

# Philippine Independence Day

**Filipino Association, Council District 13 celebrate the festive holiday.**

*Photos by Club staff*

In commemoration of the 114th anniversary of Philippine Independence, the Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) hosted a celebration in City Hall June 15.

The theme was “*Kalayaan: Pananagutan ng Bayan para sa Tuwid na Daan*” (Freedom, the Accountability of a Sovereign Nation of Responsible Citizenry).

Representatives of Council District 13 presented a resolution to Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon, Philippine Consulate dignitaries, Los Angeles Filipino Association

of City Employees (LAFACE) representatives, Filipino elected officials, community leaders, and members of the community.

A reception and cultural presentation was then held in the City Hall forecourt, followed by a vendor’s showcase.

LAFACE is the only Filipino-American employee organization in the City of Los Angeles. The association was formed in 1982 and represents more than 2,500 Filipino City Employees. One of the objectives of LAFACE is “to promote the economic, educational, social, and cultural advancement of Filipinos in the community.”



The Barkada group from Cal Poly Pomona performs a Filipino fold dance.



Community leaders carry flags.



Tourism Director Annie Cuevas-Lim.



Antoinette Taus sings.



The Barkada group from Cal Poly Pomona dances “Tinikling.”



Anthony Paul Mercado sang “The Star-Spangled Banner.”



From left: Celebrities Antoinette Taus and Sheila Ferrari Ruesh hosted the event.



LAFACE President Cora Aragon Soriano speaks to the attendees.



LAFACE Board members give a gift to Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon.



LAFACE Board members give an award to Deputy Consul Dan Espiritu.



Philippine Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon, Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Jose Huizar, Jaime dela Vega, and Filipino community members.

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October 17, 2012

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For more information and to participate as a mentor, contact Adriana Miranda, DMD Coordinator at [adriana.miranda@lacity.org](mailto:adriana.miranda@lacity.org) or visit our website at [www.disability.lacity.org](http://www.disability.lacity.org) or call (213) 202-2767 voice (213) 202-2755 TTY.



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All City Departments are encouraged to participate!!

