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“Alamat and Awitan” Highlight *Buwan ng Wika* in New York



Filipino-American children trooped to the Philippine Center New York for the Philippine Consulate General's *Kwentuhang Pambata* or Children's Story Telling Time during the *Buwan ng Wika* celebration on 25 August 2018.

NEW YORK, 25 August 2018 – Dubbed “*Kwentuhang Pambata*” or Children's Story Time, the Philippine Consulate General in New York's celebration of *Buwan ng Wika* was held on Saturday, 25 August 2018 at the Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Center. The event was attended by about 30 Filipino-American children ages 3 to 12 years old.

Mr. Ramil Buenaventura, a teacher at the Renaissance Charter School in New York and a Big Apple Teacher Excellence Awardee of NYC Department of Education, read the storybook “*Alamat ng Palay*,” as retold by Virgilio Almario in English and Filipino. He also treated the children with a trivia about rice and its legend.

The story-telling session was followed by singing lessons from Chris Ignacio, Filipino-American song writer, actor, and puppeteer. Chris shared Philippine folk songs such as

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Mambayu, Magtanim ay Di Biro, and Bahay Kubo from the book “*Antukin*” by Felicidad A. Prudente.

Vice Consul Khrystina Corpuz Popov and Cultural Officer Olivia Osias-Magpile handed Certificates of attendance to the children who had a morning of fun and learning about the Filipino language and the Philippine culture.

Also on hand during the event were the parents of the children of the Filipino Community and Development Center in Ocean County based in Toms River, New Jersey and Filipino International Community of America in Elizabeth, New Jersey. END



Mr. Ramil Buenaventura, NYC-based teacher read the Alamat ng Palay followed by singing lessons by Chris Ignacio of Philippine folk songs. (All Photos by PCGNY) kcp/oom

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