



## EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES Stockholm



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### AMBASSADOR ISLETA HOSTS 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS



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*Photo (from left): H.E. Ambassador Mr. Kamapradipta Isnomo (Indonesia), Mr. Soutsady Khamphanthong, Chargé d'affaires, a.i. (Lao PDR), Mr. Theventhiran Arumugam, Chargé d'affaires, a.i. (Malaysia), H.E. Ambassador Ms. Maria Lumen Isleta (Philippines and Chair of the ACS), H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Arunrung Phothong Humphreys (Thailand), and H.E. Ambassador Mr. Van Tuan Tran (Viet Nam).*

30 September 2024 - The Embassy of the Philippines, led by H.E. Ambassador Maria Lumen B. Isleta, Chair of the ASEAN Committee in Stockholm (ACS), hosted the 57th Anniversary of the founding of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations on 24 September 2024 (Tuesday), held at the Philippine Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden.

Guests of Honor included H.E. Ambassador Camilla Mellander, Director General for Trade Policy, and Ambassador Daniel Wolvén, Director for Asia, the Pacific Region, and Latin America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During her welcome remarks, Ambassador Isleta highlighted the accomplishments of ASEAN as well as its milestones. She noted ASEAN's strong economy, boosted by robust trade and investments as well as tourism. Ambassador Isleta noted the strong ASEAN-Sweden relations, which is linked by growing political and economic cooperation. She also underscored the many opportunities for cooperation particularly in the areas of sustainable development; smart, green, and digital technologies; human rights and gender equality; and education.

In her response, Ambassador Mellander conveyed that Sweden values its relationship with ASEAN as an organization as well as with the individual member states. She noted that relations with ASEAN cover such areas as economy and trade, supply chain, climate agenda, and multilateral cooperation. She noted the global and regional challenges faced by both sides and conveyed Sweden's full support for ASEAN's implementation of the 5-Point Consensus. Ambassador Mellander also underscored that Sweden is looking to deepen its defence cooperation in the region.

Other invitees/participants in the ASEAN Day Commemoration included Ambassadors of ASEAN Dialogue Partners; Sectoral Partners; Development Partners; members of the ASEAN Regional Forum; other Diplomats from EU member states; and Swedish government officials.

Guests were treated to a variety of rich delicacies prepared by ASEAN Embassies in Stockholm. For the Philippines, a sampling of popular Philippine Street Foods such as fish balls, veggie balls, shrimp balls, kwek-kwek, chicken inasal, banana-q, karioka and bibingka were enjoyed by the guests.



*ASEAN Ambassadors with H.E. Ambassador Camilla Mellander and Ambassador Daniel Wolvén*





*A toast to ASEAN and Sweden friendship and cooperation*



*Above photos: Members of the diplomatic corps and Swedish government officials from government grace the event*

Guests were treated to a delicious assortment of ASEAN delicacies which reflected the unique flavors of Southeast Asia. Apart from the featured Philippine street food, also included were Indonesia's Pastel Goreng (rice noodles) and Lapis Beras (rice layer cake); Thailand's Pad Thai Gai and Khanom Tom Sam Si Sai Kra Chiek Maprao (three colored steam rice); Lao PDR's Larb Gai (chicken salad) and Khao Nom Neab Saly (corn with coconut); Malaysia's Fried Mee Hoon



(rice vermicelli) as well as Kuih Bakar (Pandan fragrant cake); and Viet Nam's Tom Tam Bot Ran (Tempura prawn) and Banh Ran Ngot (Sweet glutinous donut).



Sumptuous ASEAN delicacies served during the reception





*Ambassador Isleta invited the guest for refreshments and to introduce ASEAN savory and sweet dishes*



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