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“HIYAS NG PILIPINAS” CONCERT CELEBRATES TREASURES OF PHILIPPINE CULTURE

Chicago, 06 July 2018 – Since it was founded in 2014, the Philippine Arts and Culture Ensemble of Michigan (PACE-Michigan) has been formulating programs and providing resources on Philippine arts and culture in Ann Arbor and neighboring communities.



Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin delivering her remarks at the PACE-Michigan's "Hiyas ng Pilipinas" Concert in Ann Arbor, Michigan. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Sheridan Sabeniano)

On Saturday, June 30, PACE-Michigan launched its third major concert at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor, Michigan with Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin as special guest.

From Southfield where she was overseeing a consular outreach service, Consul General Jamoralin made the trip to Ann Arbor to lend her support to the occasion in the evening. She lauded PACE-Michigan's efforts under the current leadership of its president, Mr. Joet Reoma, to promote Filipino heritage through participation in the Rondalla, the Kulintang, and Philippine dances, thus enhancing cultural diversity and fostering social interactions and goodwill in the community.

Filipino-American artists who performed at the concert included Dr. Christi-Anne Castro, associate professor of ethnomusicology and director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) at the University of Michigan (UM); Roy Coloma, concert pianist and long-time piano teacher; Elizabeth Ordinario Weil, lyric soprano and Kulintang program

director; Patricia Sorra Cabuena, cantor and choir member at St. Francis church; Sophia Cabuena; and Philip Villanueva, orthoptic student at UM Kellogg Eye Center.

Prior to the event, Consul General Jamoralin also had an opportunity for a quick visit of the University of Michigan Library with PACE-Michigan's assistance. The library boasts of the Worcester Philippine History Collection comprising an extensive array of books, photographs and manuscripts about the Philippines particularly during the period 1899-1913 when Dean C. Worcester served as a member of the U.S. Philippine Commission and Secretary of the Interior for the Insular Government of the Philippine Islands. **END**

