



(Left photo) Embassy officials, personnel and guests sing the Philippine National Anthem and invocation.

13 June 2012- The Philippine Embassy and the Filipino community in Lebanon marked the 114th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence last June 10, with the traditional flag-raising ceremony, followed by a breakfast *salu-salo* at the Embassy grounds.

Philippine Ambassador to Lebanon Leah M. Basinang-Ruiz led the Embassy, Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO), and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) personnel and the Filipino community in singing the Philippine National Anthem and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine Flag.

After the prayer invocation, delivered by Fr. Agustin Advincula, CM, Ambassador Ruiz read the Independence Day Message of President Benigno S. Aquino III, while Consul Bernadette Mendoza and Labor Attaché Irma Valiente read the messages of Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert F. del Rosario and Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz, respectively.



(Left photo) Embassy personnel with Fr. Agustin (4th from right). (Right photo) Fath



Amb Ruiz delivers the President's message after the Mass in Antelias.

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