



Philippine Consulate General Sydney

INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES OF THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE IN SYDNEY, IN PICTURES



Philippine Consul General Eva G. Betita (third from left) led the Philippine Independence Day flag-raising rites at the Philippine House in Sydney. Philippine Tourism Representative Consuelo G. Jones (first from left) and Special Trade Representative Fatima S. Sanchez joined the ceremonies. Father Manny Santiago (second from right), a former Filipino, re-acquired his Philippine citizenship to be able to sing the national anthem as a Filipino citizen again.



Fr. Manny Santiago, a Filipino-Australian priest, solemnized the Philippine Independence ceremonies of the Philippine Consulate General in Sydney with the celebration of Holy Mass at The Philippine House. The Mass and official Independence Day activities in Sydney were undertaken by the Philippine Consulate General, the Philippine Trade and Investment Center, and the Department of Tourism Office as a united Philippine mission. From left: Mr. Mauricio Betita, Consul General Eva Betita, Vice Consul J. Anthony Reyes, Special Tourism Representative Consuelo G. Jones, Special Trade Representative Michelle Fatima S. Sanchez, and staff.



At the Independence Day Reception of the Philippine Consulate General in Sydney: Consul General Eva G. Betita and the New South Wales' Minister for Water and Regional Development Phillip John Costa link hands in a ceremonial gesture for the strengthening and deepening friendship and cooperation between the Philippines and Australia. The reception was attended by officials of the Australian Government, consuls general representing other countries, and leaders of the Filipino-Australian Community of New South Wales.