

## PHILIPPINE EMBASSY & THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN BAHRAIN HOLDS KALAYAAN FESTIVAL 2019



Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Alfonso A. Ver (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) leads the ribbon cutting ceremony to open the event with Mme. Caroline Ver (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), Consul General Maria Paz Cortes (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), Labor Attache Vicente Cabe (4<sup>th</sup> from right) and Filipino Club President Mr. Ricardo Advincula (3<sup>rd</sup> from left).

On 14 June 2019 the Philippine Embassy in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain together with the Filipino Community held the Kalayaan Festival 2019 as part of the activities for the 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence. Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H. E. Alfonso A. Ver, led the opening ceremony together with Mme. Caroline Belinda C. Ver, officers and staff of the Embassy and over 500 Filipino community leaders and members.

The celebration was held at the Adhari Park in Tubli from 9 A. M to 7 P. M. The event featured a Festival of Filipino food and cooking demonstration featuring Mama Sita's Products, Recyled Baro't Saya competition and various performances of Filipino songs and dances from Filipino community groups. Poster-making and drawing competitions and a Hugot line contest were also sponsored by POLO-OWWA, SSS and Pag-Ibig. Hourly raffle draws were also done to give away numerous prizes to the audience.

This year is the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Filipino community and the Embassy organized a Filipino Fiesta to celebrate Philippine Independence to come together in unity to promote Philippine pride and culture and to provide joy to hundreds of Filipino families in Bahrain.



Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Alfonso A. Ver, delivering his welcome remarks.



Ati-atihan dance before starting the program by Filcom group, Aim Global





Tinikling dance from the Philippine School Bahrain Banyubay group



Cooking demonstration by Chef Andro Faderanga, Raffa Ver and junior chef Salma Hamad with H. E. Alfonso A. Ver