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PHILCONGEN LA SUPPORTS FILIPINO FILM CREATIVES AT 18TH HOLLYSHORTS FILM FESTIVAL



15 August 2022, Los Angeles – Officials of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles and the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) attended the 18th HollyShorts Film Festival to show support for Philippine cinema and Filipino film creatives.

Giving Special Spotlight to the Philippines, the 18th Holly Shorts screened the following Filipino-made short films on 14 August 2022 at the TCL Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, CA: (1) *Anino* by Raymond Red; (2) *It's Raining Frogs Outside (Ampangabagat nin talakba ha likol)* by Maria Estela Paiso; (3) *The Headhunter's Daughter* by Don Josephus Raphael Eblahan; (4) *Shangri-La* by Isabel Sandoval; (5) *Filipiñana* by Rafael Manuel; (6) *Excuse Me, Miss, Miss, Miss* by Sonny Calvento and (7) *Imago* by Raymund Ribay Gutierrez.

The screening was co-sponsored by the FDCP.

After the screening, a Special Filipino Filmmakers Panel was held, moderated by Mr. Jo Andrew Torlaque of the FDCP, and featured filmmakers Benito Bautista and Marge Templo-Parks.

The Panel discussed a range of issues, including the opportunities and challenges of filmmaking in the Philippines and the Philippines as a filming location.

The filmmakers also talked about their creative inspiration and the readiness of Filipino filmmakers to share their stories with the world. It was asserted that Filipino stories also communicate universal values and this is proven by the recognition received by numerous Filipino films during film festivals and other similar events overseas.

According to its website, HollyShorts is an organization devoted to showcasing the best and brightest short films from all over the world. It promotes filmmakers through screenings, networking events, and various forums. The first HollyShorts Film Festival took place at The Space Theatre in Hollywood, CA in August 2005 and featured 23 short films from the U.S., UK, Poland, Canada and Thailand.

The 18th Holly Shorts Film Festival will run until 20 August 2022. END.



Jo Andrew Torlaque of FDCP with Filipino-American filmmakers Margie Templo-Parks and Benito Bautista during the special panel Filipino filmmakers panel held after the screening.