



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
PHILIPPINES  
LOS ANGELES



PR – AASC – 25 - 2026



**LA TIMES FOOD BOWL**

**PHILIPPINE FLAVORS SERVED AT 2026**



*EATSpERience Philippines at the 2026 L.A. Times Food Bowl*

LOS ANGELES, CA – The Philippine Department of Tourism - Los Angeles (PDOT-LA) and the Philippine Trade and Investment Center - Los Angeles (PTIC-LA), with the support of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, participated in the 2026 Los Angeles Times Food Bowl through “*EATSpERience Philippines: Where Flavor Meets Culture*,” held on 23-24 October 2026 at The Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, California.

Organized by the Los Angeles Times, the two-day culinary festival brought together some of Southern California's leading chefs, restaurants, and food businesses for a celebration of the region's diverse food scene.

Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz joined PDOT-LA Representative Gerard O. Panga and PTIC-LA Officer-in-Charge Anne Marie Kristine C. Umali in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting on 23 October 2026 to mark the opening of the festival. The Philippine participation marked a joint effort by the government agencies to promote Philippine cuisine and food products in the United States.



(L-R): Mr. Eric Ma, LA Times; PDOT Dir. Panga; Consul General Cruz; PTIC Dir. Umali; Mr. Francis Co, Nathaniel's; Mr. Ron Dizon, Teofilo Coffee; Mr. Victor Elizaga, Nomsì

The *EATSpexperience Philippines* booth featured products from Coco Angel, Nomsì, Teofilo Coffee, Century Tuna, and Nathaniel's, with selections featuring Philippine ingredients such as ube, coconut, calamansi, and coffee. The booth also provided participating brands an opportunity to engage directly with consumers and potential business partners in the U.S. market.



Featured Philippine products at the 2026 L.A. Times Food Bowl

The festival's opening night also featured the unveiling of the *Los Angeles Times'* 101 Best Restaurants in L.A. list for 2026. Filipino restaurant *Kuya Lord*, led by Filipino chef Lord Maynard Llera, ranked 73<sup>rd</sup> on the list of Southern California's top dining establishments. END



Philippine booth organizers and partners (left); unveiling of the 101 Best Restaurants in L.A. (right)