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## VIN D'HONNEUR FOR THE 117<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE



The Embassy of the Philippines organized the annual Vin D'Honneur on the occasion of the 117<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence on 12 June 2015 at the Shine Dome, Australian Academy of Science, Australian National University.

Filipino artist Mr. Joseleo Logdat sung the Philippine and Australian National Anthems in between the exchange of toasts of Ambassador Belen F. Anota and Chief of Protocol Mr. Chris Cannan of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

In her remarks, Amb. Anota emphasized that one of the fruits of our ancestors' sacrifices and altruism is the freedom that we now enjoy, and that this commitment to preserve the democratic values that the Philippines share with Australia has been the hallmark of the strong Philippine-Australian bilateral relations.

Guests included the members of the Diplomatic community in Canberra, members of the Academe, other Australian Government officials and leaders of the Filipino community organizations in Canberra. END