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**PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY 2009
FLAG RAISING AT THE PHILIPPINE CENTER NEW YORK
ON THE 111TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE**



The Offices of the Philippine Government in New York salute the Philippine Flag on the morning of 12 June 2009.

Front row, L-R: Trade Representative Eugenio Elevado, Tourism Director Emma Ruth Yulo, Vice Consul Elena Maningat, DCG Melita Sta Maria Thomeczek, Consul General Cecilia Rebong, Ambassador Hilario Davide Jr., Second Secretary Emma Sarne, Second secretary Rafael Hermoso, Career Minister Eduardo Menez, Second Secretary Jimmy Blas

12 JUNE 2009, NEW YORK – The personnel of all the Philippine government offices in New York, specifically the Philippine Consulate General New York, the Philippine Mission to the United Nations, the Philippine Investment and Trade Center, the Office of the Tourism Director and the Philippine Center New York, were present to raise the flag and sing the National Anthem on the morning of 12 June 2009, the 111th Anniversary of Philippine Independence.

Ambassador Hilario Davide of the Philippine Mission, Consul General Cecilia Rebong of the Philippine Consulate General, Director Emma Ruth Yulo of the Tourism Office, Trade Representative Eugenio Elevado and Deputy Consul General and Acting Manager of the Philippine Center Melita Sta. Maria-Thomeczek led the ceremony held at the lobby of the Philippine Center. END.