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Philippine Airlines Launches Direct Flight to Manila from New York



From left: PDOTNY Officer In Charge Luz Navarro, Consul General Claro Cristobal, PAL New York Area Manager Joesyl Vasquez, Philippine Airlines' Evelina Trinidad and Domingo Angeles

NEW YORK, 3 November 2018 –Philippine Airlines (PAL), the national flag carrier, started flying nonstop between New York's JFK airport and Manila last 29 October 5 times weekly on their new Airbus 350-900. PAL hosted a launch event at the Philippine Center to announce the news to travel trade partners, the media and select community members last 26 October.

Consul General Claro Cristobal congratulated PAL for this new feat. He said he was pleased that he can now fly direct from New York to Manila, because layovers and connecting flights – especially coming from New York where inclement winter weather frequently delays or grounds flights – might ruin passengers' schedules.

PDOT NY Administrative Officer Luz Navarro also offered their Office's congratulations to PAL, acknowledging the national carrier as their main partner in promoting Tourism to the Philippines. She took the opportunity to promote the islands Siargao, Palawan and Boracay which recently were recognized as Conde Nast's Best Islands of the World.

Joesyl Vasquez, PAL Area Manager for New York announced that more than 200 passengers have already booked for the maiden direct flight, mostly Filipinos and Filipino-Americans. At 16 hours flying time, the direct flight between MNL and JFK is the 9th longest commercial flight route in the world, and the longest flight to operate from JFK. PAL is offering lower airfares for the introductory promo period. END