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Left Photo: Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon (2nd from left) welcomes a guest during the 58th Annual International Ball of the International Committee of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Also in photo are Dr. Romualdo Aragon, husband of Consul General Aragon, and Ms. Aida Gaona, Ball Chair. Right Photo: Excerpt from "Karim at Jasmin," the first Filipino opera, was presented during the International Ball. (Photos by Benny Uy)

Los Angeles, 26 May 2009 – The 58th Annual International Ball of the International Committee of the Los Angeles Philharmonic entitled "Sights and Sounds of the Philippines" was held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the Music Center in downtown Los Angeles on 16 May 2009.

The International Ball is held annually by the International Committee not only to help support the Los Angeles Philharmonic, but to honor the Chefs de Poste of the Los Angeles Consular Corps and their spouses.

As its custom, the International Committee features a country to provide an understanding and appreciation of the cultural wealth that the chosen country has to offer. This year, the Philippines had that distinct honor of showcasing its fascinating culture, many treasures and artistic traditions.

The cultural presentation featured excerpts from Dr. Ramon Geluz's first Filipino opera "Karim at Jasmin."

The Gala event was made possible with the support of the Philippine Departments of Foreign Affairs and Tourism, Philippine Airlines and the Filipino American Community of Southern California. ###end