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Tribyang Pinoy Challenge 2016 in Canberra

27 August 2016 – In celebration of Buwan ng Wika and 70th Anniversary of Philippine-Australia Relations, the Philippine Embassy in Canberra joined the Fourth Annual Tribyang Pinoy Challenge organized by the Filipino Language School of Canberra on 27 August 2016 at the Weston Creek Community Centre in Canberra, Australia. This yearly event also raises funds to support the Filipino Language School's operations. The school caters to both Filipinos and Australians wanting to learn the language, a fitting platform for people-to-people linkages while contributing to multi-culturalism in Australia.

Minister and Consul General Nina Cainglet of the Philippine Embassy commended the Filipino Language School of Canberra for leading the celebration of the Filipino language in August. She shared highlights of the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Philippines and Australia.

The Filipino-Australian communities enjoyed the fun-filled event which included Filipino food stalls, dance presentations by students of the Filipino Language School of Canberra, and raffle prizes.

Eight teams battled to win the championship trophy. Questions on Philippine history, culture, *salawikain* (sayings), *bugtong* (riddles), contemporary politics, Filipino songs, movies and landmarks tested the participants' knowledge.

Students from the Australian National University Filipino Association (ANUFA), bagged the Tribyang Pinoy Challenge 2016 championship, followed by Team *Halakhak*, 2nd and the Philippine Embassy 3rd.

The Philippine Embassy congratulates the Filipino Language School of Canberra for a successful event and strongly encourages it to do more activities for deeper understanding of the Philippines and its people. END



Student of the Filipino Language School of Canberra performing in Tribyang Pinoy Challenge 2016. (Photo credit: Ruel Peñafiorida)



Mr. Arnel Basas , President of Filipino Language School of Canberra, together with members of the ANU Filipino Association celebrating their victory in Tribyang Pinoy Challenge 2016. (Photo credit: Ruel Peñafiorida)