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Press Release

PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR VISITS ST JOSEPH'S HOSPICE, RAWALPINDI

06 December 2019 – To enhance Philippine Pakistan bilateral relationship in the realm of humanitarian assistance H.E. Ambassador Daniel R. Espiritu in collaboration with Filcom Islamabad headed by Laila Imtiaz, visited the St Joseph's Hospice, Rawalpindi and joined the Filipino community in donating boxes of food items on 04 December 2019.

Ambassador Espiritu and the rest of the delegation were received by Sister Mariam Gill.

Sister Mariam informed the Ambassador that St Joseph's Hospice (Rawalpindi) is a health care facility run by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, open to patients from all walks of life and all religion. The hospital has been running for the past 30 years. With 60 beds, it receives up to 300 patients a day; the staff includes 50 Pakistani nurses, aides, volunteers, doctors, and ward helpers.



Sister Mariam while explaining the services provided by the St Joseph's Hospice to Ambassador Daniel R. Espiritu, Filcom Islamabad Leader Laila Imtiaz, Philippine Embassy Islamabad staff and members of Filipino community.

She further added that the hospice treats patients with chronic illnesses and disabilities, tuberculosis, meningitis, polio and typhoid fever, etc. Children with congenital deformities and malnutrition are often abandoned to the hospice.

Sister Mariam also explained that the core purpose of the hospice is serving the humanity, without any religious differences. 90% of hospice's outpatients and 60% of its in-patients are Muslim.



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Ambassador Daniel R. Espiritu while signing the guest books at St Joseph's Hospice,

Ambassador Espiritu highly appreciated the services provided by the hospice free of charge and specially for helping people abandoned by their families. Sister Mariam also expressed great pleasure and gratitude to the Ambassador and the rest of delegation for visiting the hospice and for donation.



Ambassador Daniel R. Espiritu while posing for a group photo with Sister Mariam Gill, Filcom Islamabad group leader Ms. Laila Imtiaz and group member and staff of the Philippine Embassy Islamabad