



By June 29, 1946, the United States had just declared the Philippines an independent nation. In New York City, the Filipino-American community celebrated the occasion with a parade that was a blend of traditional Filipino culture and American patriotism. The parade featured a variety of floats, including a float with a large Philippine flag, and a float with a large American flag. The parade also featured a variety of bands, including a band from the University of the Philippines, and a band from the Philippine American Community. The parade was a great success and was a testament to the Filipino-American community's commitment to their heritage and to the United States.



Independence Day Mass participants at Kalayaan Hall officiated by N

Representative of the Philippine Republic, the people of the United States and the Philippine Republic.



(Photos above) Philippine Center NY Staff with Deputy Consul General and PCMB. It's More Fun in the Philippines held by Messrs. Josel Mecua and Wendell Gaa of the Philippine Ambassador. Cuisia delivers a special message at the Parade. (Middle photos) The Philippine contingent; The Consulate contingent, Mrs. Eleanor de Leon, who hails from San Francisco. (Photos below) Consul General de Leon joins his fellow Ateneo Alumni along Madison Avenue. Also present are former Supermodel and Rio Carnival Queen and now indie film producer Ms. Bessie.

Philippine American community holds a parade in New York City to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Philippine independence from the United States.



(Photos above, from left) Actress Beth Tamayo (now NY-based) greets the crowd at the Parade; Broadway's Anna Maria Perez de Tagle graces the Kapampangan Float. (Photos below, from left) The Kinding Sindaw Cultural Group showcases Mindanao culture at the Parade; Consul General and Mrs. De Leon pose onstage at the cultural show with GMA Pinoy TV Talents Dingdong Dantes, Aljur Abrenica, Rachelle Ann Go, PIDCI officials and other performers with the large crowd in the background. (Photos by Jake Tolentino, Niña del Rosario, Mickey Miranda)

The Board of Directors of the Philippine American Community Center (PACC) and the PACC's
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