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Excerpt from the journal of the 58th Regular Session of the 12th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito	
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Dindo C. Ramos	
Councilor Roberto M. Rojas	
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr.	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Homer Q. Bais	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	

OFFICIAL LEAVE:
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen

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RESOLUTION NO. 949
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION DECLARING 10 OCTOBER 2026 AS OISCA PHILIPPINES DAY AND COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORMALIZATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN, IN CELEBRATION OF THE 2026 PHILIPPINES–JAPAN FRIENDSHIP YEAR.

Upon motion of Councilor Em L. Ang, jointly seconded by Councilors Jason Isidro S. Villarosa and Celia Matea R. Flor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) established its presence in the Philippines in 1956 with the organization of OISCA Philippines in Manila, laying the foundation for decades of cooperation in agricultural development, environmental conservation, youth empowerment, and people-to-people exchanges between the Philippines and Japan;

WHEREAS, OISCA Philippines has consistently promoted sustainable development through agricultural training, environmental restoration, community development, and Youth capacity-building programs that have benefited thousands of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, beginning in the early 1970s, OISCA Philippines implemented numerous agricultural extension programs, Youth leadership training, rice production initiatives, community development projects, and established agricultural training centers in Bago City, Sagay City, Dipolog City, Abra, Nueva Vizcaya, and Nueva Ecija, providing practical education and livelihood opportunities for rural communities;

WHEREAS, over the years, OISCA Philippines has expanded its programs to include watershed rehabilitation, mangrove reforestation, environmental education, organic farming, sustainable livelihood initiatives, disaster resilience, climate change adaptation, and community-based forestry, thereby contributing significantly to environmental sustainability and rural development;

WHEREAS, OISCA Philippines is the Philippine Chapter of OISCA International, a Non-Governmental Organization founded in Tokyo, Japan, in 1961 by Japanese humanitarian and philosopher Dr. Yonosuke Nakano, which now operates in approximately 40 countries and regions through an extensive network of national chapters and training centers, and enjoys General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);

WHEREAS, OISCA International is guided by the enduring philosophy that genuine and lasting development begins with the development of people, recognizing that human development, environmental stewardship, and international friendship are inseparable pillars of sustainable peace and prosperity;

WHEREAS, the year 2026 has been designated as the Philippines–Japan Friendship Year, marking the 70th Anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Philippines and Japan following the entry into force of the Peace Treaty and the Reparations Agreement, symbolizing seven decades of reconciliation, friendship, mutual respect, and strategic partnership between the Two nations;

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2026 Philippines–Japan Friendship Year, "Weaving the Future Together: Peace, Prosperity, and Possibilities," reflects the shared aspirations of both nations to deepen cooperation through cultural diplomacy, sustainable development, education, innovation, and people-to-people exchanges;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to declare 10 October 2026 as OISCA Philippines Day, in recognition of the invaluable contributions of OISCA Philippines to agricultural development, environmental protection, Youth leadership, cultural understanding, and the enduring friendship between the Philippines and Japan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the celebration of OISCA Philippines Day shall likewise commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Normalization of Diplomatic Relations between the Philippines and Japan as part of the nationwide observance of the 2026 Philippines–Japan Friendship Year.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that on 10 October 2026, coinciding with the celebration of the Bacolod MassKara Festival, a series of commemorative activities, cultural exchanges, educational programs, environmental initiatives, Youth engagements, and friendship events shall be conducted to promote and showcase the ever-strengthening strategic partnership between the Philippines and Japan, emphasizing cultural diplomacy, moral education, environmental stewardship, grassroots cooperation, and mutual understanding.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that distinguished guests from Japan, led by the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of the Philippines, together with national and local government officials, representatives of OISCA International and OISCA Philippines, civil society organizations, youth leaders, and the people of Bacolod City and Negros Occidental, be invited to participate in this historic celebration as a reaffirmation of the enduring friendship and shared future of the Filipino and Japanese peoples.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Em L. Ang, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor, Dindo C. Ramos, Roberto M. Rojas, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Homer Q. Bais, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Al Victor A. Espino, Danna Marie C. Barzo

Negative : None.

Comments : Passed.
Councilor Israel P. Salanga was not around when this resolution was passed

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CLAUDIO JESUS RAYMUNDO A. PUENTEVELLA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE D. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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