

FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN KENYA CELEBRATES BUWAN NG WIKANG PAMBANSA



(From left to right - Artworks of the top 3 winners: Ms. Kristen Zaire Lusung, grand prize; Mr. Kurt Kevin Lusung, 2nd place; and Ms. Selene Abulencia, 3rd place.)

29 August 2021, Nairobi – In line with this year’s theme, *“Filipino at mga Wikang Katutubo sa Dekolonisasyon ng Pag-iisip ng mga Pilipino,”* the Filipino Community (FilCom) in Kenya celebrated the National Language Month (Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa) through a poster-making contest participated in by young Filipino artists aged 8 to 18 years old on 29 August 2021.

Consul General Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian, Charge d’ Affaires of the Philippine Embassy in Nairobi, graced the event as the guest of honor and presented the awards and certificates of participation signed by H.E. Ambassador Alex G. Chua.

“Sa ngalan ng bumubuo ng Pasuguan ng Republika ng Pilipinas sa Kenya, nais ‘kong iparating ang aming malugod na pagbati sa ligtas, napakasaya, at makahulugang pagtitipon ng ating mga kababayan para gunitain ang Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa sa kabila ng pandemya na ating ikinakaharap,” said Consul General Auxilian in his remarks during the program.



Charge d' Affaires, a.i. Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian delivering his remarks before the awarding.

He stressed the importance of the Filipino language in promoting our rich culture and identity. He also commended the FilCom Leaders for successfully organizing the celebration, which is important in enhancing unity and camaraderie among the Filipinos in Kenya.

The event, which also included playing of traditional Filipino games, concluded with an outdoor merienda-cena featuring Filipino cuisines and delicacies.



(From left to right - Artworks of the winners: Ms. Abby Angelica Manzano, 4th place; Mr. Emilio Joaquin Camanag Umayam, 5th place; and Ms. Mary Ysabelle Bhala, 6th place.)

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