

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN MANAMA HOSTS THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ASEAN

18 August 2016 – The Philippine Embassy in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain hosted the celebration of the 49th Anniversary of the Founding of the ASEAN at the Philippine Embassy lobby on 18 August 2016 at 7:00 A.M.

H.E. Alfonso A. Ver welcomed the guests from the four (4) ASEAN Embassies in Bahrain and expressed his appreciation for their presence. He also emphasized that as *“ASEAN nears its 50th Anniversary in 2017, ASEAN’s core values of centrality and unity should be highlighted as ASEAN continues its vision to build peace, promote stability and strengthen solidarity and unity.”*

The program consisted of the playing of the National Anthems of Bahrain, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand, and the Raising of ASEAN Flag and the singing of the ASEAN Hymn. This was followed by the traditional cake-cutting ceremony and ended with a photo opportunity with the ASEAN Heads of Missions and personnel of the different embassies. END.



The cake cutting ceremony lead by H.E. Alfonso A. Ver (center) with Indonesian Ambassador H.E. Chilman Arisman (4th from left), Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam Nor Huda Ahmad (6th from left), Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of Malaysia Nurul Huda Ab. Rahim (1st from left), wife of Malaysian Ambassador Mrs. Datin Nor Hayati Abdul Ghani (2nd from left), wife of Indonesian Ambassador Mrs. Ratnawati Chilman Chilman (3rd from left), Charge d' Affaires of Royal Thai Embassy Wararoj Engsombun (3rd from right) and his wife (1st from right) and Mrs. Caroline Belinda C. Ver (2nd from right) wife of H.E. Alfonso A. Ver



Alfonso A. Ver delivers his speech

H.E.



Delegation from Indonesian Embassy led by Ambassador Chilman Arisman and Madam Ratna Wati Arisman (center)



Delegation from Embassy of Brunei Darussalam headed by Charge d' Affaires Nur Huda Ahmad (2nd from right)



Delegation from Embassy of Malaysia headed by Charge d' Affaires Nurul Huda Ab. Rahim (3rd from right)



Delegation from Royal Thai Embassy headed by Charge d' Affaires Wararoj Engsumbon (7th from left)



Maria Paz G. Cortes (in red dress) Deputy Head of Mission of the Philippine Embassy with Philippine Embassy Officers and Staff







