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### “The Filipino American Journey” Launched in New York



**Ms. Josie Moralidad Ziman, author of “The Filipino American Journey” (seated, center) with some of the Filipino-Americans featured in the book (seated from L-R) Ruby Sibal, Josie Harrison, Cristina Osmeña, mother of Ms. Jocelyn Welsh, (standing from L-R) Ronnie Mataquel, Ramil Buenaventura, Atty. Nicholas Caraquel and Ernesto Pamolarco.**

12 July 2019, New York – Josie Moralidad Ziman’s book “The Filipino American Journey, Stories of Survival and Success” was launched on 12 July 2019 at the Philippine Center in New York. The book features the narratives of Filipinos in America from various backgrounds whose difficulties, ordeals and successes inspire and give hope readers and especially to the Filipino migrant community.

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Ms. Ziman is a breast cancer survivor, correspondent for Radio Mindanao Network, writer for Manila Mail, and host of the radio show “Pilipinassa Amerika”. Ms. Ziman announced that the proceeds from her book will be donated to Friends of Cancer Kids Foundation and Iloilo Inc. which provide financial assistance to children with cancer.

In his welcome remarks, Consul Arman R. Talbo applauded Ms. Ziman’s effort to recount the stories of survival and success of the Filipino migrants in the book. He also congratulated the Filipino migrants whose experiences are testament to Filipino resilience, tenacity and commitment.

One family and eight individual Filipino migrants in the US Northeast are featured in the book including the Trinidad family from Teaneck, New Jersey; Kaitlyn Trinidad, a student at the College of Mount Saint Vincent; Ronnie Lumauag Mataquel, a math teacher at John Bowne High School in Flushing, Queens; Ruby Abangan Sibal, a newborn care specialist and CEO of Beyond Baby Care, LLC; Ernesto Pamolarco, Jr., a special education teacher; Richard Holsman, CEO and President of Holsman Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Centers in NJ and NY; Ramil Buenaventura, a math teacher at Renaissance Charter School in Jackson Heights, NY; Atty. Nicholas Caraquel, an immigration lawyer; and Jhett Tolentino, a three-time Tony award-winning Broadway producer.

Los Angeles-based Josie Harrison, mother of Fil-Am comedian Jokoy, and San Francisco-based Cristina Osmena, great grand daughter of former Philippine President Sergio Osmeña, also attended the event. END



**Consul Arman R. Talbo welcomes Ms. Josie MoralidadZirman during the Book Launch of the “The Filipino American Journey, Stories of Survival and Success” held on 12 July 2019 at the Philippine Center.**

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**Ms. Josie MoralidadZirman signs her book “The Filipino American Journey” Stories of Survival and Success held on 12 July 2019 at the Philippine Center.**