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THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY PARTICIPATES IN AUSTRALIA DAY AT WORK 2016 WITH *KAPIHAN SA PASUGUAN: CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINES-AUSTRALIA RELATIONS*

The Philippine Embassy invited Filipino community leaders in Canberra to celebrate Australia Day at Work 2016 with its first *Kapihan sa Pasuguan: Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Philippines-Australia Relations* on 28 January 2016 at the Chancery.

On behalf of Mr. Jeremy Lasek, Chief Executive Officer of the National Australia Day Council to celebrate Australia Day at Work, H.E. Pedro Villagra Delgado, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, invited Embassies and High Commissions to support the project.

The Embassy's first *Kapihan* for the year starts the year-long commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Philippines-Australia diplomatic relations, which was established on 4 July 1946.

In her welcome remarks, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. Nina P. Cainglet acknowledged and thanked the Filipino community for their invaluable contribution towards strengthening Philippines-Australia relations by enriching the fabric of Australia's multicultural society. She expressed appreciation to the leaders for their organizations' steadfast partnership and cooperation with the Embassy in its activities and welcomed opportunities to work closely with them in this milestone year.

The officers and staff of the Philippine Embassy in Canberra and Filipino community gamely joined a trivia game organized by Consul Grace Anne Bulos to review the highlights of Philippines-Australia relations through the years.

The *Kapihan* was successfully capped by the Australian tradition of a delectable high tea.



Chargé d’Affaires, a.i., Ms. Nina P. Cainglet welcomes the Filipino community leaders to the Embassy’s *Kapihan sa Pasuguan*.



Filipino community leaders and Embassy personnel participate in the trivia game *“How Well do you know Philippines-Australia relations”* which touched on history, culture, arts, and current conditions of the rich ties between the two countries.



Chargé d’Affaires, a.i., Ms. Nina P. Cainglet poses with trivia winner, Mrs. Priscilla Senturias, Consular Assistant of the Embassy.