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PhilConGen L.A. Joins Fil-Am Community across U.S. Southwest in Celebrating Filipino American History Month



Consul General Edgar B. Badajos delivers remarks during the grand opening ceremony of the "House of the Philippines" at Balboa Park in San Diego, CA in the afternoon of 01 October 2021.

03 November 2021 – The Philippine Consulate General, under the leadership of Consul Edgar B. Badajos, participated and supported virtual and in-person activities organized by various Filipino-American community organizations in Southern California and Southern Nevada to celebrate the Filipino American History Month (FAHM) throughout October 2021.

Consul General Badajos and the officers of the Consulate General, in their remarks during these celebrations, lauded the Fil-Am community's commitment to ensuring a meaningful, memorable and substantive FAHM celebration, which was officially dedicated to highlight the Filipino people's story in the United States. The Consulate officials also conveyed sincerest appreciation to local government officials who joined in the celebrations, recognizing and promoting the importance of the month of October as Filipino American History Month. END



Deputy CG Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III and Trade Commissioner Eric Elnar participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument located at the International Sculpture Garden in Carson City, CA to officially kick-off the City's month-long celebrations of the Filipino-American History Month on 02 October 2021. Also in attendance were local City officials, led by Hon. Mayor Lula Davis Holmes, Hon. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear, as well as California State Senator, Hon. Steven Bradford.

Deputy CG. Enciso joined the Fil-Am Community in Las Vegas, NV for the launching of the Fil-Am TV Network on 15 October 2021. Established by Mr. Carl Magno (rightmost). Fil-Am TV utilizes the linear tv structure of its sister networks, namely, ACTV and Las Vegas Life TV with a combined viewership of 18.5 million in 2020. The Consulate General guests in a weekly show entitled “Consular Matters”, which airs on the platform.



Vice Consul Faith Valerie P. Tan delivers remarks during the whole-day variety show-style celebration organized by the Filipino community in West Covina on 16 October 2021. The event was also graced by the City of West Covina’s Fil-Am Mayor, Hon. Letty Lopez-Viado, as well as Fil-Am A-lister Apl de Ap of Black Eyed Peas.

Consul Francis Maynard S. Maleon attends the Fil-Am Association of Santa Clarita Valley’s FAHM celebration dubbed, Pistahan at Bayanihan, held on 16 October 2021. The program included entertainment and activities featuring the richness and beauty of Filipino culture.





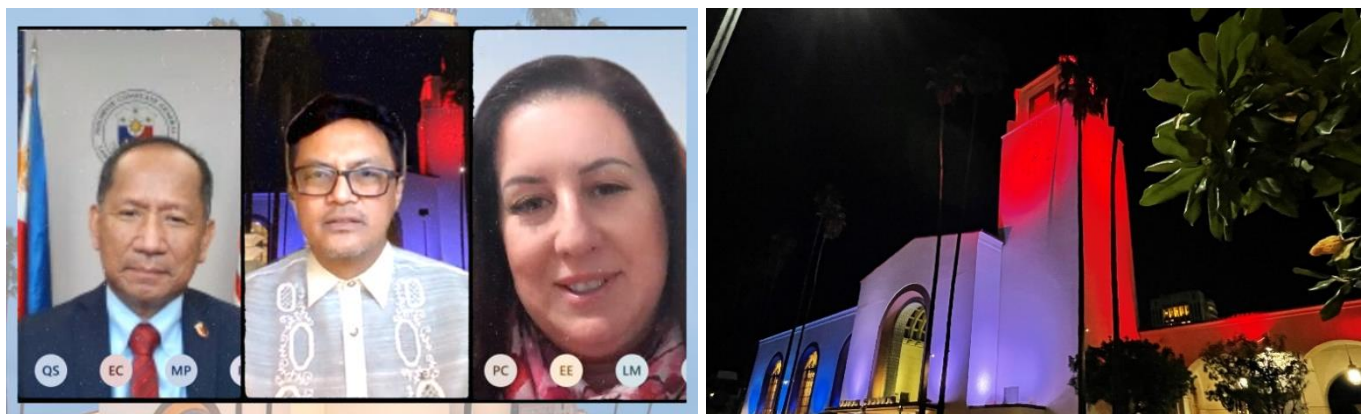
Philippine Expressions Bookshop, a specialty bookshop located in the Arts District of San Pedro, CA, organized an exhibit on Philippine artifacts, as well as an Author's Night in celebration of FAHM on 29 October 2021. (L): ConGen Badajos delivered remarks for the occasion and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Rhacel Salazar Parrenas in recognition of her significant contributions to literature on international migration through her scholarly writings. (R) The bookshop's proprietor, Mrs. Linda Nietes-Little, presents to ConGen Badajos her Philippine artifact collection.



Fil-Am News Las Vegas held a gala and cultural fashion entitled, Fashion For A Cause, at the Santa Fe Station Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on 29 October 2021. Consul Maria Alnee A. Gamble represented ConGen Badajos at the event and conveyed the latter's appreciation to Fil-Am News' host and producer, Dr. Michael Santa Juana, for promoting Philippine fashion and celebrating Filipino ingenuity through the fashion show, which featured renowned Filipino designer, Mr. Edwin Uy.



(L) Consul General Badajos with the officers of the Filipino-American Business Association of Glendale's (FABAG) and Glendale City Mayor, Hon. Paula Devine during FABAG's 30th Anniversary and 2021 FAHM celebration held on 23 October 2021. (R) ConGen Badajos dances the Tinikling with the Kultura Philippine Folk Arts during the event. (Photo credits: Mr. Marc M. Pijuan)



(L-R) Consul General Badajos with Fil-Am Commissioner for the Los Angeles Board of Transportation (LADOT) and LA Metro Fil-Am Group leader, Dr. Emmanuel "Cris" Liban, and LA Metro Chief of Staff, Ms. Nicole Englund during the virtual Town Hall Meeting on 27 October 2021 with the Fil-Am employees of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro). (R) Through the initiative of Dr. Liban, L.A. Union Station is illuminated in Philippine flag-inspired colors from 24 to 31 October 2021. It is the first time in history that Union Station, a major City landmark, is bearing the Philippines' colors.