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**AGANA PCG HOSTS VIN D'HONNEUR RECEPTION IN COMMEMORATION OF  
THE 120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE  
INDEPENDENCE**



Philippine Consul General to Guam Marciano R. de Borja and Guam Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio lead the ceremonial toast during the Vin d'Honneur and reception in commemoration of the 120th anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence on 12 June 2018. (Photo credits: Mr. Allan Tangayan, PCG Agana)

*12 June 2018, Agana, Guam* – Philippine Consul General to Guam Marciano R. de Borja hosted the Vin d'Honneur and reception in commemoration of the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence on 12 June 2018 at the Chamorro Ballroom, Pacific Star Resort & Spa, Tumon, Guam.

The program started with the singing of the Philippine and US national anthems and the Guam Hymn led by Ms. Agatha de Borja, daughter of Consul General de Borja. It was followed by the reading of the Independence Day message of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte by Consul Mark Francis C. Hamoy. The theme for this year's celebration is,

*“Kalayaan 2018: Pagbabagong Ipinaglaban, Alay sa Masaganang Kinabukasan”*  
*(“Independence 2018: Change We Fought For, An Offering To An Abundant Future”).*

Consul General de Borja and Guam Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio led the ceremonial toast to celebrate the close friendship and strong ties between the Philippines, the United States and the island of Guam.

After the ceremonial toasts, the guests were serenaded by renowned Filipino violinist John Lesaca, the Philippine Consulate General’s guest of honor, with his rendition of Filipino songs.

Close to 200 guests attended the Vin d’Honneur reception, which included dignitaries from the Guam government, 34<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature led by Speaker Benjamin Cruz, judiciary led by Justice Robert Torres, business, the Armed Forces of the Philippines led by Rear Admiral Samuel Felix, Guam armed services led by Major General Roderick Leon Guerrero, academe, church led by Archbishop of Agana Michael Byrnes, media, members of the Consular Corps, and officers and members of the various Filipino community organizations led by Filipino Community of Guam president Norman Analista. **END#**



Consul General and Madam Marciano R. de Borja (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from right) with Philippine Consulate General (PCG) officers Consul Mark Francis C. Hamoy (4<sup>th</sup> from left) and Vice Consul Alex O. Vallespin (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), PCG personnel, family members of PCG officers and staff, and guest-of-honor Mr. John Lesaca and wife, Ms. Ma. Lourdes Arroyo (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from right). (Photo credits: Mr. Allan Tangayan, PCG Agana)





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Mr. John Lesaca, guest of honor of the Philippine Consulate General for its Vin d'Honneur to commemorate the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence, serenades guests with his rendition of Filipino songs, 12 June 2018 (Photo credits: Mr. Allan Tangayan, PCG Agana)