

THE MUSIKEROS AND MR. RAUL SUNICO PERFORM IN A SPECIAL CONCERT TO CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN



06 November 2018, Manama – The Philippine Embassy in Manama in cooperation with the Philippines' National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) staged a classical cultural concert entitled "**Konsyerto Filipino: A Celebration of Friendship and Music**" featuring the **Musikeros**, a group of singing faculty members of the University of Santo Tomas Conservatory of Music, and renowned Philippine piano virtuoso, **Raul M. Sunico** on 04 November 2018 at the Bahrain Cultural Hall, as part of the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Bahrain.



The concert also featured Ms. Selma Al Algozaibi, a Bahraini pianist, Ms. Nida Socorro Catli, a violinist and music teacher at a Private School in Bahrain, and Mr. Ramil Benito, a guitarist. The Philippine School Bahrain Chorale also performed the National Anthems of Bahrain and the Philippines at the start of the program and gave a special song performance after the intermission to open the second part of the concert.

In his welcome remarks, His Excellency Alfonso A. Ver, Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain, expressed hope that the concert will contribute towards further strengthening of cooperation between the Philippines and Bahrain through more people to people interactions that celebrate each of our unique cultures, including the love for music.



The concert was attended by over 500 guests including members of the diplomatic and international community, officials of the Bahraini government, members of academic institutions, business leaders, music enthusiasts and members of the Filipino Community. The concert ended with a photo opportunity with the performers.

The Philippine Embassy thanks its corporate sponsors for the event, namely, Western Union, Lulu, Modelez, Persil, and Park Regis Lotus Hotel.END