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PHILIPPINES PARTICIPATES IN THE 149TH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS IN GENEVA



Ambassador and Permanent Representative Carlos D. Sorreta (leftmost) with the Philippine Congressional delegation to the 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held from 13-17 October 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland, headed by Speaker of the House of Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez (6th from left). Also in the delegation were (from L to R): House Secretary General Reginald Velasco, Rep Divina Grace Yu, Senator Grace Poe, Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito, Senator Nancy Binay, Rep Allan Ty, Rep Ramon Nolasco, Jr, and Senate Secretary Renato Bantug, Jr.

Geneva, 15 October 2024 - The Philippine Permanent Mission to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva, headed by Ambassador and Permanent Representative Carlos D. Sorreta, hosted Speaker of the House of Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and the rest of the Philippine Congressional delegation, who participated in the 149th Assembly and related meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held at the Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG) in Geneva, Switzerland from 13 to 17 October 2024.



The Philippine Congressional delegation during the opening session of the 149th IPU Assembly

At the General Debate focusing on “Harnessing science, technology and innovation for a more peaceful and sustainable future”, Speaker Romualdez highlighted the progress done by the Philippines in the areas of science, technology, and innovation, particularly through the creation of the National Innovation Council, to ensure that innovation is embedded as a key priority in the country's pathway to socio-economic development.



Speaker Romualdez highlighting the Philippines' progress in the areas of science, technology, and innovation during the General Debate on “Harnessing science, technology and innovation for a more peaceful and sustainable future”

Speaker Romualdez had the opportunity to meet and hold brief discussions with IPU Secretary General Martin Chungong and IPU President (2023-2026) Hon. Tulia Ackson, Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania. He also held productive bilateral meetings with the Rt. Hon. Mr. Narayan Prasad Dahal, Chairperson of the National Assembly of Nepal, and Mr. Volkmar Klein, MP of the German Bundestag, with whom he reaffirmed a strengthened inter-parliamentary cooperation between the Philippines and their respective countries. END



Speaker Romualdez greeting Hon. Tulia Ackson, Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania and IPU President from 2023-2026



Speaker Romualdez with IPU Secretary General Martin Chungong