



Ambassador Vingno (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), with his spouse Mme. Yoko Ramos-Vingno (1<sup>st</sup> from left) turns over one of nearly 50 Filipino books and other media donated by the Embassy to the National Library of South Africa. Accepting the donation on behalf of the Library are National Librarian Mr. John Tsebe (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Deputy National Librarian Ms. Rachel More (4<sup>th</sup> from left).

21 June 2012 - The Philippine Embassy in South Africa turned over to the National Library of

South Africa, on June 14, a collection of nearly 50 books and other media on Filipino history, culture and people as part of the Embassy's initiatives to promote greater cultural understanding and exchange between the Philippines and South Africa and to celebrate the 114<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence.

In his remarks during the turnover, Philippine Ambassador to South Africa Constancio R. Vingno stated that he wished for the books to be a "seed collection" of Filipiniana materials that would grow as the cultural relations between the Philippines and South Africa develops further.

The books and other media, sourced from the Embassy's inventory, the Ambassador's collection and donations from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) cover all aspects of Philippine life and society such as history, geography, arts, cuisine and people.



(Left photo) Ambassador Vingno (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Mr. Tsebe (4<sup>th</sup> from left), Mme. Vingno (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) cut the ribbon to formally open the mini-exhibit of Mr. Tompon and National Librarian of South Africa Tsebe welcome guests (right photo) to the ceremony and other media to the National Library of South Africa on 14 June 2012.

In response, National Librarian Mr. John Tsebe, the Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of South Africa, thanked the Ambassador and the Philippine Government for the generous contribution to the Library's collection and said that he looked forward to having South Africans enjoy the materials and learn more about the Philippines and its people.





Mr. Tompong's works at the National Library of

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Mme. Vingno (1<sup>st</sup> from left) welcomes (from 2<sup>nd</sup> from left) Ambassador Asia and Southeast Asia of the South African Department of International Affairs, High Commissioner Bernard Baker of Singapore, Ambassador of the Philippines, and Ambassador Sjahril Sabaruddin of Indonesia.