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PRESS RELEASE

NAMFREL marks its 30th year

MANDALUYONG CITY — October 23, 2013 — NAMFREL today announced its commemoration activities in line with the 30th Anniversary of its founding. On Saturday, October 26, 2013, at 4pm, Thanksgiving masses / prayer services shall be held simultaneously in major cities nationwide. Being two days before the barangay elections, the commemoration will also serve as a Mass / prayer service for the peaceful holding of the polls. It will be followed immediately by a short program and NAMFREL's traditional Light-A-Candle Ceremony. The activity also serves as a kick-off to a planned year-long observance of the Anniversary.

Since 1983, NAMFREL has been bringing together Filipinos of all sectors to work to help revive and sustain democracy in the country by safeguarding the integrity of the vote, and later on also through activities in line with good governance. NAMFREL is the acknowledged world pioneer in the conduct of a citizen-led parallel vote tabulation, known locally as the Operation Quick Count. Internationally, NAMFREL has inspired like-minded organizations to set up their own election monitoring activities in their own countries, with NAMFREL volunteers and officers actively engaging international counterparts to help initiate programs similar to those of NAMFREL in the Philippines.

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