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## PHILIPPINE DRAGON BOAT ALLIANCE TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 LONG BEACH DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 29-30 JULY 2017



Los Angeles – 19 July 2017 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles is pleased to announce that the Philippine Dragon Boat Alliance Team (ALLIANCE) will participate in the 2017 Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival which will be held on 29-30 at the Marine Stadium in Long Beach, California.

**The Consulate General strongly encourages members of the Filipino community to watch the competition to cheer on the Philippine team. To get more information about the festival, particularly the race schedule of Pinoy paddlers, please visit its official website at <http://www.lbdragonboat.com/>.**

Established in 2016, the ALLIANCE brings together Filipino seasoned paddlers who are formerly members of Philippine Dragon Boat Federation Team (PDBF), a consistent winner in the world and Asian championships, and are now based in different counties, namely, Canada, Los Angeles and Middle East. Its mission is to establish goodwill and connect with paddlers from all over the world to promote dragon boat in the mainstream, as a proudly Asian sport that is growing in prominence all over the world---a sport that Filipinos can and do excel in.

In 2016, the Team participated in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Kaiser Permanent Northern California Dragon Boat Race held at Lake Merritt, Oakland, California on 17-18 September 2016 where they won four gold medals and one bronze. Through this race, the Team were able to inspire North American paddlers to join in this year's dragon boat races in Cebu City and Boracay.

The Alliance Team is set to compete again with the hope to get the championship in the 2017 Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival. END