



## CONSUL GENERAL CRUZ JOINS CELEBRATION OF 45<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOS CHABACANOS OF CAVITE CITY, INC. IN SAN DIEGO



*Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz addressing the audience during the Gala.*

03 July 2017, Los Angeles - Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz attended the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Los Chabacanos of Cavite City, Inc. last 01 July 2017 in San Diego.

The Los Chabacanos of Cavite City, Inc. is a non-profit founded in 1972 to (1) preserve and protect the traditions such as the celebration of Feast of the Holy Virgin of Solitude, Patroness Saint of Cavite City, Philippines; (2) promote the social and economic welfare of Filipino Americans; and (3) create a stronger union in preserving the heritage of the natives of Cavite City (“Chabacanos”) in the Philippines.

In his remarks, Consul General Cruz encouraged the former Filipinos nationals in the audience to re-acquire Filipino citizenship. He also highlighted the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Ambassadors, Consuls General and Tourism Director Tour (ACGTDT) that will take place from 10 to 16 July 2017. He also mentioned the signing of the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015, which awarded 260,000 Filipino and Filipino-American World War II veterans a collective Congressional Gold Medal.

Consul General Cruz lauded the law and encouraged Filipinos in San Diego to honor our WW II veterans through the ongoing fund-raising to purchase bronze replicas of the Congressional Gold Medal, the United States’ highest civilian honor, to be given to surviving Filipino-American veterans of World War II and family members. END.



*Photo shows (L-R) Honorary Consul Audie de Castro, Los Chabacanos President Julia Legazpi and Consul General Cruz.*