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## PHILCONGEN L.A. ATTENDS 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. CONCERT TOUR OF SAMIWENG SINGERS



*Vice Consul Andrea Lazaro poses with the Samiweng Singers following their performance in Temple, City, CA on 20 May 2017.*

Los Angeles, 24 May 2017 - The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles attended the gala of the 3<sup>rd</sup> US Concert Tour of the Samiweng Singers, a youth choral group based at the Ilocos Norte National High School. The concert was held in Temple City, California on 20 May 2017.

The multi-awarded choir has received both national and international acclaim for their talent, most recently having won several categories at the 1<sup>st</sup> Vietnam International Choir Festival and Competition held in Hoi An, Vietnam in 2011, and at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games held in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2012. They have also received the *Ani ng Dangal* for Music in 2012 and 2013, given by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, in recognition of their achievements.

The group derives its name from the Ilokano words “sam-it”, which means sweet, and “aweng”, which means sound. Following the California leg of their tour, the Samiweng Singers will perform next in Las Vegas, Nevada and Oahu, Hawaii. – END.