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Tribute to the Late Senator Leticia Ramos Shahani Held in New York

12 April 2017, New York – The Philippine Mission to the United Nations in New York and the Philippine Consulate General in New York together with friends and former colleagues of the late Senator Leticia “Letty” Ramos Shahani held a memorial in her honor at the Philippine Center on 11 April 2017.

Speaking at the tribute to the late Senator, who passed away on 20 March 2017 in Manila, were Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr., Margaret Snyder, Michaela Walsh, Robin Morgan, Lilia Calderon Clemente, and Judy Rogers.

Ms. Julie Grindon-Welch read a message from Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, former Undersecretary General and High Representative of the UN while Consul General Theresa De Vega read excerpts from the eulogy of Senator Shahani’s daughter and currently Secretary General of the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines, Lila Ramos Shahani.

Mr. Francis Abaya shared a spiritual reflection and Soprano Katrina Saporsantos performed two of Senator Shahani’s favorite songs “Ay, Kalisud” and “Mutya ng Pasig”. Ms. Mary Lou Walsh, a classmate of the Senator at Wellesley College offered reminiscences of Mrs. Shahani as a undergraduate student in the US.

Among the special guests at the tribute was Atty. Lutgardo B. Barbo, Secretary of the Senate of the Philippines

All those who took part in the event spoke of the impact the late Senator Shahani had on the global advocacy for women’s rights, combatting poverty, and creating empowerment platforms for marginalized sectors.

Senator Shahani spent many years in the US Northeast in connection with her schooling and her work at the United Nations where she served as Secretary-General of the World Conference on the UN Decade of Women in Kenya and as UN Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. END



Ambassador Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr. pays tribute to Senator Shahani (all photos by NYPCG)

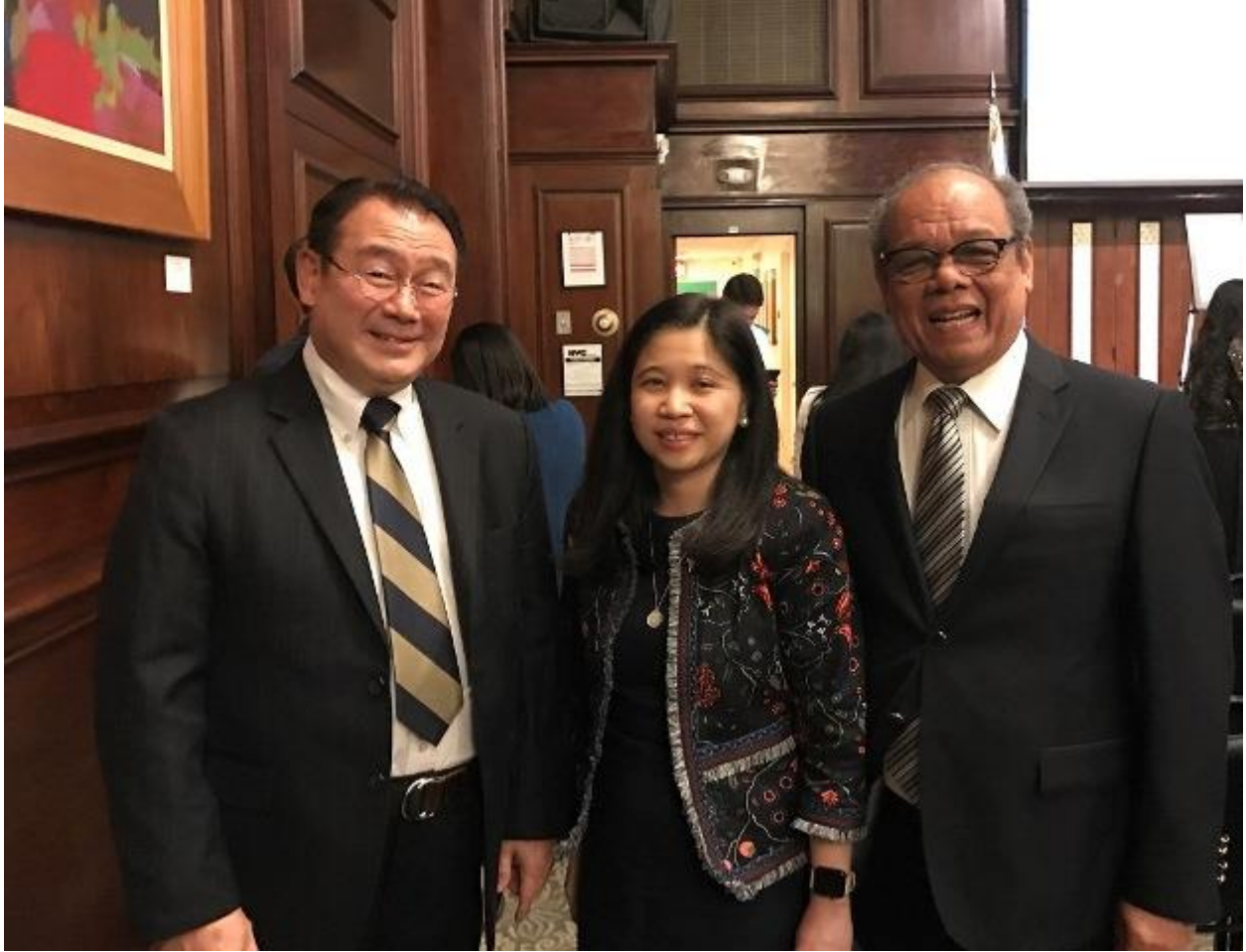


A close friend and colleague of Senator Shahani, Financial Analyst Lilia Calderon-Clemente delivers an emotional tribute



Ms. Margaret Snyder delivers remarks about working with Senator Shahani in the Women's movement





L-R Ambassador Locsin, Consul General Dizon-De Vega and Senate Secretary Lutgardo B. Barbo