



PHL CONSULATE GENERAL WELCOMES LEYTE KALIPAYAN DANCE COMPANY IN LOS ANGELES



Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz and Tacloban Mayor Alfred Romualdez with the LKDC.

Los Angeles, 01 August 2018 – The Leyte Kalipayan Dance Company, accompanied by former Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez paid a courtesy visit at the Consulate General on 31 July 2018.

Formerly Leyte FILIPINIANA, the Leyte Kalipayan Dance Company (LKDC) is a homegrown folkdance troupe from Leyte province founded in 1961 by Ms. Teresita Veloso Pil.

LKDC is the premiere Philippine folkloric dance troupe based in Tacloban City. In 1965, LKDC became the Philippine Cultural Ambassador to the United States and have traveled the world promoting performance art and culture through traditional dances and music. The group won numerous awards over the years and considered one of the world's best dancers in 2016.

The group is in the United States of America from 17 July 2018 until 28 August 2018 for their concert show, dubbed *KALIPAYAN*, which means “happiness” in the *Bisaya* language. They had already performed in the states of Texas and Arizona. They will wind up their U.S. tour via performances in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas.

The production of “*KALIPAYAN* “ is a benefit show to help rebuild Tacloban City, which was devastated by super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013.

In cooperation with the Waraynon Initiative Network “*KALIPAYAN*” will be shown at Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower CA 90706 on 04 August 2018 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. For tickets, please contact the following: Mr. Derick Anido, (562) 805-8152; Ms. Lu-Ann Ballais, (904) 881-0290 and Dr. Tess Agner, (949) 350-0111.

The Consulate General strongly encourages members of the Filipino-American community to watch the world renown and internationally acclaimed Leyte Kalipayan Dance Company in their traditional and contemporary movements choreographed with Philippine music and song.
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