

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN MANAMA CELEBRATED LABOR DAY



H.E. Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver, Embassy Personnel and Filipino Community leaders during the singing of the Philippine National Anthem

02 May 2018 – The Philippine Embassy and the Filipino community in Bahrain celebrated Labor Day with a Flag Raising Ceremony, and a short program at the Embassy grounds on 01 May 2018. The Labor Day theme this year is *"Pagpupugay sa Manggagawang Pilipino: Dangkal ng Lahi, Kabalik at sa progresibong Pagbabago!"*. Embassy personnel and Filipino community leaders attended the event.

During the program, H.E. Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver delivered his message on the occasion while Labor Day Vicente M. Cabe read the Labor Day message of DOLE Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III. Ms. Aubrey Jan Haduca of the Philippine School Bahrain and Mr. John Ewald Galit also rendered songs titled *"Kahit Konting Awa, "Lipad ng Pangarap"* and *Minsan Pa'y Muling Lilisan"* during the program.

A Post Arrival Orientation Seminar (PAOS) was also conducted by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) for newly arrived domestic workers in Bahrain after the program on the flag raising. Around Seventy (75) Domestic Workers together with representatives from their Bahrain placement agencies, were oriented on their rights and obligations under the Standard Employment Contract (SEC) for HSWs, Embassy and POLO services and OWWA programs. Also given emphasis were on matters relating to culture, relevant immigration laws and regulations in the Kingdom as well as the services and assistance provided by the Embassy to OFWs.

Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver delivered a message to the participants, recognizing their hard work and informed them that they are always welcome at the Embassy. He shared his contact number and advised the domestic workers to call him directly if they are in distress.

Labor Attachè Vicente M. Cabe welcomed the participants and gave an overview of the PAOS program. Consul Ma. Paz G. Cortes shared information on Bahraini culture and traditions as well as on relevant laws and regulations while Vice-Consul Joaquin Ricardo Aragon discussed the different services of the Embassy for the welfare of the Filipinos staying in Bahrain. Other speakers during the event included, Ms. Arlene V. Marasigan for POLO services, Welfare Officer Priscilla M. Flores for OWWA programs, Mr. Edre Bayno for SSS membership and Ms. Allistair Sicat for PAG-IBIG. END



H.E. Alfonso A. Ver delivers his message on Labor Day during the program



Labor Attachè Vicente M. Cabe reads the message of H.E. Silvestre H. Bello III during the event



The personnel of the Philippine Embassy



H.E. Alfonso A. Ver (seating at the middle) joined by the Officers of the Embassy and members of the Filipino community



Ms. Aubrey Jan Haduca sings the "*Kahit Konting Awa*" and "*Lipad ng Pangarap*" during the program



Mr. John Ewald Galit sings the "*Minsan Pa'y Muling Lilisan*" during the program



H.E. Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver delivers his message during the PAOS seminar



Labor Attache Vicente M. Cabe delivers his welcome remarks during the PAOS training



BUHAY SA BAHRAIN: BATAS AT KUSTUMBRE

Post Arrival Orientation Seminar
Philippine Embassy, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
01 May 2018

Consul Maria Paz G. Cortes discussed information on Bahraini culture and traditions as well as relevant laws and regulations during the PAOS seminar



Vice Consul Joaquin Ricardo R. Aragon discussed the different services of the Embassy for the welfare of the Filipinos staying in Bahrain during the PAOS seminar



Ms. Arlene V. Marasigan discussed POLO services during the PAOS seminar



Welfare Officer Priscilla M. Flores discussed OWWA programs during the PAOS seminar



SSS Representative Mr. Edre G. Bayno discussing the SSS Membership Benefits during the seminar.



Ms. Alistair Pamela Stacy A. Sicat discussing the Pag-Ibig services during the seminar