NEW YORK – In celebration of International Mother Language Day, the Philippine Consulate General, together with the Philippine Cultural Dance Group of Long Island, took part in a multi-cultural and multi-lingual program hosted by the Consulate General of Bangladesh led by Consul General Md. Shameem Ahsan, in Long Island City on 23 February 2018, Friday.

A brief video presentation on the history of the “mother language” movement was shown to emphasize the importance of using one’s mother tongue as a key instrument for national development and the preservation of one’s national identity.

Cultural performances from different countries were also showcased, which included, among others, a dance number by the Philippine Cultural Dance Group of Long Island.
entitled “Sayaw Sa Cuyo.” The dance originates from the Island of Cuyo in Palawan, and is traditionally performed during the feast of St. Augustine. Vice Consul Tanya Faye Ramiro was on hand to represent the Consulate and to support the Philippine performance.

Consul General Ahsan conveyed to Consul General Theresa De Vega the Bangladesh Consulate General’s appreciation for the “…excellent performance by the Philippine cultural troupe which enthralled and enlightened audience as it vividly reflected the rich culture and tradition of your beautiful country.” END