



Ambassador Cristina Ortega delivers her inspirational remarks before the F members and Embassy personnel attending the morning celebrations.

27 June 2012- Philippine Ambassador to France Cristina G. Ortega, along with the officers and

staff of the Philippine Embassy in Paris, led commemoration activities during the 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the birth of Dr. Jose Rizal at the chancery premises last June 19.



Also in attendance were officers and members of the Filipino community, particularly from the four chapters in Paris of the Order of the Knights of Rizal (OKOR), the *Las Damas de Rizal* and *Kababaihang Rizalista, Inc.*

After the raising of the Philippine flag, a brief program immediately followed.

During her remarks, Ambassador Ortega highlighted the need for every Filipino to constantly take to heart Dr. Jose Rizal's call for unity among all Filipinos.





The attendees partook of a Filipino breakfast following the program.

At around 10:30 am, Ambassador Ortega led Embassy personnel, OKOR, *Las Damas de Rizal*,

*Kababaihang Rizalista, Inc.*

and Filipino community officers and members in offering flowers at the

*Place Jose Rizal*

in the 9

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Arrondissement of Paris.

To cap the daylong activities, the Filipino community was treated to an evening film showing of the GMA7-produced documentary "*Pluma*" on the life of Dr. Rizal.

After the film showing, Consul Deena Joy Amatong hosted a trivia quiz show about the film and the life of our national hero.

A fun-filled atmosphere permeated as the audience competed to answer the questions, and get a shot at the prizes at stake. END