

Nairobi PE Meets Honorary Consul, Conducts Consular Mission and Attends FilCom sportsfest in Kampala, Uganda



Consul General Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian (L) meets with Philippine Honorary Consul Abhay Agarwal (R) during the Embassy consular mission in Kampala, Uganda.

NAIROBI, 01 September 2019- The Philippine Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya conducted a Consular Mission at the Philippine Honorary Consulate in Kampala, Uganda on 01 September 2019. The three member consular team was led by Consul General Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian. The consular team met Honorary Consul Abhay Agarwal, a.h. on 31 August 2019 to discuss administrative issues and concerns as well as to be updated with the plans and activities of the Philippine Consulate in Kampala. During the meeting, HonCon Agarwal shared with ConGen his plans to further enhance the Philippine image in Uganda by hosting tourism exhibit to showcase the Philippines and also to promote possible business opportunities. He also expressed his plan to attend the Ugandan proposed business council in the Philippines, to arrange a familiarization tour to the Philippines for travel agency operators in Uganda and to make representation with the education sector in the Philippines for Ugandan students who want to study in the Philippines, which he hopes are going to materialize.



Passport applicants waiting patiently during the mobile consular mission in Kampala, Uganda.

On 01 September, the consular team processed (27) Passport Applications, (4) Civil Registry and (4) Notarials. The consular mission was successfully conducted with the support of PHC Kampala together with the Filipino community in Uganda.

After the consular mission, the team was invited by the Filipino Foundation Uganda Ltd. (FFUL) to the Filipino basketball tournament held at the residential compound owned by a Chinese Filipino couple from Capiz province who are long-time contractor in Uganda. ConGen Auxilian delivered a short message and extended the warm regards of the Ambassador to the FilCom members. He also expressed his congratulations to the group for being well-organized and very supportive of each other. ConGen Auxilian also emphasized the importance of keeping fit especially abroad and he appreciated the efforts of the officers led by Mr. Danny Gumasing, President, in doing recreational activities for the members to keep themselves fit and well. The FilCom also hosted a sumptuous dinner for the team.



Officers and members of the Filipino Foundation Uganda Ltd. together with the Philippine Embassy consular team.

During interaction with the FilCom members, the team was informed that FFUL is organizing a Family Day event in October 2019 and proceeds of said event will be donated by them to an orphanage in Uganda as part of their activities in December 2019.

The Filipinos working in Uganda are mostly professional workings as engineers, chefs, teachers, nurses and UN staff. A number of Filipinos are married to Ugandan Nationals. There are about 200-300 Filipinos working or residing in Uganda.

During the road trip from the Airport in Entebbe to Kampala, the consular team, saw the billboards of ABS CBN telenovela, "The Blood Sisters," advertising that it is being shown by Star Times Novela E from Monday to Sunday at 9:40 p.m.

According to the PHC Kampala this is not the first time that Philippine TV soaps are shown in Uganda. Since 2012, Philippine soaps have been shown in Uganda, such as "Pangako Sa'yo" and "Be Careful With My Heart." Soap operas from the Philippines are often Uganda's highest rated programs, after the evening news.



Philippine TV soap “ The Blood Sisters” billboard along the high way from Entebbe to Kampala, Uganda.