



Tribute to the Philippine Flag

7 June 2012- In celebration of National Flag Day last May 28 and Philippine Independence Day on June 12, the Philippine Consulate General in New York and the Philippine Center New York installed at the Center's window fronting Fifth Avenue, a mini exhibit dubbed as a "Tribute to the Philippine Flag".

Conceptualized by Consul Elena Maningat and Cultural Officer Marievic Dimaculangan and

realized with the assistance of the Philippine Center Management, the "Tribute" features a selection from the art collection of the Philippine Center, each with the Philippine flag as subject.

With the National flag as a backdrop, the following pieces were selected for exhibit:

- **Millennium** - Manuel Rodriguez, Sr., 1998, acrylic on canvas, 48" X 35";
- **Pilipinas Kong Mahal** - Emil Sano, 2001, painted wood, 14" X 11" X 2.5";
- **Filipinos Pride** - Bianca Marquez, ceramic mosaic, 20" X 15";
- **Malaya** - Dr. William Chua, 2004, oil on canvas, 24" X 20"; and
- **Smile Series** - Bren Bataclan, 2009, acrylic on canvas, 14" X 11" each.

On the glass front of the display is layered this year's theme: *Kalayaan, Pananagutan ng Bayan para sa Tuwid na Daan* (translucent sticker), from the logo provided by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Mr. Anthony Castro, Fil-Am graphics designer, provided expert assistance in creating and installing the sticker.

The "Tribute to the Philippine Flag" installation has received positive feedback from passers-by and especially the members of the community who come to the Consulate to avail of services.

The general sentiment is that it is a successful reminder of the significance and importance of Independence Day, as well as an exhibition of the varied ways artists interpret the idea of patriotism by honoring the flag.

"Tribute to the Philippine Flag" will remain on exhibit throughout the month of June.

Interested individuals may visit the Center at 556 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, New York City. END