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“12th SINULOG FESTIVAL” IN CANBERRA

20 January 2015- Chargé d’Affaires, a.i. Nina P. Cainglet and her family, who represented the Ambassador, and Labour Attaché Rodolfo Sabulao and wife, were joined by Embassy personnel and their families in celebrating the 12th Anniversary of the Annual Feast of Señor Santo Niño, hosted by the Philippine Cultural Society (PCS) on Sunday, 18 January 2015, to coincide with the *Sinulog* Festival in Cebu.

A Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Matheus Wuwu MGL at St. Francis Xavier Church in Hall to commence the festivities. This was followed by a *Sinulog* dance outside the church, where members of the Filipino-Australian community performed the rhythmic forward-backward movement, while carrying Sto. Niño statues, to the beat of drums.

The PCS then hosted a cultural program and lunch at the Hall Pavilion where the festivities were made joyful and colorful by the different cultural performances.

On behalf of the Embassy, Labour Attaché Sabulao shared a short message during the program, including reminiscing over the joyful *Sinulog* festivities in Cebu where he was previously assigned. He reminded the audience to make the event a thanksgiving for all the blessings and graces received from God through the Child Jesus and encouraged the community to be childlike in living Jesus’ message of love, kindness and compassion. Labatt Sabulao also took the opportunity to introduce himself as he only assumed his post in Canberra last year.

The active participation of Filipino and Australian family members and friends ensured the success of the event. *END*