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PHILIPPINE EMBASSY CONDUCTS VIRTUAL TOWN HALL ON OVERSEAS VOTING AND COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

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ISLAMABAD, 3 May 2025—The Philippine Embassy in Islamabad successfully conducted a Virtual Town Hall Meeting on 3 May 2025, engaging Filipino community members in Islamabad, Karachi, and Lahore to promote participation in the 2025 overseas elections and to strengthen local community readiness through the Embassy’s contingency planning efforts.

The town hall was moderated by Vice Consul Rain Mendoza, with the participation of the Philippine Embassy’s officers and staff.

In his introductory remarks, Ambassador-designate H.E. Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez emphasized the importance of empowering overseas Filipinos (OFs) to exercise their right to vote and to take an active role in their own safety and preparedness. A key feature of the session was a step-by-step walkthrough on online voting enrolment and ballot casting, conducted by Administrative Officer Edison Ypac, who clearly guided attendees through the process and addressed common concerns.

During the Q&A portion of the session, Finance Officer Manuel Ramos provided valuable support by addressing community inquiries, particularly those related to documentation, voting eligibility, and Embassy services.

The Embassy also highlighted ongoing efforts to build a more resilient Filipino community in Pakistan. Attendees were reminded of the importance of vigilance in times of emergency and electing the right “kababayan” for the role of Filipino Coordinator in each locality who will serve as communication bridges between the Embassy and community members. The coordinators will be instrumental in mobilizing and implementing the Embassy’s Contingency Plan.

Filipino citizens were encouraged to take advantage of in-person assistance available at the Embassy from 4 to 7 May 2025 for those needing help with the online enrolment process. Furthermore, from 8 to 12 May, the Embassy will continue to assist late enrollees by endorsing them to COMELEC for possible online voting accommodation.

The Embassy reaffirmed its commitment to promoting democratic participation and community resilience, and encouraged all Filipinos in Pakistan to stay informed and engaged through its official communication channels. END

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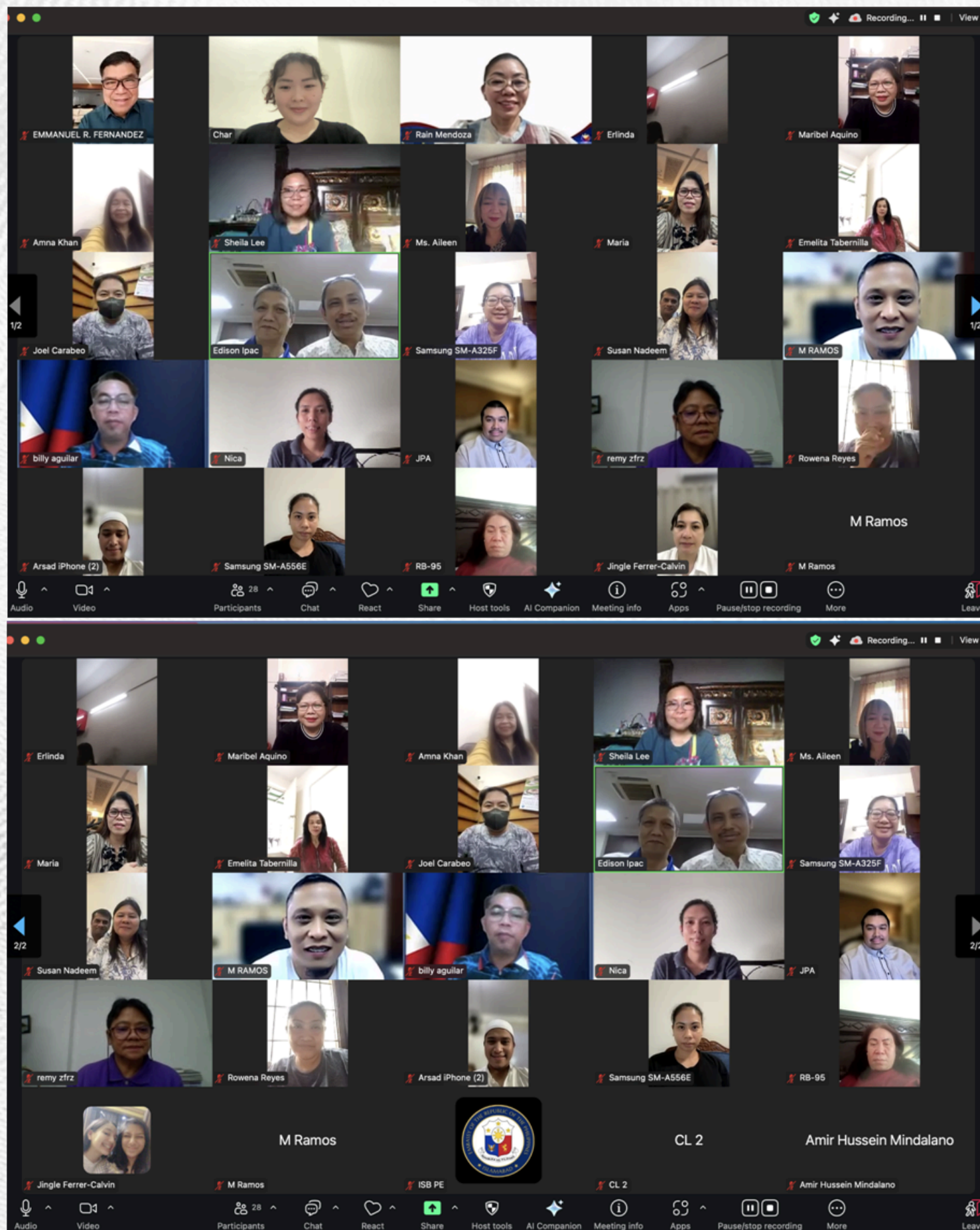




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Group photo of participants during the Philippine Embassy in Islamabad's first Virtual Town Hall Meeting held on 3 May 2025, which focused on promoting overseas voting and enhancing community preparedness among the Filipino communities in Pakistan.

