

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY PRESS RELEASE

Philippine Embassy Staff and Filipino Community in India Celebrate the 2013 National Day

The Philippine Flag was raised at 7:30 a.m. at the newly-refurbished Philippine Embassy Chancery grounds last 12 June 2013. The Message of H.E. President Benigno S. Aquino III was read by Minister Ma. Agnes M. Cervantes, while First Secretary and Consul Robert O. Ferrer, Jr. read the Message of Secretary of Foreign Affairs Albert F. del Rosario. Second Secretary and Consul Edwin Q. Mendoza read the Message of Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz.

The Ambassador and Mrs. Valeriano then led the members of the Filipino Community starting with Filipinos in India Community President, Mr. Art Retos in a symbolic tree-planting on the Philippine Embassy grounds (mini-forest). Mrs. Valeriano, Minister Cervantes and outgoing Trade and Commercial Attaché Vichaelangelo D. Roaring also planted commemorative trees.

Following this, H.E. Ambassador Benito B. Valeriano and Mrs. Jaclyn Sy Valeriano hosted the Filipino Community in India to a breakfast reception to celebrate the 115th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence. The diplomatic reception was held earlier on April 9, 2013.





H.E. Ambassador Benito B. Valeriano led the Embassy Officers, Staff and the Filipino Community in singing the National Anthem, followed by the reading of the Messages of H.E. President Benigno S. Aquino III, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Albert del Rosario and Secretary of Labor Rosalinda Baldoz. First photo shows M/Sgt. Harold Baswell and Attaché Danilo Buñas raising the national flag. The flag-raising was followed by a symbolic tree-planting on the Embassy grounds, a Thanksgiving Mass, and capped by a Filipino breakfast hosted by H.E. Ambassador Benito B. Valeriano and Mrs. Jaclyn Sy Valeriano.