

PH EMBASSY EXPLORES EDUCATION COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI



Philippine Ambassador to Kenya Marie Charlotte G. Tang (right) with Dr. Patrick Maluki, Chair of the Department of Diplomacy and International Studies (DDIS) of the University of Nairobi (UoN) (left)

NAIROBI, 07 December 2022 – Philippine Ambassador to Kenya Marie Charlotte G. Tang met with Dr. Patrick Maluki, Chair of the Department of Diplomacy and International Studies (DDIS) of the University of Nairobi (UoN), on 07 December 2022 to discuss possible activities between the Embassy and the University.

Amb. Tang cited academic exchanges, initially through the conduct of guest lectures by visiting Philippine government officials and scholars, and courtesy visits of DDIS students to the Embassy, as means through which Filipinos and Kenyans can gain better awareness of each other.

Dr. Maluki expressed appreciation for the Embassy's interest to collaborate with the DDIS and emphasized that diplomats and practitioners can enrich the students' appreciation of the field of International Relations and provide them with a glimpse of their possible careers after graduation.

Amb. Tang also met with Prof. Maria Nzomo, a longtime professor at the DDIS and former Kenyan Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN and the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva.

The DDIS started in 1973 as the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) for Kenyan and other African diplomats, and has grown into a Department that offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs, with a student population of over 1,500. The DDIS also

conducts courses on diplomacy and international relations for institutions such as the National Defence College of Kenya and the East African Legislature, and maintains strong linkages with the Kenyan Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs. END



From left to right: Amb. Tang, Dr. Maluki, and Ms. Lucy Odera of the DDIS discuss possible activities that can be jointly undertaken by the Embassy and the DDIS in 2023.



Amb. Tang (right) with Prof. Maria Nzomo (left) who was among the first professors of the DDIS.