

12 June 2019 Flag Raising Ceremony in Nairobi



"Pag-wagayway ng Watawat" on the occasion of the Commemoration of the 121st Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence

Nairobi, 12 June 2019- On the occasion of the 121st Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence, the Filipino Community in Nairobi joined Ambassador Alex G. Chua and Madame Marie Marla Chua and the personnel of the Philippine Embassy in Kenya in a simple Flag Raising Ceremony and Filipino Breakfast on 12 June 2019.



Ambassador Chua Reading the Message of H.E. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte

Ambassador Chua remarked that while the Filipino Community in Nairobi already celebrated the Philippine Independence Day on 09 June 2019, the “Pagwagayway ng Watawat,” on the same day as it was done some 121 years ago is also important.

He stressed that Philippine Independence Day (PID) is not only the reminder of the great lengths our forefathers went through to ensure that our nation is free from the clutches of colonial rule, but also, a celebration for the constantly growing Filipino diaspora wherein the Independence Day is the reminder of the Philippines: HOME, Filipino values and tradition.

PID is especially significant in East Africa where the theme this year: “*Tapang ng Bayan, Malasakit sa Mamamayan,*” truly resonates, because each Filipino here in East Africa had to brave and overcome the preconceptions about and harder life in Africa in order to provide for their families back home and contribute to the economy of the Philippines.



Ambassador Alex Chua and Madame Marie Marla Chua (center) with the Filipino Community in Nairobi

There are around 350 Filipinos in Kenya, most of whom are located in Nairobi.

The Philippine Embassy in Nairobi serves about 1500 Filipinos in East Africa, as its jurisdiction includes Kenya, Burundi, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

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