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### Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Gray Meets the Filipino-American Community in New York



Consul General Claro S. Cristobal (Right) welcomes Ms. Universe 2018 Catriona Gray at the Philippine Center on 4 February 2019. In the courtesy call were Deputy Consul General Kerwin Tate (Left) and Ms. Esther Swan, Director, Miss Universe Organization. (photo courtesy of Michael Azucena)

NEW YORK, 4 FEBRUARY 2019 – Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Elisa Mangayon Gray received a warm welcome from Consul General Claro S. Cristobal and the Filipino-American community in the US Northeast on 4 February 2019 at the Philippine Center.

The visit of Ms. Gray started with a call on Consul General Cristobal where he praised Miss Universe for achieving another milestone for the Philippines and conveyed his good wishes for the success of her advocacies in providing free education and scholarships for disadvantaged children in Manila and in the prevention and education of HIV-AIDS.

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Catriona remembered the send-off event for her hosted by the Philippine Consulate when she participated in the Ms. World pageant and thanked the Consul General for the continuous support and the opportunity to meet and greet the Filipino-American community.

The call was followed by a press conference with the Filipino-American media where Catriona eloquently had candid exchange of stories about her preparations for becoming Miss Universe, her plans during her reign, and her humanitarian and giving back to the community initiatives.

“I want to be remembered as a Miss Universe who really had advocacy at her core”, said Catriona. She said she would look back to her year as Ms. Universe and say she did a good job if she had an impact in the community.

The Meet and Greet was the first opportunity after her win to address the Filipino-American Community. With a full house attendance, Catriona met the community with grace and charm and shared with them moments of pride, honor and joy particularly during the photo-opportunity.

The Miss Universe Catriona Gray announced that she is scheduled for a Homecoming in the Philippines in mid-February. END



**Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Gray meets with the members of the Filipino-American media. With her are Consul General Claro S. Cristobal (R) and Consul Arman R. Talbo(L), the Public Diplomacy Officer of the Philippine Consulate General New York. (Photo courtesy of Michael Azucena)**



**Ms. Universe 2018 Catriona Gray gamely joins the Filipino-American community in New York on 4 February 2019. Groupie at the Lobby of the Philippine Center after the formal event (photos courtesy of BoyetLoverita)**

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