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Philippine Embassy in New Delhi Commemorates 115th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence and Araw ng Kagitingan (Bataan Day)

Ambassador Benito B. Valeriano and Mrs. Jaclyn Sy Valeriano hosted a reception last 09 April 2013 to celebrate the 115th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence, to take advantage of milder Delhi weather.

Simultaneously, the Embassy also commemorated '*Araw ng Kagitingan*' in fitting tribute to the Filipino soldiers who gave their lives for freedom during World War II, through a diplomatic reception attended by more than 120 Ambassadors/diplomats, Filipino community leaders and local guests at the Embassy Residence lawn.

Chief Guest from the Indian Government was Hon. Paban Singh Ghatowar, a senior Congress leader and Member of Parliament from Assam State, who is also Minister of State for the development of the North Eastern Region and for Parliamentary Affairs.



From top left, Minister of State for Northeast Shri (Hon.) Paban Singh Ghatowar accompanied by H.E. Ambassador Benito B. Valeriano and Mrs. Valeriano during the playing of the Philippine and Indian national anthems.



Top photo shows the guests on the Embassy Residence Lawn during the Reception. Other photos show various guests from fellow ASEAN Ambassadors and their spouses (left), the Filipino Community (center) and the Defense Attachés (far right).



Ambassador and Mrs. Valeriano posing with the Philippine Embassy officers, staff, local hires and staff of Philippine Honorary Consulates.