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### Philippines participated in the Society of Foreign Consuls International Food Festival



Ms. Rose Teves, chef and owner of Grill 21, a participating restaurant during the Filipino Restaurant Week in May. The Philippines shared its BatangasBistek, one of the favorite Filipino ways to cook beef combining two flavors that Filipino love – salty and sour.

26 June 2019, New York –Twenty-five Consulates in New York participated in the Society of Foreign Consuls annually organized International Food Festival held on 26 June 2019. The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland hosted the event. Philippines, Singapore and Thailand represented the ASEAN region.

Each Consulate presented samples of their traditional culinary delights and drinks. This year, SOFC put into the spotlight the chefs and restaurateurs of the participating countries, giving them the opportunity to introduce the typical or traditional dishes they have

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prepared. The night was also a celebration of diverse culture through dance and songs participated by seven countries.

The Philippine Consulate General Delegation, headed by Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville Tate, offered “Bistek” and cassava cake prepared by Ms. Rose Teves, chef and owner of Grill 21. According to Rose, Bistek is one of the favorite Filipino ways to cook beef combining two flavors that Filipino love – salty and sour while cassava, a Filipino moist cake made from grated cassava, coconut milk, and condensed milk with a custard layer on top commonly eaten during merienda and is served during gatherings and special occasion. Grill 21 was one of the participating restaurants during the Filipino Restaurant Week in May.

Consul General Diana Zhgeni, President of the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York acknowledged the participation of the Chefs as well as the Consulates at the Festival which primarily gives opportunity for the Consulates to reconnect and mingle with each other while promoting and enjoying diverse cuisines from different regions. END



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