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### **University of Santo Tomas Singers on tour in Australia**

10 August 2016 – Internationally acclaimed and multi-awarded University of Santo Tomas Singers (UST Singers) called on Philippine Ambassador to Australia Minda Calaguian-Cruz in Canberra following a successful performance in Melbourne.

The Ambassador welcomed them to Australia and said the tour of the UST singers contributes to the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Philippines and Australia. She shared highlights of the deep and historic people-to-people linkages between the Philippines and Australia. She welcomed the tour of the UST singers as a way of enhancing world-renowned Filipino talent to Australian society.

The UST singers will be performing at the Australian Institute of Music and at the Blacktown Workers Club, Blacktown in New South Wales on 13-14 August 2016.

Founded in 1992, the UST Singers, under the baton of its founder and conductor, Prof. Fidel Gener Calalang Jr., is the University's premier mixed choral ensemble. The choral group is composed of a select group of students and alumni representing the different colleges and faculties of Asia's oldest university, University of Santo Tomas.

Since 1993, the UST Singers has won eighty (80) top prizes in twenty three (23) international contests worldwide. The UST Singers holds distinction in being the only choir in the world to have won twice the highly-coveted Choir of the World Grand Prize-Luciano Pavarotti Trophy in 1995 and in 2010. END



