

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN MANAMA CELEBRATED LABOR DAY AND 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION



H.E. Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver (1st from left) joined by the Embassy personnel and Filipino community leaders on the unfurling of Labor Day and OWWA Anniversary Tarpaulins.

02 May 2016 – The Philippine Embassy and the Filipino community in Bahrain celebrated Labor Day and the 34th Anniversary of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) with a Flag Raising Ceremony, and a short program at the Embassy lobby on 01 May 2016. The Labor Day theme this year is *“Kinabukasan Sigurado sa Disenteng Trabaho”*. Embassy personnel and Filipino community leaders attended the event.

During the program, H.E. Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver read the Labor Day message of H.E. President Benigno S. Aquino III, while Labor Attache Cynthia Q. Lamban read the message of DOLE Secretary Rosalinda D. Baldoz. OWWA Welfare Officer Priscilla M. Flores read the 34th Anniversary message of OWWA Administrator Rebecca J. Calzado.

H.E Ambassador Ver likewise provided updates on Overseas Absentee Voting (OAV) and urged the FilCom leaders to encourage other registered voters to cast their votes before May 9. Mr. Edre G. Bayno of Social Security System (SSS) also gave updates regarding the new loan structuring/condonation program of SSS, particularly those who are from calamity stricken areas. Pinay Ikaw Na President, Ms. Antonette G. Avila gave updates on the upcoming Philippine Fiesta, organized by the Filipino Community in celebration of 118th Philippine Independence.

The event ended with the unfurling of POLO-OWWA’s Labor Day and OWWA Anniversary tarpaulins and community breakfast. END



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



H.E. Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver giving updates on Overseas Absentee Voting



Labor Attache Cynthia Q. Lamban reading the message of DOLE Secretary Rosalinda D. Baldoz on the Labor Day Celebration



OWWA Welfare Officer Priscilla M. Flores reading the message of OWWA Administrator Rebecca J. Calzado



SSS Representative Mr. Edre B. Bayno providing updates on SSS loans structuring and condonation program of SSS



Pinay Ikaw Na President, Ms. Antonette G. Avila, giving updates on the upcoming Philippine Fiesta in celebration of 118th Philippine Independence



The personnel of Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) (From Left: Mr. Ian J. Ticar, Ms. Arlene Marasigan, Mr. Elmer Temblor, Labor Attache Cynthia Q. Lamban, Ms. Jennifer Reyes, Welfare Officer Priscilla M. Flores, Ms. Maribel Guinto, Ms. Rolena S. Aguilar and Mr. Cornelio Z. Estrella