

## **PHL Embassy in Manama launches 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of WIKKA**



*Children participants, parents and volunteer teachers listen to the orientation provided by Consul General Paz G. Cortes as she gave a briefer on the WIKKA Program.*

The Philippine Embassy in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain launched its *Wika, Kultura, at Kasaysayan (WIKKA) sa Embahada* program at the Chancery on 11 October 2019. Now on its 2<sup>nd</sup> year, a total of 40 children registered for the classes. The participants, as well as parents and volunteers attended the first day of classes and opening ceremony of the program.

In her welcome address, Consul General Maria Paz Cortes, *CDA, a.i.*, expressed her gratitude to the parents of the registered participants for entrusting their children to the WIKKA team and for acknowledging that it is important for their children to learn about their Filipino heritage. She also thanked the volunteer teachers who have committed their time and talents to guide the participants in appreciating and learning about their culture. She also encouraged the participants, to seize the chance of learning, and understanding their country and heritage through language, history and culture classes which will be taught in WIKKA.

WIKKA sa Embahada program is a flagship project of the Philippine Embassy in Bahrain that aims to promote Philippine culture and create awareness among Filipino youth who were born and raised abroad. WIKKA will run for eight weeks during the

weekends and will culminate with a graduation ceremony to be held on 06 December 2019. END



*Volunteer teachers introduce the Alpabetong Filipino to the Mabuhay class during the first day of classes.*



*Bayani class students (ages 7-11 years old) proudly show their drawing of the Philippine flag in one of the activities during the first day of classes.*