



## PHL ConGen Joins SoCal Bicolanos in 45<sup>th</sup> Peñafrancia Fiesta



*Fluvial parade, featuring yellow-shirted “voyadores” carrying the image of the Blessed Virgin of Peñafrancia aboard a floral barge towed by boats around the artificial lake at the Lincoln Park during the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Peñafrancia Fiesta held on 21 September 2019.*

*(Photo Credit: Mr. Archerie Calunod)*

Los Angeles, 23 September 2019 - The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles joined around 1,200 *Bicolanos* in Southern California in celebrating the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual *Peñafrancia Fiesta* held at Lincoln Park in Los Angeles on 21 September 2019.



The Festival is organized annually by United Bicolandia Los Angeles (UBLA) to celebrate the feast day of Bicol Region’s Patroness, the Blessed Virgin of Peñafrancia.

Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III together with other Consulate General officers attended the event with their families.

The highlight of the festival was a fluvial parade, featuring yellow-shirted “voyadores” carrying the image of the Patron Saint aboard a floral barge towed by boats around the Park’s manmade lake. The fluvial procession is accompanied by a procession along the Lake’s perimeter.



A concelebrated mass presided by Rev. Fr. Rolando Clarin followed the procession.

Twenty-four well-decorated booths from other local Bicol Support Organizations served signature *Bicolano* dishes such as *Kinunot*, *Laing* and *Bicol Express*, among other treats.

The whole-day celebration drew thousands of devotees and guests. The annual *Peñafrancia Fiesta* has always been one of the largest and most colorful festivities of the Filipino-American community in Southern California. END.



(1<sup>st</sup> photo) Philippine Consulate General representatives and their families with the UBLA officials. (2<sup>nd</sup> photo) Guests line up at booths serving signature *Bicolano* dishes. (Photo Credit: Mr. Archerie Calunod)