



25 July 2012 - The Philippine Embassy in Seoul and the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) organized the celebration of the 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Philippine Independence and the 17<sup>th</sup> Migrant Workers Day, held at the Floating Stage of the Yeouido, Hanggang Park, last June 03.

The whole day event attended by more than one thousand Filipinos, Koreans and other expatriates commenced with a concelebrated mass presided by the Apostolic Nuncio, H.E. Archbishop Osvaldo Padilla, who was assisted by Fathers Alvin Parantar and Arvin Mosqueda of St. Benedict's Church (Hyehwadong Church/Filipino Community), Fr. Felixberto "Jun" Perez of the Ansan Filipino Community, Fr. Willy Decena of the Columban Missionaries in Korea and Fr. Cedric Alimbuyong of the Maseok Filipino Community.

Philippine Ambassador to the Republic of Korea (ROK) Luis T. Cruz read President Benigno S. Aquino III's Independence Day message where the President stressed that Filipinos should remain proud of their heritage and diversity - the foundations that distinguish the Philippines and should be inspired by the past so we as Filipinos can move forward to establish the future that accords with our rightful place in the community of nations.

Representative Jasmine Lee (the first naturalized Korean to become a member of the National Assembly) and Director Kim Dong Ho of the Employment Sojourn and Support Team of HRD Korea delivered their congratulatory messages.



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