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**Philippines Takes Part in Annual International Food Festival in New York**



Officers and Members of the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York welcome guests to the International Food Festival (photos by NYPCG)

23 February 2018, New York – The Philippine Consulate General took part in the 2018 International Food Festival organized by the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York and held at the Hungarian Consulate General on 22 February 2018.

An annual winter event, the Food Festival attracts over 500 visitors from the diplomatic and consular corps, business sector, media, culinary and travel industries in the city.

Over 30 countries participated in the event presenting a savory and sweet sample of their respective cuisines and spirits as part of the exclusive tasting set-up. While guests enjoyed the food offerings, nine countries, including the Philippines, likewise took part in the event's Cultural Night.

The Philippine Consulate General Delegation headed by Consul General Theresa Dizon-De Vega offered Pancit Bam-I and ube and pandan sweet rolls. Ms. Kay Habana, a New York-based Filipino soprano and events caterer performed the Philippine classic "Ang Maya" to the delight of the international audience.

During the event, Consul General De Vega was likewise interviewed by the popular program "Dining with Diplomats" where she spoke about growing popularity of Philippine cuisine.

The Philippines was part of the Planning Committee for the event with Consul General De Vega serving as an Executive Committee member of the SOFC-NY. The Society likewise turned over a donation to the New York Cares Foundation for underserved members of the New York community. END



Pancit Bam-I in banana leaf lined cups, pandan and ube rolls as part of the degustation table at the festival



L-R Floresita Cuabo, Vice Consul Khrystina Corpuz-Popov, Ms. Kay Habana, Consul General Theresa De Vega, Ms. Amina of the Saudi Arabian Consulate, Cultural Officer Olive Magpile



Classically trained Filipino singer Ms. Kay Habana performs “Ang Maya” for the guests



Consul General De Vega being interviewed by Dining with Diplomats

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