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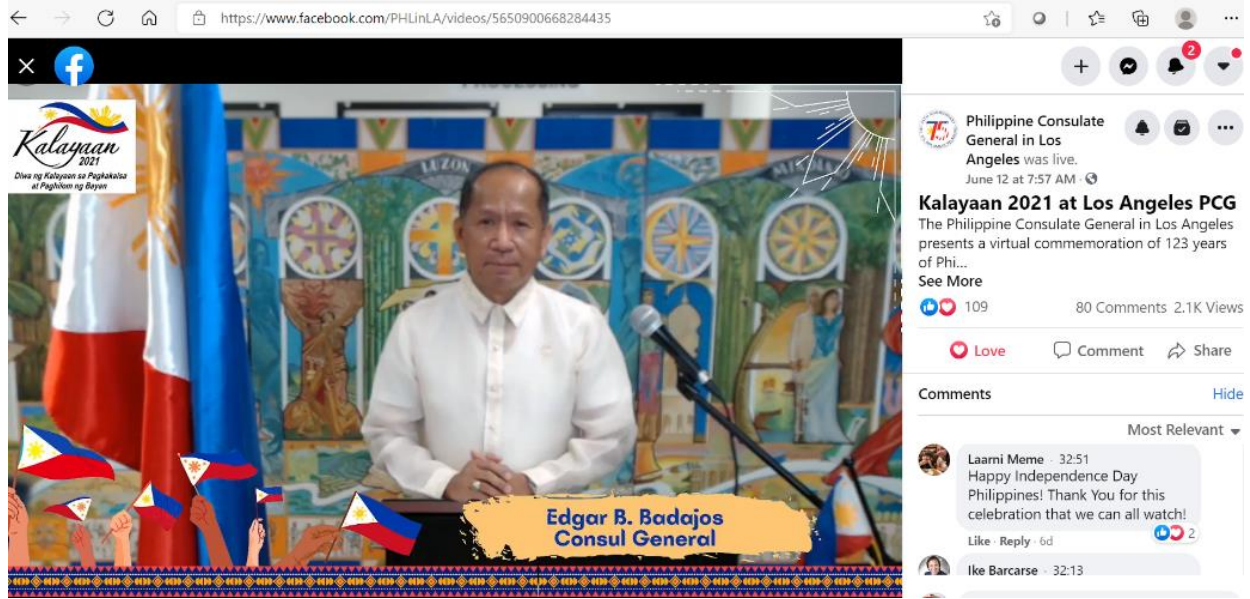
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## PHILCONGEN LA COMMEMORATES KALAYAAN 2021



17 June 2021, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles hosted a downscaled yet meaningful ceremony to commemorate the 123<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence in the morning of 12 June 2021 at the Consulate General’s Community Hall.

The event was conducted as a hybrid of a live gathering and performances with a Zoom audience while being streamed through Facebook Live. Around 70 members of the local Filipino-American community, business sector and media participated via Zoom in their formal *Filipiniana* attire.



The program commenced with a flag raising ceremony and singing of the “*Lupang Hinirang*” followed by the pledge of allegiance. Afterwards, the recorded video messages of the President and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs were played.



Consul General Edgar B. Badajos also delivered his own remarks to the Filipino Community in the Southwestern United States.

In line with the theme of this year's Independence Day celebration: *Kalayaan 2021: Diwa ng Kalayaan sa Pagkakaisa at Paghilom ng Bayan*, Consul General Badajos reiterated the government's call to all Filipinos, especially to overseas Filipinos in the U.S. Southwest to come together and help in the healing process, and continue the fight against natural and man-made challenges that threaten to curtail the nation's hard-fought freedoms.

Special cultural performances were presented by ace vocalist Felson Palad with his soulful rendition of the patriotic classic, "*Bayan Ko*," as well as the Malaya Filipino American Dance Arts who delighted the audience with their sprightly *Jota Manileña* and *Pandanggo sa Ilaw* suite.

The live stream, which could be viewed through the link: <https://fb.watch/64KuVRgkYS/> to date has reached 3,702 people, 2.1K views, 55 shares, 77 comments and 109 reactions. END.

