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## PHILCONGEN LOS ANGELES PARTICIPATES IN THE ASIAN CULTURE DAY IN NEVADA



*Consul General and Mrs. Adelio Angelito S. Cruz with Nevada State Senator Scott Hammond (middle).*

30 May 2018, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, headed by Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz participated in the first-ever Nevada State annual celebration of Asian Culture Day, which was held in multiple locations in the city of Las Vegas on 16-19 May 2018.

The Annual Asian Day was established by Senate Bill 175 which designates every 18<sup>th</sup> of May as Asian Day in the State of Nevada. The bill was introduced and authored by State Senator Scott Hammond and signed into law by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval on 18 May 2017.

The event is designed to encourage Asian nations to exhibit national artifacts that represent historical, cultural and artistic nature of their people over the centuries.

The four-day celebration included a Press Conference; the countdown which officially declared the first Asian Culture in the State and the Nation, both held in Freemont Street; the two-day convention (18-19 May 2018) at Rio Hotel Pavilion, dubbed “*Connect with Asians in Nevada*”.

The Philippine Consulate General exhibited Philippine promotional materials on tourist destinations and artifacts during the convention at the Rio Hotel Pavilion.

The event was attended by State elected officials with keynote speakers including Senator Scott T. Hammond, State Senator Dean Arthur Heller, Board of County Commissioner Steve Sisolak and Clark County Clerk Lyn Goya. Consul Wang Shi, representing the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, based in San Francisco, California also attended the event. END.



*Group photos during and after the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Asian Culture Day celebration.*



*Consul General Adelio Cruz addressing the audience.*