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Pres. Rodrigo R. Duterte and DILG Secretary Ismael D. Sueno pose for a souvenir snapshot with the centenarians and their relatives during the ceremonial signing of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 10868 or the Centenarians Act of 2016 organized by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Photo by: DSWD

It's great to be **100!**

Financial advisors often advise their clients to prepare for old age so they can maintain their lifestyle beyond their retirement and even up to 100 years old. For employees with parents or relatives who will soon become centenarians or those who are nearing retirement, it is wonderful to look forward to you or your loved ones' 100th birthday celebration.

The implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act 10868 known as "An Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits for Filipino Centenarians, and for other purposes, otherwise known as the "Centenarian Act of 2016" was recently approved and adopted by the Secretaries of Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Health, and Head of Commission on Filipinos Overseas.

Here are some wonderful birthday presents for you or your Filipino loved ones here or abroad upon reaching 100 years old:

From the national government:

- Letter of felicitation signed by the Philippine President
- P100,000 centenarian gift to be released by the DSWD
- Posthumous award plaque of recognition from the DSWD to be received by the centenarian's nearest surviving relative

From the city or municipality of residence:

- Plaque of recognition
- Cash incentive to be determined by the concerned Local Government Unit (LGU)

A yearly commemorative event will also be conducted by the respective LGUs within their localities during the celebration of the National Respect for Centenarians Day as part of the Elderly Filipino Week every first Sunday of October. This occasion is considered to be a national event and an avenue for honoring and giving awards and incentives to centenarians.

So with the national and local incentives mentioned above plus the financial resources saved for retirement and old age during the younger years, it's great indeed to be 100!

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