



## ASEAN Women Circle of Los Angeles (AWCLA) Celebrates the Year with Flavorful Filipino Food



*The 2019 ASEAN Women Circle of Los Angeles (AWCLA) Patrons and Committee Members, led by its Chair and President, Madam Catherine Amon Cruz (8<sup>th</sup> from left, standing) from during the Association's Yearend Get-Together Party, which was held at the Noypitz Bar & Grill DTLA on 12 December 2019.*

16 December 2019, Los Angeles – The ASEAN Women Circle of Los Angeles (AWCLA), led by its 2019 Chairperson and spouse of Philippine Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz, Madame Catherine Amon Cruz, held its yearend general meeting and get-together party at the Filipino restaurant, *Noypitz Bar & Grill DTLA* on 12 December 2019.



In her remarks, Madam Cruz expressed her appreciation for being given the privilege to carry the flag of AWCLA for a year.

She also commended AWCLA officers' and members' unwavering support and commitment that led to the success of the 2019 AWCLA *Fundraising Bazaar and Cultural Day*.

The Bazaar, which was AWCLA's most important project in pursuit of its charitable advocacies, was held at the Philippine Consul General's official residence in Arcadia, CA on 24 August 2019.



Above: Madam Catherine Amon Cruz (center) with (from L-R) Madam Aye Myint Myat Phyu of Myanmar (1<sup>st</sup>), Madam Dyah Krisnawan of Indonesia (2<sup>nd</sup>), Madam Marja Y. Hout of Cambodia (4<sup>th</sup>) and Madam Kamolpatr (Jang) Pratoomkaew of Thailand (5<sup>th</sup>).

The get-together also became a venue to showcase the vibrant flavors of Filipino cuisine as the AWCLA ladies were treated to a sumptuous feast of Filipino dishes, such as *kare-kare*, *bulalo*, *crispy pata*, *halo-halo*, among others.

AWCLA was established on 08 May 1991, drawing inspiration from the ideals of ASEAN friendship and unity. It is a socio-cultural association of women composed of the spouses of the heads of mission, female members of the ASEAN consular corps and the ASEAN community in Los Angeles. It aims to promote awareness about ASEAN as an organization, and foster people-to-people with the United States contacts through various activities. END.