



PHL Joins AWCLA Inaugural Charity Lunch



Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz and Mrs. Catherine A. Cruz (6th and 7th from right) with the officers and staff of the Consulate General during the Inaugural Charity Lunch of the ASEAN Women Circle of Los Angeles (AWCLA) held at the official residence of the Indonesian Consul General on 26 February 2020.

27 February 2020, Los Angeles – Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz and Mrs. Catherine A. Cruz led the participation of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles in the *Inaugural Charity Lunch* of the ASEAN Women Circle of Los Angeles (AWCLA) held at the official residence of Indonesian Consul General Saud P. Krisnawan on 26 February 2020.



The Charity Lunch was organized to showcase ASEAN cuisine and to raise funds for AWCLA's charitable advocacies. The Association also used the occasion as a platform to express appreciation to its network of contacts from local government agencies, including the Office of the Foreign Mission and Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles.

The Philippine booth featured Filipino-style *Pancit Bihon*, *Black Mushroom Salad* and *Turon*, and displayed native handicrafts and tourism promotional materials.



Left: AWCLA Patrons (first row), Madam Aye Myint Myat Phyu of Myanmar (1st) from left, Madam Catherine Amon Cruz (2nd), Madam Dyah Krisnawan of Indonesia (3rd), Madam Kamolpatr (Jang) Pratoomkaew of Thailand (4th) and Madam Marja Y. Hout of Cambodia (5th), with the AWCLA 2020 officers and members.

Below (clockwise): Performances from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, The Philippines and Thailand showcase the richness and diversity of ASEAN music and dances.



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. AWCLA is currently headed by Madam Kamolpatr Pratoomkaew of Thailand.

AWCLA holds cultural activities and fundraising bazaar to promote the arts and cuisine of ASEAN countries, as well as to raise funds for AWCLA projects, including a monetary donation to a chosen charitable institution in Southern California. END.