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THE PHILIPPINE MISSION CAPTURES THE ESSENCE OF ITS NATION'S JOURNEY AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE DURING ITS 126TH INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMEMORATIONS



The Philippine Permanent Missions in Geneva are joined by the members of the Filipino community and officials from the House of Representatives, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), and DFA.

18 June 2024, Geneva, Switzerland – The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva and the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the World Trade Organization joined the entire Philippines in commemorating the 126th Anniversary of Philippine Independence in Geneva, Switzerland.

The celebration commenced on 12 June 2024 with a simple flag raising ceremony held at the Philippine Chancery premises. The two Missions were joined by the members of the Filipino community, 2nd District (Sulu) Representative Munir Arbison, Jr., Baguio Representative Marquez Go, Party List (LPG Marketers' Association) Representative Allan Ty, Labor Secretary Bienvenido E. Laguesma and other officials from the Departments of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Migrant Workers (DMW), Labor and Employment, and Foreign Affairs who were in Geneva for official visits.



The Philippine mission officials in a photo opportunity with guests after the flag raising ceremony

A diplomatic reception was held the following day, 13 June 2024, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Geneva with appreciative guests listening to the lively Filipino music, savouring sumptuous Filipino food and cocktail drinks, and enjoying the stimulating display of various Philippine regional textile weaves.



Permanent Representative Carlos D. Sorreta and Permanent Representative Manuel A.J. Teehankee with world class talented Filipino Acapella group, Acapellago during the singing of the Lupang Hinirang.



Ambassador Carlos D. Sorreta delivers his welcome remarks during the Philippine Independence Day Diplomatic reception

In his remarks, Ambassador Carlos D. Sorreta expressed: “Here in Geneva, whether as part of the Mission, as visiting officials, or as Filipinos living and working here, we are, everyday, representatives of our nation. Especially today, we are reminded of this truth: we are the custodians of our nation's ideals and aspirations. Lest we feel insignificant as individuals, I remind everyone that each of us plays a vital role in shaping our nation’s future. Each of us carries the torch of progress, illuminating the path toward a future that is equitable, just, and prosperous. It is through our individual efforts, taken collectively, that we can make significant contributions to the global community while ensuring the welfare and dignity of our people back home. In our hands lies the power to shape a future that reflects the best of our past and the brightest of our dreams.”

The reception was attended by diplomatic corps and colleagues from international organizations. **END**