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PHILIPPINE LADIES IN KUALA LUMPUR HOST ASEAN LADIES CIRCLE (ALC) COFFEE MORNING, PROMOTE PHILIPPINE FURNITURE



Mrs. Melissa C. Lecaros (R), wife of the Philippine Ambassador to Malaysia and incumbent President of the ASEAN Ladies' Circle (ALC), with Datin Lucy Hon-Salang, wife of the Deputy Foreign Minister of Malaysia, Guest of Honor at the ALC-Philippines Coffee Morning held at the showroom of "Budji Living Malaysia" on 13 June 2006.

29 June 2006— The Philippine ladies In Kuala Lumpur hosted the ASEAN Ladies Circle (ALC) - Philippines Coffee Morning at the showroom of *Budji Living Malaysia* on 13 June 2006 with the promotion of Philippine furniture as the theme of the gathering.

Mrs. Melissa C. Lecaros, wife of Philippine Ambassador to Malaysia Victoriano M. Lecaros, led the ladies in welcoming the guests headed by Datin Lucy Hon-Salang, wife of the Deputy Foreign Minister of Malaysia. The event was

attended by the Patrons and members of the ALC, Malaysian guests, and several members of the media.

As host of the event, Mrs. Lecaros, who is also Patron of ALC-Philippines and incumbent President of the ALC, welcomed the guests and introduced the main speaker, Mr. Budji Layug, an accomplished Filipino furniture designer, who discussed his works and upcoming exhibitions. Mr. Layug founded *Budji Layug and Movement of 8*, an alliance of Philippine furniture designers. Members of the *Movement of 8* are masters of unusual combinations of materials, mixing chrome with abaca, wood with leather, PVC pipes with wicker. Interesting jewelry pieces made out of Philippine pearls were also featured at the Coffee Morning.

Another highlight of the ALC-Philippines Coffee Morning was a mini-concert presented by *The Sandalphon Singers* (named after the angel of music). *The Sandalphon Singers*, nearly all of who are alumni of the renowned UP Concert Chorus (UPCC) and veterans of various UPCC world concert tours, performed their signature combination of Asian songs, classical pieces and popular selections.



The Sandalphon Singers in between songs during their live performance at the ASEAN Ladies' Circle (ALC) -Philippines Coffee Morning held at the showroom of "Budji Living Malaysia" on 13 June 2006.

The ALC of Kuala Lumpur is comprised of representatives from the host country and the ASEAN diplomatic missions and communities in KL. Its aims and objectives, among others, include the promotion of mutual understanding, cooperation and solidarity among women of the ASEAN community in Kuala Lumpur; development of cultural and social exchanges between members and dissemination of information on the ideals and aims of ASEAN; and, the advancement of women and children in the ASEAN region In the fields of education, economics and social standing. END