

7 June 2012 - The Philippine Consulate General in Guam in cooperation with a number of Filipino associations on the island launched the Philippine Independence Month festivities with activities that showcased Filipino culture, world-class Filipino talents in the field of visual and performing arts, and truly satisfying Filipino food.



(Left photo) Miss Teen WWCST Alumni Association. (Center photo) Sen. Shirley B. Dueñas escorted by Mr. Frank Kenney of Jamaican Grill, and Ms. World Guam Jeneva B. Dueñas. (Right photo) Consul General Mangibin giving his inspirational message to the organizations.

On June 02, the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam (FLAG) held the annual Santacruzan at the Agana Shopping Center. This Filipino tradition, which depicts the finding of the Holy Cross by Queen Helena, has also become an annual event in Guam and is joined by beautiful little misses and elegant ladies representing various Filipino associations. Several local government officials and politicians also joined the parade.

For this year, the participating associations included the Aklan Association of Guam, Capizeños Association of Guam, Iloilo International, Guimaras Families Association of Guam, and the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology (WVCST) Alumni Association of Guam.

Guam Governor Eddie Baza Calvo and First Lady Christine Calvo, who was one of the Reyna Elenas, led the local government officials who participated in the parade. Members of the 31st Guam Legislature also joined the event including Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Senators Shirley "Sam" Mabini, Frank Blas, Chris Dueñas, Adolfo Palacios, Dennis Rodriguez, Jr., and Tony Ada.

The other Reyna Elenas during the procession were FLAG president Leonila Ronquillo, Filipino Community of Guam president Leah Beth Naholowaa, and Miss World Guam 2012 Geneva Bosko.

The Consulate fully supported the annual celebration with Philippine Consul General to Guam Bayani V. Mangibin, delivering an inspirational message for all the participants and their families and for all those who supported the event. The Consul General's wife, Madame Carmen Mangibin, was also one of the judges for the best in gown and arch competition for the event. Children of the officers and staff of the Consulate also joined the procession.

Among the winners of the event were the Guimaras Families Association of Guam, which won the children's best gown competition; the Aklan Association of Guam, which won the ladies' best gown competition; and the WVCST Alumni Association, which won the best arch competition. Iloilo International won the special award for the most number of participants.



On the Day of the Fifth Human Genome, we will celebrate “World Genome Day”.



Consul General Mangibin congratulating ArtiStaRita for its world-class *pez zarzuela*.

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(Right photo) The winners of the 1st On-the-Spot Painting Contest with officers of Consol General Bayani V. Mangibin (3rd left), Sen. Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. (3rd right), Legislature, and GFA President Rolly Zepeda. (Left photo) The ribbon-cutting ceremony with Lt. Gov. Tenorio and Consul General Mangibin. Honored guests during the event also included Sen. Barnes, GFA President Rolly Zepeda, Consul General Hyun Soo Park of South Korea, Lt. Gov. Moguel of GFA, Lt. Gov. Tenorio, Sen. Frank Blas, Jr., Consul General Hisatsugu Sato of Japan, and GFA President Rolly Zepeda.

At the end of the celebration, the Philippine Consulate in Guam will be holding a series of events to celebrate the Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 1988.



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(Left Photo) Chef Henry of Plantation Bay Resort, GRH General Manager Eichi Koyama, Ms. Paula LG Monk and Ms. Tess Reyes of United Airlines and Consul General Mangi Guzman. (Right photo) Chef Henry of Plantation Bay Resort, Ms. Chito Paula LG Monk of United Airlines, GRH GM Eichi Koyama, Consul General Mangi Guzman, Ms. Tess Reyes and Ms. Marissa del Rosario of United Airlines.