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### **CONGEN ARAGON GRACES THE “TAKBONG PANGARAP” GATHERING**



Los Angeles, 13 May 2009 – Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon (left) bids Joy Roxas (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) a safe trip, as she embarks on the grueling challenge to run across the United States. The “Takbong Pangarap” gathering was held at the Eagle Rock Mall on 10 May 2009. Also in photo is Mr. Mateo Macabe, trainer and running partner (2<sup>nd</sup> from left).

Ms. Roxas, a 44-year-old runner from Manila, was the first woman to run across the Philippines from Davao to Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte in 2005. This time, she will try to accomplish the 5,000 kilometer run across the United States from California to New York in four months. With this project, Ms. Roxas also hopes to raise funds for the benefit of the anti-TB Program in Quezon City and the Heart Center. ###end