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PHL Embassy in Bahrain Inaugurates “Children’s Learning Center”



Left photo: Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver (middle) flanked by Mr. Romeo Paquin & Mr. Arturo Evangelista, two of the donors of the state-of-the-art digital smartboard with projector during the signing ceremony of the deed of donation held on 12 March 2020 at the Embassy’s Sentro Rizal.

Right photo: Children housed at the MWFRC and their mothers posed for a souvenir photo with Ambassador Ver (3rd from right, backrow), Welfare Officer Redina Manlapaz, Consul General Maria Paz Cortes, Filipino-American group in Bahrain, and volunteer teachers during the inauguration of CLC.

13 March 2020, Manama - In its effort to address the need to provide undocumented children and children of distressed Filipinos sheltered at the Embassy’s MWFRC, the Philippine Embassy in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain inaugurated its “Children’s Learning Center” (CLC) on 13 March 2020 at the Embassy’s Sentro Rizal. On the same day, the first-ever learning session and play at the CLC was conducted with five toddlers from the shelter.

The CLC was envisioned and created in cooperation with OWWA-Bahrain and through the assistance of Filipino professionals and Filipino organizations who provided the logistics, learning materials, and the interactive equipment used in the CLC. Messrs. Romeo Yquin, Erwin Flores and Art Esmeralda donated and personally installed the state-of-the-art digital smartboard with projector that became the prominent feature in the CLC. Filipino-American group in Bahrain on the other hand also donated learning materials, books and toys for kids, in addition to those provided by OWWA-Bahrain.

Two Filipino volunteer teachers specializing in early education of children will conduct biweekly learning sessions at the CLC to children of Embassy wards at MWFRC awaiting repatriation to the Philippines. Daily learning support activities for the kids will also be provided by volunteers under the Embassy’s supervision.

On the other hand, the Embassy’s CLC will also serve as nursing station and diaper changing room of Embassy clients needing the service. Toiletries and other provision

for child-minding are also made available at the CLC for the use of those who may need them during their transaction at the Embassy. END



Top left photo: Donors of the state-of-the-art digital smartboard with projector giving an orientation and brief training to volunteer teachers on how to use the equipment.

Top right photo: Embassy officials headed by Ambassador Ver (far left) received toy donations and learning materials from Fil-Am group in Bahrain during the inauguration of CLC.

Bottom photo: Children at the Embassy's MWFRC during the first learning session at the CLC.