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### NY Consulate Continues Sports Diplomacy



PHL Basketball Team (Open Division) and PHL Jr. Basketball Team (U15 Division)

30 June 2018 - As part of its ongoing effort to engage with the Filipino-American community in the US Northeast Region through sports, the Philippine Consulate General in New York played in the 2018 Dolphy Cup on 30 June 2018 in Manalapan, New Jersey.

Consulate personnel formed the PHL basketball team for Open Division competition and the PHL Jr. Team for the Under-15 Division. Both teams saw action in the tournament organized by the Jersey City Kalahi Athletic Association, which is a member of NABA (Northern American Basketball Association).

The PHL Basketball Team, is composed of personnel from the Consulate General and the Philippine Mission to the United Nations, their family members and friends, while the PHL Jr. Team is composed of the players' kids and kids' friends. Both teams played their hearts out during the course of the competition, and managed to win one game apiece, and more importantly, gained the respect and friendship of the teams they played against.

The bulk of the participating teams come from the US Northeast specifically from the states of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Other teams come from Washington DC, Baltimore and Northern Virginia, with the farthest team coming from Ontario, Canada

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The Consulate's participation in the tournament strengthened its ties with the community, especially with basketball, which is a sport that has a huge Filipino following. END



PHL Basketball Team (Open Division) in action



PHL Jr. Basketball Team showing its defensive form

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