

9 July 2012 - The Philippine Embassy in Lisbon, together with the Filipino community in Portugal, commemorated the 114th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence on June 17 at the *Seminario Verbo Divino* (SVD) compound in Lisbon.



Embassy's Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Josefin

This year's Independence Day celebration in Lisbon was made possible through the collaboration of the Embassy, the Filipino Chaplaincy in Lisbon and the Associação

Filipino-Portuguesa (AFP) under the leadership of Ms. Leilani Yu.

The celebration began with a mass officiated by Filipino priest and Vice-Rector of the SVD Seminary, Fr. Jovito Osalvo, followed by the inauguration of a mini-exposition of Philippine handicrafts and tourism with Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. (CDA) Josefina I. Estrada cutting the ribbon.



Various Filipino Community groups proudly share their talents and knowledge of

Portuguese guests, some of whom were employers invited by their Filipino employees, or friends and spouses, along with a few guests from other Embassies and the media, were provided with interesting views of Philippine history and culture.

The exhibit featured the history of the evolution of the Philippine flag and a photo gallery of Philippine national heroes.



Philippine Independence Day was celebrated with a series of activities and a parade in the capital, Manila, on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. The celebration was held at the Philippine Consulate in Lisbon, Portugal, and was attended by the Philippine Consul General, the Consul, and other officials. The activities included a flag-raising ceremony, a cultural performance by the Philippine National Dance Troupe, and a parade of the Philippine National Police Band. The Consul General, in his address, expressed his pride in the Philippines' independence and his commitment to promoting bilateral relations between the Philippines and Portugal. He also wished the people of the Philippines a happy and prosperous Independence Day.