



(Left photo) Mr. Rizardo Ruiz, Hon Mr. Hanna El Amil, Ambassador Leah B. R. Harb. (Right photo) Mr. Michael Abdelnoor and Ambassador Ruiz

4 July 2012 - The Philippine Embassy and the Filipino community organizations in Lebanon joined hands to present the 2012 Philippine Independence Day Cultural Show at the historic *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization* (UNESCO) Palace in Beirut last July 1.



Ambassador Ruiz delivers her welcome remarks as members of the audience listen attentively.

In her welcome remarks, Philippine Ambassador to Lebanon Leah B. Ruiz paid tribute to the groups of Filipinos who have shared their time and talents to perform and showcase popular and favorite dances such as *Tinikling*, *Banga*, *Pagapir*, *Subli*, *La Jota Moncadeña*, *Wasiwas*, *B inoyugan* and *Kapa Malong Malong* and to give a rousing rendition of classic original Pilipino music (OPM) songs and hits such as George Canseco's *Ikaw*

, Ryan Cayabyab's
Kay Ganda ng Ating Musika
, Ogie Alcasid's
Kailangan ko'y Ikaw
, and VST and Company's
Awitin mo at Isasayaw ko
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The numbers were warmly applauded by the Lebanese audience led by the guest of honor, the Honorable Mr. Hanna El Amil, Acting Director General of the Ministry of Culture and Interim President of the National Conservatory of Music of Lebanon, who represented H.E. Minister of Culture Gaby Layoun. Also present was the Director of the UNESCO Palace, Mr. Antoine Harb.





Filipino Singers: (from left) Remigio Guiling, John Soriano Crisanto Tabunot, Elvie Belmonte, Annabelle Cabaluna and Thelma Galabay



(Left photo) Welfare Officer Lenny Tarrobago and Labor Attache Irma Valiente, Fr. Vlugt, S.J., and Embassy Cultural Officer Gladys Perey present the Plaque of Appreciation (Middle photo) OFW Bonce (far right) wins the gift basket. Winner, Fr. Vlugt, S.J., assisted by Embassy Cultural Officer Gladys Perey.