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Sinehan Sa Summer 2019 Completes Successful Run in New York



Consul General Claro S. Cristobal (front row, 3rd from the right) with the members of the Sinehan sa Summer screening committee and representatives of the co-sponsor organizations at the closing night of the Sinehan 2019 (photo by NYPCG)

9 September 2019, New York – The annual *Sinehan sa Summer* in New York completed another successful run this year with the showing at its final night of the award-winning indie film "Kung Paano Siya Nawala" before a full Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Center on 29 August 2019.

The blockbuster movie directed Joel Ruiz is a hilarious but poignant story of love and forgetting featuring actors JM de Guzman, Rhian Ramos, and Agot Isidro.

The Sinehan sa Summer is a flagship project of the Philippine Consulate General in New York featuring award-winning classic and indie Filipino films, as well as short films submitted by upcoming Filipino and Filipino-Americans filmmakers and actors, all in English or with English sub-titles. It ran every Thursday evening of August and each show was either full or SRO. Talkback sessions were held to provide opportunity for the audience to interact with some of the directors and producers.

This year's Sinehan was a tribute to the celebration of 100 years of Philippine Cinema. It was held with the support of the Film Development Council of the Philippines, Cultural Center of the Philippines, Cinemalaya, TBA Studios, Arkeo Films, and Victory Liner which helped bring the different films for free viewing in New York.

Fil-Am organizations and groups co-sponsored the different showing nights and they provided Filipino merienda before each show, much to the delight of the audience who were able not only to enjoy the movies but also had a taste of our delectable Filipino cuisine.

Consul General Claro S. Cristobal thanked and presented Certificates of Appreciation to production designer/art director Fiel Zabat and writer/actor Mr. Gil Quito who were part of this year's screening committee of the Sinehan. END



(L-R) Mr. Gil Quito, Ms. Fiel Zabat, Consul General Cristobal, and Consul Arman R. Talbo during the awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to the members of the screening committee. (photo by NYPCG)



Mr. Ryan Letada (R) of Next Day Better talks about the trailer of his project Intersections which was shown before the feature film. (photo by NYPCG)



Newly-arrived Tourism Attaché Francisco Lardizabal greets the Sinehan audience and gives them a preview of tourism priorities of the PDOT New York office.