



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
PHILIPPINES  
LOS ANGELES



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**PHILCONGEN LA CELEBRATES THE 128<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE  
INDEPENDENCE AT THE HISTORIC LOS ANGELES  
CENTRAL LIBRARY**

LOS ANGELES, 16 June 2026 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles celebrated the 128<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence on 12 June 2025 at the historic Los Angeles Central Library in Downtown Los Angeles.

In his welcome remarks, Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz reflected on this year’s Anniversary theme of “Kalayaan. Kinabukasan. Kasaysayan.” and emphasized each generation’s duty to continue strengthening the institutions, values and ideals that sustain and move our nation forward.

Consul General Cruz also noted the milestone 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and the United States this year and highlighted the strong and enduring partnership between our countries, which is demonstratively exemplified by the vibrant and thriving Filipino-American community all across the United States.

This year’s commemorative event was held at the Los Angeles Central Library, itself a historical landmark which served as a symbolic backdrop for a celebration highlighting longevity, stability, and hope for a brighter future.



*Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz addressing and welcoming guests during the reception*



*The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles team, including members of the attached agencies from Philippine Trade and Investment Center, Social Security System, Migrant Workers’ Office, Office of the Police Liaison for the West Coast, and the Philippine Department of Tourism, with Consul General Cruz (6<sup>th</sup> from right) and Mrs. Catherine A. Cruz (7<sup>th</sup> from right).*

The Philippine Independence Day celebration was attended by over 300 guests from the Los Angeles Consular Corps, elected and appointed Filipino-American officials, leaders and members of the Filipino-American community, and partners and contacts from the public and private sectors.

The Consulate General was also honored to welcome Presidential Assistant for Northern Luzon, Assistant Secretary Ana Carmela Remigio, as a special guest at the event.

The celebration was also an opportunity to showcase Filipino artistry, with musical performances from Mr. Marvin Aritrangco, one of the actors of the recently released Filipino-American produced and starred series *Nurse the Dead*, and Mr. Mark Mabasa. A mini fashion exhibit featuring the works of Mr. Puey Quinones was also featured.

Filipino food artistry was also on display as Titas of Manila treated guests to a sumptuous spread of stylized and miniaturized Filipino food favorites such as empanada, buko pie, lumpia, ube panna cotta, to name a few. END.



*The entry of colors marking the start of the program proper.*



*The Los Angeles Central Library serving as a fitting backdrop for the Philippine Independence Day celebration and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and the United States.*



*Presidential Assistant for Northern Luzon, Assistant Secretary Ana Carmela Remigio (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), was a special guest at the celebration.*



Mini Fashion Exhibit by Puey Quinones.



Mr. Marvin Aritrangco serenading the guests.