

## AMB. TANG PRESENTS CREDENTIALS AS PH NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO BURUNDI



Ambassador Marie Charlotte G. Tang presents her Letter of Credence to President Evariste Ndayishimiye of Burundi.

BUJUMBURA, 27 June 2022 – Philippine Non-resident Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi Marie Charlotte G. Tang presented her credentials to President Evariste Ndayishimiye on 27 June 2022 at a ceremony held at the Palais Ntare Rushatsi in Bujumbura.

Ambassador Tang conveyed the felicitations of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to the the President and the people of Burundi as the country celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence on 01 July 2022.

She expressed her hope to work with Burundian officials in enhancing bilateral relations and people-to-people relations.

President Ndayishimiye welcomed the cordial relations between the Philippines and Burundi and stated that the Philippines can share its expertise in many fields to support Burundi's development.

In addition to Ambassador Tang, envoys of Romania, Hungary, Algeria, Indonesia, and Malawi also presented their credentials to President Ndayishimiye.

During her visit to Bujumbura, Ambassador Tang also met with officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, including Permanent Secretary Ferdinand Bashikako.

She also met with the small Filipino community in Burundi, working with UN agencies, manufacturing companies, and religious congregations.

Burundi is a small landlocked republic located in the Great Lakes region of East Africa. The capital was moved to Gitega in 2018 although Bujumbura remains the country's largest city and main commercial hub.

The Philippines and Burundi formally established diplomatic relations in 2017.



Ambassador arrives at the Palais Ntare Rushatsi while the Burundian military band plays on (Photo credit: Office of the President of Burundi).





Ambassador Tang gives a brief statement about Philippines-Burundi relations following her presentation of credentials to President Ndayishimiye.



Ambassador Tang (second from left) meets with Permanent Secretary Ferdinand Bashikako of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation (MAECD) (third from left). Ambassador Tang was accompanied by Nairobi PE Third Secretary and Vice Consul Louie Dane Merced (first from left) (Photo credit: MAECD).



Ambassador Tang (fifth from left) and Third Secretary and Vice Consul Merced (sixth from left) meet with the Filipino community in Burundi.