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## Explore the Flavors of the Philippines during Filipino Restaurant Week 2018



NEW YORK, 20 April 2018 – The Philippine Consulate General in New York (PCG-NY), in partnership with the Philippine Department of Tourism New York (PDOTNY), Philippine Airlines, Tanduay Asian Rum, and GMA Pinoy TV, hosted the media launch for the Filipino Restaurant Week (FRW) 2018 last 03 May 2018 at the Philippine Center New York.

On the 4th year of its staging, 24 restaurants and pop-ups in New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia are participating in FRW2018 to offer special prix fixe menus of their versions of Filipino specialties, from 14 to 26 May. Lunches are set at \$25 and dinners are priced at \$35. Other a la carte menu items are also available in these restaurants during the promotional period.

In welcoming the guests, Deputy Consul General Kerwin Tate emphasized that Filipinos' love for food extends to their humanity – the desire to share, and the wisdom to always make sure to leave something for those who will need it.

Tourism Representative Susan Del Mundo apprised the audience about gastronomic tours available in the Philippines. The Department of Tourism is working on exciting new farm to table programs in partnership with organic farms and agricultural organizations.

Additionally, the Philippine Department of Tourism, further enhanced FRW2018 with a social media campaign allowing diners to win terrific prizes. Lucky customers of participating restaurants get a chance to win a round trip ticket to Manila courtesy of Philippine Airlines, three nights' hotel accommodations, a bespoke culinary tour, Barclays Centre concert tickets courtesy of Tanduay Asian Rum and other travel items during the promotional period.

Chefs and owners of the participating restaurants were present during the launch to give their take on promoting and mainstreaming Filipino food. While some restaurants try to remain traditional and faithful to the tastes and textures of time-tested recipes, other chefs are bolder and eager to experiment in their interpretations of Filipino fare.

The participating restaurants are: La Parilla de Manila, Max Restaurant, Noodle Fan, Pinoy Filipino, Flipsigi, Grill 21, Jeepney, Kabisera Kape, Kuma Inn, Maharlika, Mighty Bowl, Ugly Kitchen, Sisig City Food Truck, Ibis Eats, Mountain Province, Chef Dino Luciano Popup, Purple Yam, Swell Dive, Talde (Brooklyn and Jersey City), Tama, Tito Rads Grill, Phil-Am Kusina and Perla.

A complete list of menu offerings is available at http://www.newyorkpcg.org/events/1440-filipino-restaurant-week-2018. END



