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WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT JOSE RIZAL MONUMENT KICKS-OFF OCTOBER 2016 IN THE CITY OF CARSON AS FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



Photos above shows the wreath-laying ceremony with Consul General Adelio Angelito Cruz.

Los Angeles, 06 October 2016 – The City of Carson held a wreath-laying ceremony at the Dr. Jose Rizal Monument located at the International Sculpture Garden on 01 October 2016 signifying the start of a month long celebration of Philippine American History Month in Carson, California.

After the wreath-laying ceremony, a short program followed at the Carson Community Center. The City Council, presented certificates to Filipino Americans including Mr. Ralph Quinte, Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque, Mr. Ildefonso Quibin, Mr. Kristian Benjamin Tang, Mr. Kurt Delicana and Ms. Michelle Thorlund for their achievements and contributions to the community.

In his remarks, the Consul General congratulated the Filipino Americans recognized by the City Council for being the movers and shakers just like Larry Itliong who was a leader and a beacon of unity and inspiration to all Filipinos in the US. The Consul General was also happy to see, for the first time, the Dr. Jose Rizal monument in California. The annual celebration of Filipino American History month serves as a reminder of the rich history of the Filipino American community and how the community has grown and gone a long way from October 1587, when the first “Luzones Indios” arrived in Morro Bay.



Photo above shows Consul General Cruz addressing the audience.



Photo above shows (L-R) Carson Mayor Pro Tem Lula Davis-Holmes, Carson Councilmember Jawane Hilton, Consul General Cruz, Carson Councilmember Cedric Hicks, Sr. and Carson Councilmember Elito Santarina presenting City of Carson's Proclamation recognizing October 2016 as Filipino-American History Month.