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Chicago PCG Hosts the Book Launching of Food Holidays Philippines

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago celebrated the National Heritage Month with the launching of the book “Food Holidays Philippines” on 05 May 2017 at the Kalayaan Hall of the Consulate General. The book launching also served as Chicago PCG’s 25th *Pagkikita sa Konsulado* (meet-up with the Filipino community).

In keeping with this year’s National Heritage Theme “*Malasakit para sa Pamana*” (Care for the Heritage), Ms. Clang Garcia, the publisher of Food Holidays, explained that the need to ensure the preservation of our country’s heirloom recipes drove her to travel around the Philippines to conduct a comprehensive research on the country’s gastronomic treasures. The result of her efforts is a 200-page culinary travel guide that covers the most fascinating destinations, authentic regional flavors, and heirloom recipes that celebrate the Philippines’ cultural diversity.

Consul Melchor Lalulino, Jr., in his remarks, highlighted the growing interest on Philippine cuisine in the international community. “It is time for the Philippine culinary flavors to be given due attention and recognition in promoting the Philippines as a tourist destination,” said Consul Lalunio. Consul Ericka Anna Abad, on the other hand, invited the attendees of the book launching to join this year’s Ambassadors’ Tour.

A small reception at the Consulate General concluded the day’s event. The members of the Filipino-American community who attended the book launching also had the privilege of securing autographed copies of Food Holidays. **END**





Ms. Clang Garcia, publisher of the "Food Holidays Philippines", provided an overview of the pocket culinary travel guide that celebrates the Philippines' gastronomic treasures. (photo courtesy of Mr. Arneil Torres)



Autograph signing after the program with the Officers of the Consulate General and Members of the Filipino-American Community. From left to right: Ms. Clang Garcia, Consul Melchor P. Lalunio, Jr., Consul Ericka Anna T. Abad, Mr. Larry Crost and Ms. Merle Salazar (photo courtesy of Mr. Arneil Torres)