

**PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN MANAMA COMMEMORATES THE
119TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE
WITH FILIPINO COMMUNITY LEADERS**



Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Alfonso A. Ver (front row, 3rd from left) leading the singing of the National Anthem during the Flag-Raising Ceremony (Photo courtesy of Mr. Jet Descallar)

The Philippine Embassy in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain commemorated the 119th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence with a Flag-Raising Ceremony held at the Embassy grounds on 12 June 2017.

Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H. E. Alfonso A. Ver, led the flag-raising ceremony together with the officers and staff of the Embassy and over 100 Filipino community leaders. Prior to the singing of the National Anthem, Ambassador Ver requested everyone present to observe a moment of silence to honor the soldiers who perished in Marawi over the weekend.



Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Alfonso A. Ver, reading the Independence Day message of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte

The Independence Day messages of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Alan Peter S. Cayetano and Secretary of Labor Silvestre Bello III, were read during the program.

Ambassador Ver also delivered his message to the Filipino Community, urging them to heed the President's call for change in ourselves, our families and communities and to be part of our common aspiration for change towards a peaceful, progressive and united Philippines.

Special performances during the program included the song number of Ms. Audrey Jan Hanuca, a student of Philippine School Bahrain, and the Fan Dance performed by young members of the Muslim Maranao Community in Bahrain.



Ms. Audrey Jan Hanuca of Philippine School Bahrain singing "Tagumpay Nating Lahat" and the young members of the Muslim Maranao Community performing the Fan Dance.

The Embassy likewise took the opportunity to recognize the many volunteers who assisted the Embassy during the recent visit of President Duterte to Bahrain. Certificates of Recognition were given out to those who volunteered as Marshalls and those who performed during the pre-program of the President's Meeting with the Filipino Community on 14 April 2017.(END)



The Philippine Embassy officers and staff, led by H.E. Alfonso A. Ver, together with Filipino Community leaders and members after the Flag-Raising Ceremony to commemorate the 119th Anniversary of the Declaration of Philippine Independence. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Walter Borja)