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13 June 2012 - Philippine Ambassador to Israel Generoso D.G. Calonge led a simple ceremony to celebrate the 114th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence last June 12.

The ceremony served as an "introduction" to a bigger celebration scheduled on June 14, which will gather members of the diplomatic corps, Israeli government officials, business contacts and the Filipino Community in Israel.

The early morning celebration was highlighted by the simultaneous singing of the Philippine National Anthem and the raising of the Philippine Flag, followed by the reading of the messages of President Benigno S. Aquino III, Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert F. del Rosario, Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz, and Ambassador Calonge.



(Left photo) Vice Consul Greg Marie Concha-Mariño reads the message of President Ferdinand P. Flores reads the message of Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert F. del Rosario.

Vice Consul Greg Marie Concha-Mariño read the message of President Aquino.

The President, in his message, called on all Filipinos to uphold the spirit of hope and confidence that complements the momentum of change in our time and to remain proud of our heritage and diversity.

He also noted that the Philippines moves forward to establish a future that accords with our rightful place in the community of nations.

Vice Consul Ferdinand Flores took the honor of reading the National Day Message of Secretary del Rosario.

In his message, the Secretary emphasized that the Department of Foreign Affairs endeavors to advance national security and secure our territorial integrity, effectively address the needs and welfare of overseas Filipinos, and engage in a vigorous campaign to enhance economic diplomacy.

Secretary Baldoz, whose message was read by Labor Attaché Merriam Cuasay, maintained the government's commitment to provide efficient services to, and protect the rights of, Filipino migrant workers wherever they may be.

Secretary Baldoz called all Filipinos to stand united and rally behind the Government in order to overcome daunting challenges ahead.



(Left photo) Labor Attaché Merriam Cuasay reads the message of Labor and Employment Secretary Noli de la Rosa.

(Right photo) Ambassador Calonge delivers his message for the 114th Anniversary of Philippine Independence.

Philippine Embassy in Tel Aviv Celebrates National Day
The Philippine Embassy in Tel Aviv celebrated the 114th Anniversary of Philippine Independence on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. The celebration was held at the Embassy grounds and featured a series of activities, including a flag-raising ceremony, a musical performance by the Philippine National Anthem, and a reception for the Philippine community in Israel. The Embassy also displayed a large banner commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Philippine Embassy in the State of Israel and the 50 Years of Genuine Philippine-Israeli Friendship and Loyal Service to Filipinos.