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## 34 Filipino Artists hold a visual art exhibit in Bahrain



Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver and H.E. Sheikh Hassan Bin Rashid al Khalifa (5<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from right) led the ribbon cutting ceremony at the opening of the MaArt'e Visual Art Exhibit by Filipino artists in Bahrain. They are joined by Madame Caroline Belinda C. Ver (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) the Indonesian Ambassador to Bahrain, H.E. Nur Syahrir Rahardjo with his spouse (3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from right), Brunei Darussalam CDA, Ms. Farida Hairani Hisham (4<sup>th</sup> from right), and Fr. Peter Ronald Eugenio, OFM, Filipino Club Bahrain (FCB) President.

11 September 2019, Manama – Picking up on the previous successful staging of visual art exhibition by Filipino artists, the Embassy of the Philippines in Manama, Bahrain and the Filipino Creatives Bahrain (FCB), in partnership with Filipino Club Bahrain – the umbrella organization of Filipino Community organizations in Bahrain, hold another exhibition featuring 34 Filipino artists and more than 80 art works with the theme "*MaArt'e*". The exhibition runs from 10 to 20 September 2019 at Oasis Mall – Jufair, Manama, Bahrain under the patronage of Sheikh Hassan Bin Rashid al Khalifa.

"MaArt'e", which in Filipino means artistic, creative, exquisite and anything that is pleasing to the eye, showcases the diverse talents of Filipino artists based in Bahrain and who come from different professional backgrounds. Their art pieces reveal the immense and diverse talent of the Filipino artists which include painters, sculptors and photographers. Considering Bahrain as their home away from home, the artists' are inspired by the beauty and their adoration of Bahrain.

Ambassador Ver hailed the visual art exhibition as the contribution of the organizers and artists to the Bahraini community through their art, by relating their everyday life as being part of the

Bahraini society through the artistic expressions which make Bahrain even more beautiful as it is already.

At present, the population of Filipinos in Bahrain stands at over 50 thousand, contributing positively to the development of Bahrain, and their families in the Philippines. END



Top Left photo: Ambassador Ver (10<sup>th</sup> from left) is joined by H.E. Sheik Hassan Bin Rashid Al Khalifa (9<sup>th</sup> from left) Indonesian Ambassador to Bahrain H.E. Nur Syahrir Rahardjo (5<sup>th</sup> from left), Brunei Darussalam, CDA, Ms. Farida Hairani Hisham (7<sup>th</sup> from left) and the artists of the exhibition for a photo op during the opening of the visual art exhibit.

Right photo: Ambassador Ver (right) was given a plaque of appreciation from the Filipino Creatives Bahrain. The token of appreciation was handed by Fr. Fr. Peter Ronald Eugenio, FCB President.

Lower left photo: Fr. Eugenio, FCB President handed a plaque of appreciation to H.E. Sheik Hassan Bin Rashid Al Khalifa (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) for his invaluable support for this year's edition of the visual art exhibit.



Top Left photo: A shot at the second floor of Oasis Mall, this year's venue for the all-Filipino art exhibit.

Top right photo: Indonesian Ambassador to Bahrain H.E. Nur Syahrir Rahardjo (rightmost) and Brunei Darussalam, CDA, Ms. Farida Hairani Hisham (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) were seen viewing some of the art pieces in the exhibit.

Lower left photo: Madame Caroline Belinda C. Ver is joined by Brunei Darussalam, CDA, Ms. Farida Hairani Hisham and Madame Retnani Yuniartie Rahardjo in a photo op during the reception after the opening the visual art exhibit.

Lower right photo: H.E. Sheik Hassan Bin Rashid Al Khalifa met the artists behind the art pieces displayed during the exhibition.