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Australian National University (ANU) International Relations Students Visit the Philippine Embassy



H.E. Minda Calaguian-Cruz, Philippine Ambassador to Australia, introduces Philippine foreign policy to International Relations Students of the Australian National University. (09 May 2017, Philippine Embassy in Canberra; Photo courtesy of the ANU International Relations Society)

CANBERRA, Australia (09 May 2017) – International Relations Students of the Australian National University (ANU) visited the Philippine Embassy in Canberra to learn about Philippine foreign policy and Philippine culture. This is the fourth activity under the Philippine Embassy’s Adopt-A-School project which started in 2016.

H.E. Minda Calaguian-Cruz, Philippine Ambassador to Australia welcomed the students and thanked the ANU International Relations Society for organizing a visit to the Philippine Embassy and its interest in learning more about the Philippines. She shared the multifaceted functions of a Philippine foreign service post and the priorities of Philippine foreign policy on national security, economic diplomacy and assistance to nationals.

Third Secretary and Vice Consul Nicole de Castro provided an overview of the foreign policy priorities under Philippine President Rodrigo R. Duterte and a brief background on the Philippines’ Chairmanship of ASEAN.

Minister and Consul General Nina P. Cainglet gave a background on the heritage of weaving in the Philippines and provided a tour of an Embassy-curated exhibit on Philippine textiles. The students had the opportunity to see firsthand the various types of Philippine weaves and a range of contemporary products using these weaves.

The visit concluded with an afternoon tea with Filipino delicacies hosted by Ambassador Calaguian-Cruz in Official Residence of the Philippine Ambassador.



The International Relations Students of the Australian National University had a private tour of an Embassy-curated exhibit on traditional Philippine weaving. (09 May 2017, Philippine Embassy in Canberra; Photo courtesy of the ANU International Relations Society)



H.E. Minda Calaguian-Cruz, Philippine Ambassador to Australia, with the International Relations Students of the Australian National University during their visit to the Philippine Embassy. (09 May 2017, Philippine Embassy in Canberra; Photo courtesy of the ANU International Relations Society)

The Adopt-A-School project is an initiative of the Philippine Embassy in Canberra to promote awareness on the Philippines as well as the friendship between the Philippines and Australia to the youth of Australia. END