



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES Stockholm



Top photo : Ambassador Maria Lumen B. Isleta

22 December 2023, Stockholm – H.E. Ambassador of the Philippines Maria Lumen B. Isleta, together with the Philippine Embassy’s officer and staff, attended the Pasko ng Bayan held at the Spånga Folketshus as organized and hosted by the Filipino Community Leader’s Association (FILCOMLAS) in Sweden, on Saturday, 09 December 2023.

The event gathered Filipinos in Stockholm in an afternoon of fellowship, relaxation and fun. This is the second year since the annual event was reintroduced after a 2-year pause in light of COVID.

During her welcome remarks, Ambassador Isleta congratulated FILCOMLAS officers led by Ms. Letty Simpson, Mr. Noli and Adel Buhay, Ms. Gloria Saoy, Ms. Ditas Enstrom, Ms. Zeny Abbaspour, Ms. Net Frondell, Ms. Leni Munoz Askild and Mr. Allan P. Gonzalo, Jr. for a very successful event. She also reminded kababayans of the upcoming activities of the Embassy,

including the upcoming 2nd edition of the Silid-Aralan, the webinar on SSS and Philhealth memberships to be carried out in coordination with the Philippine Overseas Labour Office in London to be held in February, and a town hall meeting that would discuss the issue on the West Philippine Sea.

The program started with the Embassy's Silid-Aralan students singing the Lucia and other Swedish Christmas carols, and their interpretation dance of Kumukutikutitap song. Embassy personnel - Mr. Rene Salazar and Mr. Jonas Araña - serenaded kababayans with their melodious voices through their renditions of Filipino karaoke classics. Ms. Valerie Ghimessy, also an alumna of the Embassy's Silid-Aralan, showcased her talent with the violin by playing a christmas song. The Euro-Asian Dance Group headed by Ms. Ditas Enström also showcased a spectacular Philippine folk dance performance.

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Silid Aralan Students



Ms. Valerie Ghimessy



Mr. Jonas Araña, Philippine Embassy



Mr. Rene Salazar, Philippine Embassy



Euro-Asian Dance Group



The Attitude Dancers



Ms. Ditas Enström and Euro-Asian Dance Group