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## PHILCONGEN LA AND UCLA LAUNCH “*BREAKING MYTHS: FOOD, FEASTS AND THE IFUGAO RICE TERRACES*” ETHNOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT



(R-L) UCLA Vice-Provost Cindy Fan, Prof Stephen Acabado, Consul General Edgardo B. Badajos, Indonesia CG Saud Krisnawan, and Thai CG Tor Saralamba at the opening of the exhibit.

31 May 2022, Los Angeles –In celebration of National Heritage Month, the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles and the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Southeast Studies opened an ethnographic exhibit entitled “*Breaking Myths: Food, Feasts and the Ifugao*” on 26 May 2022 at the Consulate General’s Community Hall.

The exhibit aims to promote a better understanding of Philippine history through the meticulous research undertaken by the Ifugao

Archeological Project, a collaboration among the UCLA Center for Southeast Asia Studies, the University of the Philippines Archeological Studies Program, the National Museum, and the Save the Ifugao Terraces Movement.

The research provided interesting insights on Ifugao and Cordillera society and, while debunking the long-held belief that the Ifugao Rice Terraces are about 2,000 years old, affirmed the ingenuity and adaptability of our Cordillera ancestors in the face of adversity brought about by the Spanish colonization of the lands and peoples in what would eventually become the Philippines.

The exhibit runs until 25 June 2022, with special viewings available on weekdays, except holidays, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Special viewings are by appointment only. Please email: [cultural.pcgenla@gmail.com](mailto:cultural.pcgenla@gmail.com).  
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Prof. Acabado going through the exhibit with the Indonesian and Thai CGs and Prof. Fan.