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## **RECORD NUMBER OF 36 TEAMS COMPETE IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AMBASSADOR'S CUP INTER-FILCOM BOWLING TOURNAMENT IN BAHRAIN**



*Ambassador Ver (middle, in red shirt) is joined by players from attached agencies and various Filipino organizations for a photo op before the start of the tournament.*

30 August 2019, Manama – The Philippine Embassy in Manama, Bahrain in cooperation with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), PAG-IBIG and SSS successfully held the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Philippine Ambassador's Cup Inter-FilCom Bowling Tournament on 30 August 2019 at Funland Bowling Center in Manama, Bahrain. The whole-day, annual tournament is part of the Embassy's health and wellness program for Filipinos under its jurisdiction.

More than 300 players, fans and sponsors graced the event which was participated by a record number of thirty six (36) teams of five members each, with one reserve player, composed of Embassy personnel and members of the various Filipino organizations in Bahrain.

At the end of the competition, the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE) bagged the championship trophy after garnering the highest total of pinfalls in the final round. PICE team was composed of Mr. Ricardo Jimenez, Ms. Analiza Huiso, Mr. Orlando Castillo, Mr. Omar Quitag and Mr. Viernell Abella. The Philippine Embassy Team I composed of Ms. Josephine Tabangin, Mr. Jonald Mendoza, Mr. Rio Tejada, Mr. Gergorio Argqueza, Mr. Phil Red and Mr. Orlando Tanso placed second, while the Toastmaster Group (PPO Toastmaster Group) composed of Mr. Xavier Puno, Mr. Elpidio Quitevus, Dr. Neil Banez, Ms. May Quitevis, Mr. Arthur Basbas, and Ms. Haydee Dabuxol, finished third.

In his welcome address, Ambassador Ver expressed his delight over the outpouring support, not just of the sponsors, but also of the Filipino organizations in Bahrain, headed by the umbrella organization - Filipino Club Bahrain (FCB). He also emphasized the importance of such friendly competition which promotes camaraderie among participants, as well as physical health and wellness.

The Embassy, along with POLO Bahrain, also gave recognition during the opening ceremony to groups and individuals who ensured the success of the recently concluded Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE) in Bahrain.

The Embassy and the tournament's sponsors provided lunch and snacks for all the players. Tournament trophies and medals were awarded to the winning teams and best performing individual players at the conclusion of the tournament.

All players and sponsors were each given a Certificate of Appreciation by the Embassy for their participation in the tournament. END



*Top Left photo: Ambassador Ver (second from right) headed the ceremonial rolling of the ball along with Labor Attache Vicente M. Cabe (5<sup>th</sup> from right).*

*Top Right photo: Ambassador Ver awarded the Ambassador's Cup trophy to the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers team, 5<sup>th</sup> Ambassador's Cup Inter-FilCom Bowling Tournament champion.*

*Bottom left photo: Ambassador Ver (sixth from right) and Labor Attache Vicente M. Cabe (third from right) gave recognition to groups and individuals made valuable contribution for the success of the 2019 SPLE in Bahrain.*

*Bottom right photo: Ambassador Ver on his welcome remarks during the opening ceremony of the tournament.*