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“MERCURY IS MINE” AT THE 14TH CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL SCREENINGS PROGRAM

The Consulate General of the Philippines, in cultural partnership with Seafood City, participated in the 14th Chicago International Screenings Program at the Chicago Cultural Center on 10 June 2017.

This year's Philippine entry is the independent film “Mercury is Mine” by Director Jason Paul Laxamana starring comedian actress Pokwang. It is a realist-drama-comedy film that focuses on the day to day life of Carmen, a middle-aged cook, who is about to close down her eatery at the foot of Mt. Arayat when a white American teenage boy named Mercury approaches her and begs for work in exchange for shelter.

Consul General Generoso DG Calonge gave opening remarks at the packed 260-seat capacity Claudia Cassidy Theater. The screening was warmly attended and very well received by the audience, along with the overwhelming support of the members of the Filipino-American community and the mainstream audience.

With this year's theme “A Taste of Cinema,” the program, presented in cooperation with the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Consular Corps and other Cultural partners, showcases 18 films focusing on culinary traditions from around the world that are not widely available in the United States. The weekly film series will run from 31 May – 04 October 2017.**END**

Chicago, 13 June 2017





Consul General Generoso DG Calonge (middle) and viewers of the film “Mercury is Mine” eagerly await the screening at the 260-seat venue at the Claudia Cassidy Theater of the Chicago Cultural Center.



Consul General Generoso DG Calonge delivers his opening remarks before the screening of the film “Mercury is Mine” at the Claudia Cassidy Theater of the Chicago Cultural Center.