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An Exhibit Celebrating Filipino Culture in Colors Opens at the Philippine Center



Consul General Claro S. Cristobal (second from left) and the artist, Ms. Marie Fe Conde-Acera (to the right of the Consul General) cut the ribbon, together Vice Consul Tanya Faye O. Ramiro, the artist's husband, and a couple of the artists' supporters (Photo by PCMB).

30 October 2019, New York City - "East-West Fusion: A Celebration of Filipino Culture in Colors", an exhibit featuring mainly the vibrant and bold colors characteristic of Mindanao art, was unveiled on 28 October 2019 at the lobby of the Philippine Center in New York by the artist, Ms. Marie Fe Conde-Acera, together with Consul General Claro S. Cristobal.

Family, friends, and supporters of the artist, including those from her alma mater, Mindanao State University, graced the occasion.

Ms. Conde-Acera's first solo exhibit features twenty-five (25) paintings with the following five themes: Sayaw Mindanao, Buwak (Flower), Sarimanok, Bayho (Portrait) and Colors of Diaspora. The artist, in her message, spoke proudly about Mindanao's cultural and artistic legacy, which is evident in her paintings of the *Sarimanok*, a mythical bird that has figured in a number of legends of Mindanao, and the use of *okir* (an art motif distinctive for its use of geometric and flowing designs).

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Vice Consul Tanya Faye O. Ramiro, in her welcome remarks, congratulated Ms. Conde-Acera for renewing her passion for painting, and for bringing to the fore the rich and distinctive culture of Mindanao through the exhibit.

The exhibit is open to the public until 08 November 2019. **END**



Ms. Marie Fe Conde-Acera, a social worker by profession, talks about where she got her inspiration for the exhibit (Photo by NYPCG)



Guests (above and below) are seen admiring the paintings of Ms. Marie Fe Conde-Acera at the Philippine Center (Photos by PCMB).



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