

## THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN MANAMA HOLDS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Singing of the Philippine National Anthem and Oath of Allegiance to the Filipino Flag

13 June 2016 - The Philippine Embassy and the Filipino community in Bahrain commemorated the 118<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Philippine Independence with a Flag Raising Ceremony and a short program at the Embassy lobby on 12 June 2016. The celebration was held under the theme “*Kalayaan 2016: Pagkakaisa, Pag-aambagan, Pagsulong*”. Embassy personnel and Filipino community leaders attended the simple rites.

The Philippine Flag was hoisted by a ward of the Embassy shelter while other selected representatives of various Filipino organizations in Bahrain read the messages of President Benigno S. Aquino, Vice President Jejomar C. Binay, Foreign Affairs Secretary Jose Rene D. Almendras, and Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz. OWWA Welfare Officer Priscilla M. Flores read the message of OWWA Administrator Rebecca J. Calzado.



H.E. Alfonso A. Ver delivered his personal message to the Filipino community, saying “We commemorate our Independence Day as a reminder of the great things that we, Filipinos, can achieve when we come together, empower each other, and help each other towards the achievement of a common goal. Together, we will reignite the spirit of *bayanihan* that is the essence and life-blood of the Filipino Community. Let us build each other up, and in so doin continue the resurgence of our country.”

H.E. Alfonso A. Ver delivers his speech

The Embassy also honored the students from Philippine School Bahrain who won the First Prize in the Film Making Category (14-17 years

old) namely, Jovianne A. Francisco, Ma. Carmella R. Solido, Cyra Alaine L. Pantaleon, Emmery T. Lawan, and Marivic C. Zuniga, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Best in Science Project, namely, Maria Carmella R. Solido, Nathalie Pampy Noelle B. Dalupang and Marivic C. Zuniga, at the recent Nasser bin Hamad Youth Creativity Awards. More than 5,000 contestants from 111 countries competed in Architecture, Art, Science, Filmmaking, Graphic Design and Photography under the patronage of Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, son of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain. Shaikh Nasser is also the Chair of Bahrain’s Supreme Council for Youth and Sports.



A ceremonial cake-cutting was held before the traditional *Almusal ng Bayan*. END.





Cutting of the Cake



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