



PhilConGen Joins Knights of Rizal for 30 December Celebration



Above (left): Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III delivers his remarks during the commemoration of the 123rd Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal held at the Bayanihan Center of the Filipino American Service Group Inc. (FASGI) on 30 December 2019. Above (right): DCG Enciso with the officers of the Knights of Rizal (KOR) – Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles and FASGI. (Photo Credit: Ms. Cora Aragon)

Los Angeles, 03 January 2020 - The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, represented by Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III, joined the commemoration of the 123rd Anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal at the Filipino American Service Group Inc.'s (FASGI) Bayanihan Center in the evening of 30 December 2019.

In his remarks, DCG Enciso commended the FASGI and KOR officers' commitment in honoring the greatest son of the Malay race and the Philippine national hero: Gat Jose Rizal. On behalf of Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz, DCG Enciso also encouraged the officers to involve the youth in their activities to ensure that the life and historical influence of the martyred hero will not be forgotten by the next generation of Filipino-Americans. DCG Enciso further added that, aside from being the Heart and Soul of the Philippine Revolution, Dr. Rizal was the first true Filipino nationalist, who always fought for his belief that the Filipino race is equal in dignity, ability and pride to their European colonizers.

The event, which was organized by the Knights of Rizal (KOR) – Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles Chapter included a narration on the last hours of Dr. Rizal and a declamation in Spanish and English the last poem composed he composed before his death, *Mi Ultimo Adios (My Last Farewell)*. END.