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Press Release

## PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED GLOBAL AMBASSADOR AWARD BY THE DIPLOMATIC INSIGHT GROUP

09 April 2019 – Ambassador Daniel R. Espiritu was awarded with the Global Ambassador Award by the Diplomatic Insight Magazine and Publication group on 28 March 2019 during the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the group. The ceremony was graced by the Parliamentary Secretary of Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, the Honorable Andleeb Abbas, member of Parliament and Chief Guest.

The Diplomatic Insight Group organizes annual Global Ambassadors Award Ceremony to acknowledge the tremendous efforts and constructive services of diplomatic missions in Islamabad to promote peace and harmony among their people, stability, promoting business and trade and constructive bilateral relations with their respective states on behalf of people of Pakistan. The awards are meant to encourage the momentous and tireless work of nominees for promoting the political, economic, cultural, education, people to people contacts relations between the people of Pakistan with their sending countries and development works. The awards recognize nominees for outstanding achievements in enhancing the international image of Pakistan and vice versa. The winners of this exclusive award have been selected by a committee of distinguished experts from variant backgrounds.



Ambassador Daniel R. Espiritu while receiving Global Ambassador Award presented by Parliamentary Secretary of Foreign Affairs at Ministry of Foreign Affairs Pakistan Ms. Andleeb Abbas and the founder of The Diplomatic Insight Group Ms. Farhat Asif

Some of the key achievements of Ambassador Espiritu highlighted during the announcement of his award were the remarkable increase in bilateral trade which grew to \$250 million in 2017 from



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\$116 million in 2015; signing of an MoU between the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and State Bank of Pakistan (SBP); the inaugural session of the Philippines-Pakistan Joint Economic Commission (JEC); representation of the Philippine in humanitarian, educational and cultural ground by actively attending social event; formation of Pakistan-Philippine Business Forum (PPBF) with the collaboration of Philippine Honorary Consulate in Karachi and business community of Punjab and Sindh which recently concluded a Trade delegation to the Philippines. Because of these continued efforts to enhance the bilateral relationship between the two countries, a Pakistani pharmaceutical company is on the process of investing around \$49 million in joint venture for a pharmaceutical manufacturing unit called Royal Life Pharma, which is expected to be completed in June 2019.

The Global Ambassador Awards were also awarded to the Ambassadors of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Hungary, Republic of Poland, Republic of Tunisia, Ukraine, Republic of Uzbekistan, and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of People's Republic of China to the Islamic

Republic of Pakistan.



Ambassador Daniel R. Espiritu posing for a group picture with other awardees, businessmen and officials of Diplomatic Insight group