

## PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN NAIROBI CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL SPORTSFEST WITH THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY



FAMILY PICTURE OF THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN NAIROBI

Nairobi, 10 November 2019- The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Nairobi celebrated with the Filipino Community in Nairobi the successful end of the 2019 FILCOM-KENYA Sportsfest, with a Filipino Mass, Awarding Ceremony and Halloween Party at Hekima University Sports Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya.

Ambassador Alex G. Chua stated that “there is nothing more satisfying than seeing the successful end of a Sportsfest among Filipinos abroad because of the friendship and camaraderie formed in sports competition.” He added that “the games and matches are more important than winning,” he added.

Ambassador Chua also thanked the FilCom Board of Directors: Mr. Edgar Barcena, Ms. Jonah Suson, Ms. Lelou Biating and Ms. Sheryl Magbitang, who replaced the late Fr. TQ Mula, for organizing the Sportsfest and Halloween Party. “Organizing these events for the Filipino Community is not an easy job,” he remarked. “We truly appreciate the time, effort and resources you have devoted all these Sundays from July to November for these activities.”

Consul General Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian awarded the Champion’s Trophy, the 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophy and special awards for both Basketball and Volleyball, while Vice Consul Maria Rosanna O. Josue awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place trophy and Cultural Officer Hossana P. Dela Cruz awarded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place trophy for both sports.

A Filipino Mass officiated by Filipino priests, Father Erik Dula, Father Norman Labutan and Rev. Glenn Dumali began the day’s activities before the Awarding Ceremony.

The Awarding Ceremony was followed by a fun Halloween Costume Party for the Filipino Community.

Around 100 Filipinos participated in the 2019 FILCOM-Kenya Sportsfest of the 400 Filipinos in residing Kenya.

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Consul General Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian and the Volleyball Champions



(R-L) Consul General Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian, with the Sportsfest Commissioner Allan Avenido and Masters of Ceremonies Sheryl Magbitang



(L-R) Rev. Glenn Dumali, Ambassador Alex G. Chua, Madame Marie Marla Chua, Fr. Erik Dula, Fr. Norman Labutan and Masters of Ceremonies Sheryl Magbitang