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**PHL CONSULATE GENERAL IN AGANA
CELEBRATES WOMEN'S DAY**



Ms. Ma. Alegria S. Limjoco, President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, delivers her keynote speech at the breakfast forum in celebration of International Women's Day and Philippine National Women's Month, 8 March 2018. (Photo credits: Mr. Allan Tangayan)

08 March 2018, Agana, Guam - The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in partnership with the Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce (GWCC), celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) and Philippine National Women's Month (NWM), with its fourth breakfast forum on Thursday, 08 March 2018 from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM at The Gallery, Hilton Guam Resort and Spa.

Ms. Ma. Alegria "Bing" S. Limjoco, President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), was the event's guest-of-honor and keynote speaker. Ms. Limjoco was joined by a delegation from the Philippine Franchise Association led by Ms. Elizabeth Pardo-Orbeta, Chair of the Council of Past Presidents and Director for the Committees on Education and Advocacy and External Relations, Philippine Franchise Association (PFA); and Chairman, Wenphil Corporation (master franchisee of Wendy's Hamburger) with Ms. Rebecca Bucad, CEO of K2 Pharmacy, Ms. Sherill Quintana, President and Founder of ORYSPA, and Ms. Chit Estrada, PFA Executive Director; and Ms. Grace Morella, PCCI Project Development & Regional Affairs Manager.

With the themes "WE Make Change Work for Women" and #PressforProgress of NWM and IWD, respectively, the forum featured a panel of five career women in diverse sectors invited

by the GWCC to share their stories of survival and success. The panel was composed of 34th Guam Legislature Senator Régine Biscoe Lee; Rindraty Celes Limtiaco, President, Pacific Daily News; Ina Carillo, Owner, Budget Bridal Boutique and BLUSH; Darlene Garcia, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist; and Dr. Corazon Alegria-Webb, owner of Harmon Loop Dental Clinic. The panel discussions were moderated by Ms. Denise Mendiola of GWCC.

Ms. Limjoco spoke before an audience of notable women from government, business and the community including Consul General of Japan Izumi Seki; 34th Guam Legislature Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje; Former US Attorney for Guam Alicia Limtiaco; Bank of Guam President Lou Leon Guerrero, Madam Jennifer Aguon spouse of Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.; members of GWCC, other officials from the Government of Guam, leaders of different women associations on Guam, academe; and media.

Ms. Limjoco presented developments in the Philippine economy and the country's growing franchise industry of global brands.

The forum also witnessed the signing of the PCCI-GWCC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on strengthening economic and trade ties between the Philippines and Guam.

Part of the delegation's program was a meeting with GWCC officials on 8 March 2018 at the Philippine Consulate and a call on Senator Biscoe Lee, Chair of the Committee on Innovation and Economic, Workforce, and Youth Development, on 9 March 2018 at the Guam Congress Building. END



Consul General Marciano R. de Borja (seated 2nd from left) with the delegation from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) and the Philippine Franchise Association (PFA), the Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce (GWCC), and panelists of the breakfast forum in celebration of International Women's Day and Philippine National Women's Month, 8 March 2018. (Seated from left): Ms. Sherill Quintana, President and Founder, Oryspa; Ms. Ma. Alegria S. Limjoco, PCCI President; Ms. Lina Leon Guerrero, GWCC Vice President; Ms. Elizabeth Pardo-Orbeta, PFA Chair of the Council of Past Presidents and Director for the Committees on Education and Advocacy and External Relations; (standing from left): Consul Mark Francis C. Hamoy; Dr. Corazon Alegria-Webb, panelist; Ms. Ina Carillo, panelist; Ms. Grace Morella, PCCI Project Development & Regional Affairs Manager; Ms. Chit Estrada, PFA Executive Director; Ms. Rebecca Bucad, CEO of K2 Pharmacy; Ms. Rindraty Limtiaco, panelist; Ms. Patricia Salas, Bank of Guam; Ms. Eileen Agahan, GWCC Executive Director; Ms. Denise Mendiola, panel moderator; Ms. Darlene Garcia, panelist; Ms. Bobbie Taitano, mother of Ms. Garcia; and Vice Consul Alex O. Vallespin (Photo credits: Mr. Allan Tangayan).



Consul General Marciano R. de Borja witnesses the signing of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI)-Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce (GWCC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by PCCI President Ma. Alegria S. Limjoco (left) and GWCC Vice President Lina Leon Guerrero, 8 March 2018. (Photo credits: Mr. Allan Tangayan)



The PCCI and PFA delegation accompanied by Consul Mark Francis C. Hamoy (4th from left) and Consulate personnel during the call on 34th Guam Legislature Senator Régine Biscoe Lee (5th from left). (Photo credits: PCG Agana)