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BUWAN NG PAMBANSANG WIKA AT KASAYSAYAN CELEBRATED IN LOS ANGELES



Los Angeles, 26 August 2022 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles celebrated *Buwan ng Pambansang Wika at Kasaysayan* through an exhibit that features poems, songs and other literary arts in different Philippine languages, which was opened on 24 August 2022 at the Consulate General’s Community Hall with a special program.

In his keynote message during the opening program, Consul General Edgar B. Badajos acknowledged the great contribution of the Filipino-American Service Groups, Inc (FASGI) headed by its Executive Director, Ms. Yey Coronel, for its unwavering effort to promote the Philippine’s Culture and Arts.

In line with the theme of this year’s *Buwan ng Pambansang Wika at Kasaysayan: “Filipino at mga Katutubong Wika: Kasangkapan sa Pagtuklas at Paglikha”* (Filipino and Other Indigenous Languages: Tools for Creation and Innovation), ConGen Badajos reminded everyone that aside from preserving our culture, ensuring that our languages continue to be used is important for the socio-cultural development of our people.

The exhibit will conclude with the announcement of the winner of the Essay Writing Contest and awarding of the cash prize and plaque of appreciation to the winner of the Poster Making Contest to be held also at the Consulate General’s Community Hall. END.



(Left to right) Mr. Paolo Roque B. Villa sang the Bicolano Song, *Sarung Banggi*, while SSS Representative, Ms. Anna De Leon sang a Kapampangan song, *Atin Cu Pong Singsing* Ms. Filipina International 3rd Runner, Ms. Margaux Ugalino shares the importance of learning or other Philippine languages for the Filipino-American youth.

