

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY LAUNCHES PH FOOD FESTIVAL IN QATAR



(Photos L to R) Ambassador Alan Timbayan and Chef Michelle Adrillana led the ribbon-cutting ceremony on the launching of the Philippine Food Festival.. The beef *bulalo* stew is one of the favorite dishes during the event. *Bottom photos L to R:* The Seasonal Tastes restaurant showcased native decorative pieces such as capiz shell frames, *bayong* bags and other festive native decors. The official flyer for the Philippine Food Festival prepared by Westin Doha.

13 May 2018. The Philippine Embassy in Doha, in cooperation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and Philippine Airlines (PAL), and in collaboration with Westin Doha Hotel & Spa, hosted the **Philippine Food Festival**, a

culinary journey around the Philippines, in the Seasonal Tastes Restaurant at the Westin Doha Hotel & Spa from 29th of April until 5th of May 2018.

The event featured guest celebrity chef from the Philippines, Michelle Adrillana, who impressed patrons with the rich flavors of the Philippines which showcased the diversity of Filipino culinary influences from across the globe.

Philippine Ambassador to Qatar, H.E. Alan L. Timbayan, hails the event, *“as part of the Embassy’s cultural diplomacy program, and a culinary promotion which aims to showcase Philippine history, culture, and tradition through its cuisine. It is a celebration of the vibrant life of the Filipinos as unique as its diversified cuisine which also showcases its connectivity to the rest of the world. The fusion of different flavors in the Filipino cuisine will welcome all nationalities in this gastronomic delight.”*

Guests feasted on traditional Filipino dishes such as oxtail *kare-kare*, beef *bulalo* stew, lamb *caldereta*, and sumptuous desserts such as *halo-halo*, *puto bumbong* and camote cue. Filipinos enjoyed 20% discount on the wide selection of dinner buffet menu for the duration of the event. END