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**PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL JOINS THE FILIPINO LADIES
ASSOCIATION OF GUAM (FLAG) AT THE ANNUAL SANTACRUZAN**



Philippine Consul General to Guam Marciano R. de Borja (middle of the stage) with Guam Delegate to the U.S. Congress Madeleine Z. Bordallo (middle of the stage beside Consul General de Borja) and the officers of the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam (FLAG) led by its President, Ms. Celia Casem-Martinez (middle of the stage beside Congresswoman Bordallo) at the Santacruzán on 27 May 2018. (Photo credits: PCG Agana)

27 May 2018, Agana, Guam - The Philippine Consulate General joined the annual Santacruzán organized by the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam (FLAG) on 27 May 2018 at the Agana Shopping Center, as part of the month-long celebration of the 120th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence.

The Santacruzán, which depicts the search for the Holy Cross by Queen Helena, is a procession of beautiful little lasses and elegant ladies representing various Filipino organizations, beauty pageant winners, the FLAG members as well as children of the Consulate General. Guam government officials and politicians represented by Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio, and 34th Guam Legislature Senators joined the parade.

16-year old Lisa Mari A. Manarin, daughter of the Consulate General's Collecting Officer Maria Liza A. Manarin won the prize for Best Gown, following last year's winner for Best Gown 8-year old Ana Cecilia Villamor, daughter of the Consulate General's Records Officer Ferdinand Villamor.

Consul General Marciano R. de Borja in his remarks thanked the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam for continuing the Filipino traditions that promote and share with the people of Guam the religiosity and colorful Filipino cultural heritage.

FLAG, one of the most active organizations on Guam, has been hosting the Santacruzán since the 1970's for which it was awarded the most prestigious Philippine Presidential Commission of Filipino Overseas' (CFO) Banaag Award in 1995. END



Philippine Consul General to Guam Marciano R. de Borja delivers his remarks at the Santacruzán on 27 May 2018. (Photo credits: PCG Agana)



Philippine Consul General to Guam Marciano R. de Borja (4th from left) and the winner for Best Gown, Ms. Lisa Mari A. Manarin (6th from left), daughter of the Philippine Consulate General's Collecting Officer Maria Liza A. Manarin (3rd from left) and spouse Rodolfo Manarin, Jr. (2nd from left). They are joined onstage by Vice Consul Alex O. Vallespin (leftmost). FLAG President, Ms. Celia Casem-Martinez (5th from left) hands over Lisa Mari's prize. (Photo credits: PCG Agana)