

## TEAM PHILIPPINES WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ASEAN BADMINTON FUN GAMES



Team Philippines with Undersecretary Abdulla bin Ahmed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (standing, 6<sup>th</sup> from left) and the ASEAN Heads of Mission (CDA Noor Huda Admad of Brunei Darussalam, CDA Maria Paz G. Cortes of the Philippines, Ambassador Chilman Arisman of Indonesia, and Ambassador Ahmad Shahizan Abdul Samad of Malaysia).

23 October 2016 – The Philippine Embassy hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Badminton Fun Games held at the Muharraq Sports Club, Muharraq, Kingdom of Bahrain, on 21 October 2016 from 12:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The event was participated by sixty four (64) players from various ASEAN Communities of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

The four (4) teams competed in a league format where the team with the highest accumulated points was declared as the tournament champion. Team Philippines won the championship with a total score of 62 points, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places went to the Team of Malaysia, which scored 37 points, and the Team of Brunei Darussalam, with a total score of 16 points, respectively.

The Badminton event is part of the series “ASEAN Games 2016” played between and among the five ASEAN member states that have missions in the Kingdom. Prior to this event, the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Bowling Fun Games held on 23 September 2016

at Funland Bowling Center. The other sporting events scheduled to be held this year include, Table Tennis, Volleyball, and Football.

The Royal Thai Embassy, the 5<sup>th</sup> ASEAN member-state represented in Bahrain unfortunately did not participate in the Badminton event as they are in a state of mourning due to the untimely passing of their King, His Majesty Bhumibol Adulyadej, who passed away on 13 October 2016.

The event is under the patronage of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Minister of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Abdulla bin Ahmed bin Abdulla Al-Khalifa, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs graced the event as the tournament's guest of honor.

The Filipino Club – Pinoy Badminton Organization (FC-PBG) under the leadership of Mr. Ric Advincula co-organized the tournament and coordinated the officiating of the matches through volunteer umpires / referees. Other Filipino Community leaders who extended their support in the preparations for the event include, Ms. Rhaiza Sakaluran of the United Muslim Mindanao Association (UMMA), Ms. Antonette Guese Avila of Pinay Ikaw Na, Mr. Romeo Tagulao and Ms. Cristina Fulgencio of Filipino-American Association, Mr. Angelito Gutierrez of Guardians Delta Force, and the group of Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) headed by Ms. Regina Apostol. The event's sponsors are the Bahrain Financing Company (BFC), LBC, Going Beyond Bananas and Mr. John Bituin of Star Entertainment Inc.

This event was organized to foster unity and camaraderie among ASEAN communities in Bahrain in celebration of the first year of implementation of ASEAN Community 2015. END.





The participants of the 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Badminton Fun Games with the ASEAN Heads of Mission – Charge D' Affaires Noor Huda Ahmad of the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam, Charge D' Affaires Maria Paz G. Cortes of the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines, Ambassador Chilman Arisman of Indonesia, and Ambassador Ahmad Shahizan Bin Abdul Samad of Malaysia.



Charge d' Affaires Maria Paz G. Cortes delivers her message.





H.E. Undersecretary Abdullah bin Ahmed bin Abdulla Al-Khalifa of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) delivers his message during the event.



Team Malaysia with Undersecretary Abdullah bin Ahmed bin Abdulla Al-Khalifa of the Foreign Affairs (standing 7<sup>th</sup> from left) and with the ASEAN Heads of Mission (CDA Noor Huda Admad (standing 4<sup>th</sup> from left), CDA Maria Paz G. Cortes (standing fifth from left), Ambassador Chilman Arisman (standing eight from left) and Ambassador Ahmad Shahizan Abdul Samad (standing ninth from left)).





Team Brunei Darussalam led by Charge D' Affaires Noor Huda Ahmad ( standing 5<sup>th</sup> from left)



Team Indonesia with Undersecretary Abdullah bin Ahmed bin Abdulla Al-Khalifa of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (standing 5<sup>th</sup> from left) and with the ASEAN Heads of Mission (CDA Noor Huda Admad (standing 3<sup>rd</sup> from left), CDA Maria Paz G. Cortes (standing fourth from left), Ambassador Chilman Arisman (standing sixth from left) and Ambassador Ahmad Shahizan Abdul Samad (standing seventh from left).





During the Ceremonial Toss



Philippine Embassy Personnel with the Guest of Honor Undersecretary Abdullah bin Ahmed bin Abdulla Al-Khalifa (seated at the center) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA).