

4 July 2012 - In an unprecedented recognition of the growing impact of Filipinos immigrants and temporary workers on the Canadian economy, Canadian government officials took turns in honoring Philippine Independence Day on June 12 in Ottawa.

Some 50 members of the Senate and House of Commons honored the occasion with their presence.



(Photos above) Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson and Ambassador Leslie Gatan lead the parade.
(Photos below) Mayor Watson presents the Declaration of Philippine Heritage to Sonia del Rosario.

~~Philippine Consul General in Ottawa, Ambassador Leslie Gatan, and Mayor Jim Watson, along with other officials, participated in the parade. The parade was held in the presence of the Philippine Consul General in Ottawa, Ambassador Leslie Gatan, and Mayor Jim Watson, along with other officials.~~



(Photos above) Mr. El-Chantiry, Deputy Chief Ralph Erfle, Ms. del Rosario and Ambassador Gatan unfurl the Philippine flag. Ambassador Gatan and Deputy Chief Erfle deliver remarks on the occasion. (Middle photos) Ms. Lovely Andalayan sings the national anthems of the Philippines and Canada; The Siling Labuyo group of Canada demonstrates Filipino martial arts; and Ms. Liza Linklater exhibits portraits of the Filipino people. (Photos below) Ambassador Gatan

The Philippine Embassy in Ottawa celebrated the 43rd Independence Day of the Philippines with a reception at the Canadian Consulate in Manila.



(Left photo) Mr. Kevin Lamoureux (MP, Winnipeg North), Ambassador (Kingsway). (Right photo) Ambassador Gatan thanks the Canada-Philippine community for hosting the independence day reception.

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(Left photo) Minister Kenney presents the Prime Minister's greetings to Ambassador Gatan as well as other distinguished guests. (Photos below) Members of the Canada-Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Group as well as other distinguished guests

