

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES Stockholm



20 August 2024, Her Excellency Ambassador of the Philippines Maria Lumen B. Isleta opened the storytelling event entitled: *Kwentuhan sa Embahada* to commemorate the *Buwan ng Wika*, on 17 August 2024 (Saturday), at the Filipiniana Library, Philippine Embassy.

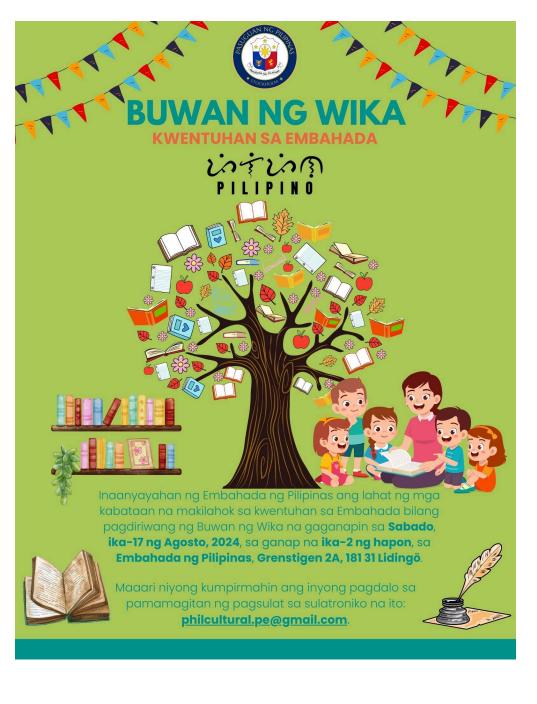
This year, *Buwan ng Wika's* theme is "*Filipino: Wikang Mapagpalaya*", and the Embassy activity is in keeping with the theme's aim to raise the awareness of the Filipino people about our language and history. *Buwan ng Wika* also aims to strengthen the understanding of Filipinos overseas of their culture, values and heritage especially among Filipino youth living abroad.

During the Embassy's event, children were introduced to the following three (3) stories, read in its original language and further explained in Swedish to allow better comprehension by the

children: (1) "*Papel De Liha*"; (2) "*Si Langgam at Si Tipaklong*"; and (3) "*Haluhalo Espesyal*". All three books were chosen for its valuable lessons and for its portrayals of Filipino culture.

A short word matching game was also carried out after the stories were read to test the children's understanding of Filipino words. Participants were also served some Filipino refreshments, including the children's favourite, halo-halo.

The Philippine Embassy greatly appreciates the participation of Filipino community leaders and members - Ms. Gloria Saoy, Ms. Grace Eriksson, and Ms. FlordeLiza Panonce who shared their time as storytellers. Teacher Rofilleta Refuerzo-Larsson's participation by way of extending assistance during the storytelling session is also greatly appreciated. END





Guests listened to the invocation



Singing the Philippine National Anthem and listening to the Opening Remarks of Ambassador Isleta.



Ambassador Maria Lumen Isleta deliver her remarks



Amb. Isleta joins the children as they sit on Philippine banig mats waiting for the reading session to commence.



Filcom leader Ms. Gloria Saoy Storyteller of book "Papel De Liha"



Filcom parent Ms. Flordeliza Panonce Storyteller of book : Haluhalo Espesya

Filcom parent Ms. Grace Eriksson Storyteller of book: Si Langgam at Si Tipaklong

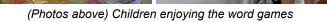




(Above Photos) Storytellers as they read the books









Ambassador Isleta gave out tokens of appreciation to the storytellers and Teacher Rofilleta Refuerzo-Larsson



Guests enjoying the Haluhalo Espesyal and Mais Con Yelo