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## MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY'S INTEGRATED PERFORMING ARTS GUILD PAYS A COURTESY CALL ON CONSUL GENERAL CRUZ



Group photo with (seated L-R) Ms. Yolanda Punzalan, Cultural Officer Dolor Sales, Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz, Dr. Steven Fernandez, Ms. Leilani Fernandez, Mr. Lenard Castillo and IPAG performers (standing, 2<sup>nd</sup> row)

Los Angeles, 02 November 2018 – The Integrated Performing Arts Guild (IPAG) of the Mindanao State University paid a courtesy call on Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz on 31 October 2018. The group was accompanied by the officers of the Association of Iligan City and Lanao Norte of Southern California, Mr. Lenard Castillo and Ms. Yolanda Punzalan.

The 16 members of the guild, headed by its Artistic Director, Dr. Steven P.C. Fernandez, are in the U.S. for their 2018 U.S. Tour (North Carolina, Washington D.C., New York and Carson City) entitled, *Tribes for Peace: Three Peoples in the Sun*. The Tour's repertoire includes Manobo & Subanen suites, and the dances and songs of T'boli, Talaandig & Maranao peoples.

During the call, Dr. Fernandez also presented as a gift to the Consulate General two copies of his book entitled, *Representation, Meaning & Identity: Philippine Culture and Arts Studies*.

Consul General Cruz, for his part, commended the guild for their efforts in promoting the cultures of Mindanao and conveyed the Philippine Consulate General's support in their cultural endeavors. END.