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Philippine Ambassador to Australia Shares Achievements in Philippines-Australia Relations and Philippine Foreign Policy in Brisbane

BRISBANE, Australia – H.E. Minda Calaguian-Cruz, Philippine Ambassador to Australia, was interviewed by Radio 4EB 98.1FM and Global Digital Radio Filipino Radio Programs on 31 October 2016 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.



H.E. Minda Calaguian-Cruz, Philippine Ambassador to Australia with Honey L R Binny, Broadcaster of the Filipino Radio Program of Radio 4EB 98.1FM and Global Digital Radio during a one-hour interview in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. (31 October 2016)

Ambassador Calaguian-Cruz shared the achievements of Philippines-Australia relations following 70 Years of Diplomatic Relations celebrated this year. She emphasized the deep and historic people-to-people linkages between the Philippines and Australia. She said both countries recognize that our people-to-people linkages started much earlier than formal relations when Filipino seafarers arrived in the Northern Territory (Darwin), Queensland (Torres Strait) and Western Australia (Broome) in the 1860s to join the pearl rush as divers and processors.

The Philippine Ambassador shared highlights of the elevation of bilateral relations between the Philippines and Australia to a Comprehensive Partnership in 2016 and priorities for cooperation which will be pursued in the coming years.

On the Philippines, Ambassador Calaguian-Cruz said that Philippine President Rodrigo R. Duterte, in his first 100 days in office, is fulfilling his campaign pledge with an unmatched sense of urgency and the political will to get things done. She assured all Filipinos in Australia that the Philippine Embassy will continue to efficiently provide consular and assistance to nationals and will reach out to all Filipinos in need. END