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**2020 VIP Tour Launched in New York
Destination: Manila-Iloilo-Boracay**



(L-R) Ms. Charisse Rodriguez of Philippine Airlines, Tourism Attaché Francisco Lardizabal, and Ms. Alejandra “Dading” Clemente of Rajah Tours during the launching of the 2020 VIP Tour on 21 January 2020 at the Kalayaan Hall, Philippine Center New York. (Photo by NYPCG)

23 January 2020, New York – The Philippine Consulate General in New York and the Philippine Department of Tourism – New York hosted the launching of the 2020 Very Important Pinoy (VIP) Tour, formerly Ambassadors’ Tour, on 21 January 2020 at the Kalayaan Hall, Philippine Center New York.

The VIP Tour is an annual event organized by the Department of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with the Department of Tourism’s Tourism Promotions Board and Rajah

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Tours. This year's tour will feature historical places and mouth-watering cuisine in Manila, Iloilo and Boracay from 19 to 26 July 2020.

Prior to the launching event, Post, PDOT-NY, PAL, Rajah Tours and local travel agencies held a meeting at the Kalayaan Hall Annex to discuss the technical aspects of the tour package before they proceeded to attend the event at the Kalayaan Hall.

Consul General Claro S. Cristobal welcomed the more than 70 guests from the Fil-Am community, media, and representatives of local travel agencies. He shared his experience as part of the 2019 VIP Tour in Manila, Clark, Bataan, and Palawan.

Philippine Tourism Attaché to New York Francisco Lardizabal discussed PDOT-NY's tourism priorities and goals for this year. He also presented audio-visual presentations featuring this year's tourism destinations.

Consul Arman Talbo, Post's Economic Officer, gave an overview of the 2020 VIP Tour itinerary and tour package rates. Dr. Laura Garcia, President of the National Federation of Filipino American Association (NaFFAA) – New York, shared with the audience her amazing experiences during the past VIP Tours she attended.

For more information about the 2020 VIP Tour, please visit <http://viptourphilippines.com/>.

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Consul General Cristobal delivering his welcome remarks and sharing his experience as part of the 2019 VIP Tour. (Photo by NYPCG)



Tourism Attaché Lardizabal shared PDOT-NY's tourism priorities and VIP Tour destinations. (Photo by NYPCG)



Consul Talbog gave an overview of the 2020 VIP Tour. (Photo by NYPCG)



Some members of the Fil-Am community, media, travel agencies and guests during the launching of the 2020 VIP Tour. (Photo by NYPCG)



Iloilo and Boracay cuisine such as batchoy, pansit and lumpia were served during the event. (Photo by NYPCG)



NYPCG and PDOT-NY officials and staff, together with the Fil-Am community leaders, Fil-Am media, local travel agencies and guests during the launching of the 2020 VIP Tour on 21 January 2020 at the Kalayaan Hall, Philippine Center New York. (Photo by NYPCG)