Belle Orpilla, Festival Directors, at (707) 477-4361.

ABOUT THE PHILIPPINE CULTURAL COMMITTEE: The Philippine Cultural Committee (PCC) is comprised of different Filipino-American organizations in Solano County, California. The chairman is chosen from among the participating organizations to act as the Chief Executive Officer. The 2006 Chairman and CEO is Ernie A. Aguada.