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New York PCG Participates in Philippine Independence Day Celebrations in Passaic, New Jersey



Passaic, NJ, 10 June 2018 – The Philippine Consulate General in New York joined the Filipino Community in the Greater Passaic area at activities to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence held at the Third Ward Park in Passaic, New Jersey on 10 June 2018.

Acting Head of Post and Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville C. Tate, Consul Arman R. Talbo and Vice Consul Tanya Faye O. Ramiro led the Consulate General’s contingent to the event.

High-level New Jersey government officials including U.S. Congressman William James Pascrell, Jr., Passaic Mayor Hector Lora and Deputy Mayor Edwin Garcia, Assemblyman/Council President Gary Schaer, Councilman Hiram Munk, Councilwoman Zaida Polanco, Board of Education President Pete Rosario graced the auspicious occasion. Also in attendance at the program was Jersey City Council President Rolando Lavarro.

The New Jersey officials in their remarks were all praises for the Filipinos in New Jersey and thanked them profusely for their immense contributions to the community. Mayor Lora underscored that in Passaic County, there is not one resident not educated by a Filipino teacher, cared for by a Filipino doctor and nurse and assisted in any way by a Filipino. Even responding emergency teams of the fire department and police would always have a Filipino member.

Congressman Pascrell lauded the Filipino community’s efforts at integrating and assimilating with mainstream society. He was very thankful for the Philippine Day Organizing Council Inc. (PDOC) for organizing this event every year and specially commended PDOC’s founder, the late Mr. Carlos B. Sinnung, for introducing him to the Filipino community and for encouraging its members to be active participants in community building.

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Deputy Consul General Tate expressed the Philippine Government's appreciation that the contributions of Filipinos and Filipino Americans in American society are being recognized. He reiterated the Philippine Consulate General's continued support in encouraging members of Filipino American groups to be upright citizens and fighters of peace and freedom.

As part of the program, a wreath laying ceremony was held at the marker installed at the Third Ward Park in honor of the Filipino and American soldiers and guerillas who fought side by side in defense of freedom in many wars.

After the wreath laying ceremony, there was a Catholic Mass to end the formal program. Food stalls were on hand for those who wished to savor delicious Filipino food. Entertainment from local Fil-Am community singing and dance talents were enjoyed by the attending public in the afternoon. **END**