

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY HOLDS POST-CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR FILIPINA DETAINEES AT BAHRAIN'S DETENTION FACILITIES



H.E. Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver (3rd from the left) and other Embassy personnel, together with Capt. Mai Rashid Al-Qatam (3rd from the right) of the the Office of the Chief of Inmates Affairs

Manama – On 22 January 2019, H.E. Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver, together with Embassy officials and personnel, held a post-Christmas program at the Isa Town Female Detention Facilities (Reformation and Rehabilitation Center, Remand and Detention Center, Immigration Holding and Deportation Center). The Embassy Team was met by Capt. Mai Rashid Al-Qatam, a representative of the Office of the Chief of Inmates Affairs. The post-Christmas celebration was held during Post's scheduled jail visit.



H.E. Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver with Capt. Mai Rashid Al-Qatam of the Chief of Inmates Affairs

Ambassador Ver opened the program to reassure the detainees of the Embassy's commitment to protect their rights and ensure their welfare even under their present circumstances. He also conveyed the Embassy's intention to bring the goodness and cheer of the Christmas season, and expressed the Embassy's gratitude and appreciation to the representatives of the detention facilities for allowing the Embassy to hold a post-holiday celebration. The ATN Team prepared parlor games and distributed prizes to the winners and game participants. Some detainees showcased their singing prowess and rendered song numbers.

Packs of toiletries sourced from ATN Funds and goodie bags from Nestlé Bahrain containing chocolate bars, packs of instant soup, and sachets of coffee, were distributed as gifts to the detainees. Post's "VAW Free Community Starts With Me" shirts were also included in the said gift packs.

The Embassy plans to make the Christmas program and gift giving for the Filipino detainees a yearly event in addition to its monthly jail visit. END



Embassy officials and personnel together with detainees at the Deportation Center, holding their goodie bags from Nestlé Bahrain