



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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Chicago PCG Celebrates Independence Day 2018

With guests and the applicants who came to join the ceremony and avail of Chicago PCG's consular services, the Consulate gathered before the Philippine flag to sing the national anthem and read the National Day messages of DFA Secretary Allan S. Cayetano and H.E. President Rodrigo R. Duterte on 14 June 2018.

In her welcome remarks, Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin talked about the Filipino forebears' many toils and sacrifices to gain freedom and establish a country they can claim as their own. Inspired by their examples, the Consul General said that Filipinos today should not grow weary in their fight to effect change—for the fruits of this change is their offering for the future of the country.

During the event, Mr. John Maguinsay of *Kaya ng Pinoy Foundation*, presented to Consul General Jamoralin a book entitled "*Philippine Expedition, The Voyage of Balangay*". The book chronicles the journeys in the recent times of the vessel (Balangay). The boat is a reconstruction of an ancient vessel that the ancestors of Filipinos build to sail the seas as far East as Polynesia and as far West as Madagascar. Mr. Maguinsay scored the appropriateness of the *Balangay* as a symbol of the Filipinos' pioneering spirit, masterful skills, and steadfastness.

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19 June 2018





Consul General Jamoralin (Center, 3rd from Right) leads the Flag Ceremony during the 2018 Commemoration of the 120th Proclamation of Philippine Independence at the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago.



Commemorating the 120th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Philippine Independence: Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin (5th from left) with the consular staff of the Philippine Consulate General Kalayaan Hall, Chicago, Illinois, 14 June 2018.



Mr. John Maguinsay (2nd from right) of *Kaya ng Pinoy Foundation* presents to Consul General Jamoralin (center, 3rd from Right) a book entitled "*Philippine Expedition, The Voyage of Balangay*". Also in the picture from right: Consul Anna Ericka Abad, Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor Israel, Jr.(4th), and Consul Melchor Lalunio, Jr. (5th). Philippine Consulate General, 14 June 2018



Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin welcomes the guests who came to join the Flag Ceremony and listen to the National Day messages of DFA Secretary Allan S. Cayetano and H.E. President Rodrigo R. Duterte on 14 June 2018.