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(Ambassador Alex G. Chua led the flag-raising ceremony attended by Madame Marie Marla C. Chua and the Embassy's officers and staff)

18 August 2021, Nairobi – In commemoration of the 54th Founding Anniversary of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Philippine Embassy in Nairobi, led by H.E. Ambassador Alex G. Chua, along with Madame Marie Marla C. Chua and its officers and staff, held a simple flag-raising ceremony on 18 August 2021 at the Embassy grounds.

The program included the singing of the “ASEAN Way,” the regional organization’s official anthem, followed by the remarks of Ambassador Chua and the reading of H.E. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte’s message on ASEAN’s 54th year.



(Nairobi PE's officers and staff during the singing of the ASEAN Way)

In the spirit of this year's ASEAN Chairmanship theme "*We care, we prepare, we prosper,*" Ambassador Chua, in his remarks, highlighted the role of ASEAN in ensuring the well-being of its peoples by focusing on post-pandemic recovery plans, as well as strengthening its collective efforts to continually contribute to regional peace and stability, highly integrated and cohesive economy, and sustainable and inclusive community.



(Ambassador Chua delivers his remarks on the occasion of ASEAN's 54th year)

Ambassador Chua added that “in order for the region’s path to remain dynamic and prosperous, ASEAN Member States need to think more of we than me. Hence, the hashtag – #WeAreASEAN.”

Prior to this event, the Philippine Embassy in Nairobi, in collaboration with the ASEAN-Philippines National Secretariat, launched the ASEAN 2021 Sticker Pack on 01 August 2021 which can be downloaded for free in Viber at <https://bit.ly/3BQL1Q2> and WhatsApp at <https://sticker.ly/s/ITW11F>.

ASEAN was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) by the Founding Fathers of ASEAN, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. Brunei Darussalam joined ASEAN on 7 January 1984, followed by Viet Nam on 28 July 1995, Lao PDR and Myanmar on 23 July 1997, and Cambodia on 30 April 1999, making up what is today the ten ASEAN Member States.

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