

# PHILIPPINE EMBASSY PRESS RELEASE



**Fil Com, Embassy and Consulate cheer  
Azkals to historic 3rd place  
finish at AFC Cup, Kathmandu**

The Azkals, the Philippine National Football Team, had an impressive run in the Asian Football Confederation Challenge Cup in Nepal (8-19 March 2012). After losing to DPRK 2-0 last March 9, they came back and beat India 2-0 on March 11, followed by a victory over Tajikistan on March 13. The Philippines advanced to the semi-finals of the AFC for the first time in history. Despite being defeated by Turkmenistan on 16 March, the Azkals' spirit did not waver as they were cheered on to win against Palestine 4:3 at Dashrath Stadium in Kathmandu on 19 March. Through it all, Amb. Allarey and his Embassy team, together with the Philippine Honorary Consulate in Nepal and the Filipino Community in Nepal were witnesses to history...photos: background, above and lower right by Jude Ferrer, right and lower left by Bob Ferrer, center top by Ana Acool

