## ADVANCING PHILIPPINE TOURISM WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OMAN AIR



Ambassador Alex G. Chua with Mr. Sameer Butt, Country Manager of Oman Air

Nairobi, 04 June 2019- Ambassador Alex G. Chua received Mr. Sameer Butt, Country Manager of Oman Air in Kenya at the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines, 001 Mzima Springs Road, Lavington, Nairobi, Kenya on 04 June 2019.

Mr. Butt appraised Ambassador Chua that Oman Air now has daily flights to Manila as of April 2019. He said that Oman Air realizes the growing awareness of international travelers about Philippines as a tourism destination.

"The Philippines is a fun place to go, an alternative destination to Europe and Dubai for African travellers," according to Mr. Butt. "The diverse activities you can do in the different Philippine islands and the warmth of the Filipino people are its most attractive value-added features."

Ambassador Chua welcomed the courtesy call of Mr. Butt, lauding it as the "beginning of what we can do together to advance Philippine Tourism for the Philippines and increase global market share for Oman Air."

Ambassador also thanked Mr. Butt for supporting the Philippine Embassy's projects, when Oman Air pledged to give a roundtrip business class airfare as raffle for the 2019 Philippine Independence Day Celebration.

Oman Air, which offers the most competitive airfare prices, has the majority market share of travel to Manila from Kenya.

Ambassador Chua was joined by Third Secretary and Vice Consul Maria Rosanna O. Josue and Cultural Officer Hossana P. Dela Cruz, while Mr. Butt was accompanied by Ms. Peggy Macharia, Business Development Officer of Oman Air-Kenya.

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(R-L) Third Secretary and Vice Consul Maria Rosanne O. Josue, Ambassador Alex G. Chua, Mr. Sameer Butt of Oman Air, and Ms. Peggy Macharia of Oman Air