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## Philippine Consulate Conducts Sports Diplomacy



PHL Basketball Team participated in NABA 2019

4 September 2019, New York – Philippine Consulate staff, friends and family members dubbed as PHL Basketball team participated in the 32<sup>nd</sup> NABA Tournament under the Albany Filipino American Basketball League (AFABL) team banner.

This year's tournament was held in Nation Harbor, Maryland from 30 August - 1 September 2019. Thirty six sports organization and more than 5,000 Filipinos and Filipino-American took part in the competition or supported their respective teams during the event.

Most of the participants came from the US Northeast, specifically the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New England region, Maryland, Washington DC, Baltimore, Chicago, Virginia and Florida. Teams from as far as Montreal, Winnipeg, and Ontario, Canada, and a team from Milan, Italy and some basketball organizations in the Philippines like Assumption College, Tigers Basketball and Community Basketball Association (CBA) also competed.

The NABA tournament is one of the most popular sports-oriented Fil-Am programs in the US and boasts of being the training ground for present and future Filipino-American players at the collegiate, amateur, and professional levels. The tournament is regularly scouted by sports agents in the Philippines to identify possible recruits for university, professional, and national teams.



North American Basketball Association (NABA) 2019 Opening Ceremony



North American Basketball Association (NABA) 2019 Parade