

## TEAM PHILIPPINES DECLARED OVERALL CHAMPION DURING THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ASEAN TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Team Philippines with H.E. Alfonso A. Ver (standing, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left)

06 November 2016 – The Philippine Embassy-Filipino Community Teams in the Kingdom of Bahrain emerged as Champions in the 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Table Tennis Tournament held on 04 November at the National Stadium, Isa Town, Kingdom of Bahrain.

Organized by the Indonesian Embassy, a total of sixty four (64) players from the ASEAN Communities of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines in Bahrain participated in the tournament.

Team Philippines dominated the events, winning 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places both in the Women's Singles and Doubles Categories and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Men's Doubles Category. In the Men's Singles Category, which was won by Malaysia, the Philippines won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

The Table Tennis event is part of the series "ASEAN Games 2016" played between and among the five ASEAN member states that have missions in the Kingdom. Last month, the PHL Embassy hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Communities Badminton Tournament and also took the overall Championship. The other sporting events to be held are Volleyball and Football tentatively scheduled in November and December 2016, respectively.

The entire ASEAN Games 2016 is under the patronage of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain. Dr. Dhafer Ahmed Al Umran from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs graced the event as the tournament's guest of honor.



The winners of Women's Doubles with H.E. Alfonso A. Ver. From left Mrs. Caroline Ver and Property Officer Jo Tabangin (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize).



Team Philippines receives the Overall Championship trophy from Indonesian CDA Pradanto Nugroho (1<sup>st</sup> from left) and H.E. Alfonso A. Ver (3<sup>rd</sup> from left).





Philippine Doubles Team No. 2 with Ambassador Ver and his son, Rafael versus the Indonesian Team.



The Philippines Womens' Doubles Team with Mrs. Caroline Belinda Ver and Property Officer Josephine Tabangin.



