



## PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL CELEBRATES THE 126<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE IN HOUSTON



*Consul Gilbert L. Segarra, together with Houston PCG personnel, led the traditional cake cutting ceremony done during the Flag Ceremony in celebration of the 126<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence*

**Houston, 12 June 2024** – In celebration of the 126<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence, the Philippine Consulate General in Houston conducted a Flag Ceremony at the Apolinario Mabini Hall of the Consulate General which was attended by leaders and members of various Filipino American organizations in Texas.

The Independence Day video messages of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and Secretary for Foreign Affairs Enrique A. Manalo were played, while the Independence Day message of Ambassador Jose Manuel A. Romualdez was read during the ceremony.

Consul Gilbert L. Segarra, Acting Head of Post, also delivered his message where he thanked the Filipino community for their partnership for the past six (6) years and their instrumental role in establishing the Philippine Consulate General in Houston. He asked the community to unite and lend their continued support to the Consulate General as it embarks on a transition of personnel this year.



*An ensemble cast of Houston-based Filipino singers singing popular patriotic Filipino songs*

As a finale for the Ceremony, an ensemble cast of Houston-based Filipino singers, provided a rendition of a number of popular patriotic Filipino songs composed by Mr. Ryan Cayabyab, Philippine National Artist for Music.



*Guests partaking of a Filipino breakfast with dishes from renowned Filipino restaurants in Houston*

Afterwards, guests were treated to a Filipino breakfast with dishes from renowned Filipino restaurants in Houston such as Chef Nancy of Aristocrat, Gerry's Grill, Flip n' Patties, Godo's Bakery & Restaurant, Jollibee and Red Ribbon.

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