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Prof. Ambeth Ocampo Presents
"Rizal: the Hero as Traveler" in New York



Prof. Ambeth Ocampo (center) shares fascinating facts and stories of Rizal's travels during a forum in New York commemorating the 158th birth anniversary of the national hero. (photo by NYPCG)

New York, 19 June 2019- The Philippine Consulate General in New York organized a presentation by Professor Ambeth R. Ocampo in New York with the theme "Rizal: the Hero as Traveler" held on 19 June 2019 at the Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Center.

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The event was the highlight of the 158th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal which fell on the same day and was held in collaboration with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Knights of Rizal New York Chapter (KOR-NY).

In his remarks, Consul General Claro S. Cristobal highlighted the importance of studying the life and ideals of Rizal. He said that the Consulate and the Fil-Am community in New York is lucky to have Prof. Ocampo who a renowned public historian, researcher, and Rizal expert.

During his talk, Prof. Ocampo presented fascinating stories and interesting facts about Rizal's travels and how his exposure abroad helped shape his ideas and strengthened his love of country. He said that looking back on the travels of our national hero helps us understand and appreciate Rizal as a human being. Like many overseas Filipinos, he said that Rizal missed the Philippines, including Filipino food, while he was abroad.

Prof. Ocampo likewise shared to the audience rare photos and writings of Rizal which he discovered during his years of intensive research. During the Q&A that followed his lecture, he shared how his research and interest on Rizal have grown and deepened through the years, and how so many things about the hero continue to be revealed or rediscovered to the present day.

The presentation was followed by a Knighting Ceremony by the Knights of Rizal New York Chapter where five new knights were accepted to the Order, five became lifetime members, and chapter member Sir Dr. Roy Guinto was exalted to the rank of Knight Grand Officer of Rizal (KGOR). -end



Consul General Claro S. Cristobal welcomes the audience to the forum and introduces Prof. Ambeth Ocampo. (Photo by NYPCG)

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Prof. Ambeth Ocampo's talk was attended by the Fil-Am community and members of the Knights of Rizal in the Tri-state area. (photo by NYPCG).

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