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PHL Embassy in Manama Participates in the First ever ASEAN Family Day in Bahrain



Right Photo: Officers and staff of ASEAN Embassies in Bahrain, with their dependents, during the opening ceremony of the first ever ASEAN Family Day.

Left Top Photo: Philippine Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver (leftmost) together with Ambassador Thanis Na Songkhla of Thailand, Ambassador Nur Syahrir Rahardjo of Indonesia (4th from right) and spouse, Ambassador Agus Salim bin Yusof of Malaysia (3rd from left) and spouse, and Charge d' Affaires Farida Hisham of Brunei Darussalam (2nd from left) and spouse posed for a photo at the closing ceremony of the ASEAN family day.

11 November 2019 – As part of the 52nd anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Philippine Embassy along with the Embassies of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand in the Kingdom of Bahrain, successfully held the first ever ASEAN family day at the Muharraq Sports Club on 9 November 2019.

Embassy officers and staff of the five ASEAN member states in Bahrain, and their dependents attended the whole day affair. They participated in the fun games prepared for adult and children categories. Some of the fun games played during the competition were, Maria went to Market, Ping Pong ball relay, T-shirt relay, musical chair game, candy hunt and balloon popping contest.



Right Photo: Ambassador Ver (middle) is joined by the rest of Embassy personnel and their dependents for a group photo at the conclusion of the first ever ASEAN Family Day in Bahrain.

Left Top Photo: Children of Embassy personnel from the five ASEAN countries in Bahrain were gathered before the opening ceremony for a photo opportunity.



Right Photo: Ambassador Songkhla (2nd from right) hands a box of goodies to a member of the Philippine Embassy delegation after winning the balloon popping contest, as Ambassador Ver(leftmost) looks on.

Left Top Photos: Men's team of Brunei Darussalam receive their prize from Ambassador Songkhla after winning the t-shirt relay game.

Left bottom photo: Women's team from Indonesia receive their prize from Ambassador Songkhla after winning the Ping Pong ball relay game.

In his remark during the opening ceremony, Thailand Ambassador H.E. Thanis Na Songkhla, current Chairman of the ASEAN Committee in Manama Bahrain (ACMB), welcomed everyone in attendance and expressed his gratitude to the other heads of post of ASEAN Embassies in Manama, Bahrain for their support in making the gathering to celebrate ASEAN Day a success.

Ambassador Songkhla also expressed his appreciation to H.E. Ambassador Agus Salem, Malaysian Ambassador to Bahrain for making representations to arrange the venue for the event.

Traditional cuisines of the ASEAN member states were served during the event to the delight of the attendees, which include 30 children and about 200 adults. The Philippine Embassy's delegation to the event was the largest; consisting of 10 children, 20 women and 28 men. END



Left and Right Photo: A variety of ASEAN dishes were served at lunch during the ASEAN family day.