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19 June 2024 - Her Excellency Ambassador of the Philippines Maria Lumen B. Isleta together with Mr. Noli Buhay, President of the Philippine Education Society (PES), led the graduation ceremony of the Silid Aralan sa Embahada - Termino II, on 08 June 2024 (Saturday), at the Philippine Embassy Chancery.



Ambassador Maria Lumen Isleta reading her remarks at the graduation ceremony of the Silid Aralan sa Embahada - Termino II



Graduation ceremony - a student accompanied by her mom receives her diploma from Consul General Gallaga and PES President Buhay.



Students of the Silid Aralan sa Embahada - Termino II proudly show off the medals they received for special achievements

A total of 20 students graduated in the presence of their parents and teachers and were awarded certificates and medals for their hard work. Each student received a special gift courtesy of Ambassador Isleta. The Embassy and PES also recognised the diligent efforts of volunteer teachers and instructors Ms. Rofilleta Larsson, Ms. Carla Eriksson, Ms. Rose Jennevie Roos, and Ms. Ditas Enström who gave their time and effort in conducting the classes.



Ambassador Maria Lumen Isleta presents teachers of the the Silid Aralan sa Embahada - Termino II - Teachers Rofill, Carla and Rose with special certificates of appreciation.

The Embassy also organized various Filipino games for the students such as *pabitin* and *pukpok palayok*. Parents also gamely participated in other games such as a singing contest for the mothers and a dance competition for the fathers.



Students and parents enjoyed participating in the unique Filipino games of the pabitin and pukpok palayok.

The second iteration of the Silid Aralan sa Embahada held from March to May 2024, is a continuation of the project with PES, focused on teaching the Filipino children in Sweden the Philippine language, history, geography, culture, and traditions. Students attended two (2) sessions monthly during the months of March to May 2024. Key highlights of the classes included the preparation of Filipino dishes to celebrate Food Month in April as well as teaching students about Filipino music and folk dances to commemorate the National Heritage month in May.



Ambassador Maria Lumen Isleta with the Filipino Community



Ambassador Maria Lumen Isleta with the students and parents of the Silid Aralan sa Embahada - Termino II



Students performance of Cariñosa and Paro-Parung Bukid folk dances- which were choreographed by Ms Ditas Enstrom, PES Board member and President of the Euro Asian Dance Group

The graduation ceremony was made part of the activities carried out during the Flag Raising ceremony to commemorate the 126th anniversary of Independence of the Philippines. END.