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Philippine Consulate General Celebrates the 120th Day of Philippine Independence



A solemn moment during the invocation (left). The Philippine Consulate General posing in their formal Filipino wear (right) {Photos by Mr. Michael F. Azucena}.

19 June 2018, New York – In concelebration with Filipinos around the globe, and to celebrate Philippine Independence Day, the Philippine Consulate General in New York held a series of activities on 12 June 2018 to mark the special day.

The Philippine Consulate General in New York (PCGNY) began the commemoration of the 120th Anniversary of Philippine Independence with a flag-raising ceremony in the morning at the Philippine Center. The flag-raising was attended by officers and staff of the Consulate General, the Philippine Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Philippine Department of Tourism, Philippine Trade and Investment Center, Pag-IBIG Fund, and Philippine Center personnel. A hearty breakfast featuring traditional Filipino fare followed the ceremony.

In the evening, the Philippine Consulate General held its Independence Day Reception, attended by more than 130 Filipino Community leaders and friends of the Consulate. The simple reception was held at the Philippine Center's Kalayaan Hall. Guests were entertained by songs performed by the *Broadway Barkada*, a group of Filipino artists and actors whose goal is to nurture and support Filipino talent. The Independence Day messages from Philippine President, Rodrigo Roa Duterte, and Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Alan Peter Cayetano were read by Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville Tate and Consul Arman Talbo, respectively. The guests were treated to a delicious dinner menu of Filipino food, prepared by notable New York-based Filipino restaurants and chefs. END

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