



Consul General Cruz Receives Los Angeles City Council Resolution Commemorating 121st Philippine Independence Day

07 June 2019, Los Angeles – Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz received the Los Angeles City Council Resolution commemorating the 121st Anniversary of Philippine Independence on 07 June 2019 at the Los Angeles City Hall Forecourt.

Said resolution was signed by Mayor Eric Garcetti and all fifteen (15) members of the L.A. City Council in recognition of the contributions of Filipino-American community in shaping Los Angeles' socio-cultural fabric.



(From left to right) Consul General Cruz (2nd person from the left) poses with the LA City Officials following his acceptance of the city resolution. Consul General Cruz delivers his welcome remarks before the LA City Officials and LAFACE members.

Ms. Susana Reyes, newly appointed Filipino-American Commissioner for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP); and Mr. David Giron, representative from the Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell of District 13 presented the city resolution to Consul General Cruz.

In his welcome remarks, Consul General Cruz conveyed his sincere appreciation to the L.A. City Council. He also lauded the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) for their patriotism and for consistently organizing the event, which gives occasion to honor the sacrifices of Filipino heroes who fought for our freedom. The Consul General likewise highlighted this year's Independence Celebration theme, that is, "Kalayaan 2019: Tapang ng Bayan, Malasakit sa Mamamayan (Courage of the Nation: Compassion for the People)."



(Left to right) LA Doce Pares demonstrates martial arts sparring using arnis. Ms. Agnes Santos serenades the audience with an OPM Song. Deputy Mayor Miguel Sangalang and LAFACE President Ms. Joan Alexandria Tagle participated in the interactive tinikling following the dance performance of the University of California Los Angeles Samahang Pilipino Dancers.



Consul General Cruz (fourth from the left) and Vice Consul Dyan Pastrana (rightmost) with the event's cultural performers. (photo left)

Guests were entertained by cultural presentations rendered by L.A. Doce Pares, a group in Los Angeles that teaches traditional Filipino martial arts using arnis; University of California Los Angeles Samahang Pilipino Dancers, a group of Filipino-American students that perform Philippine folk arts dances; and Ms. Agnes Santos, a Filipino-American known for her singing prowess.

Consul General Cruz was joined by Vice Consul Dyan Kristine Miranda-Pastrana, Cultural Officer Ma. Dolor Sales, Information Officer Mary Grace Leaño, Captain Don Graham and Commissioner Reyes. END.