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PHILIPPINE EMBASSY ORGANIZES AWARENESS DAY ON GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT AND ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN



25 November 2022. The Philippine Embassy, led by Chargé d'Affaires Maria Agnes M. Cervantes, held an awareness day on Gender and Development and Anti-Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) for Filipinos in Pakistan. This is in line with the annual 18-day Campaign on VAW by the Philippine government starting 25 November and ends every 12 December.

With the theme, “United for a #VAWFreePhilippines”, the 18-day campaign aims to strengthen the information campaign on women’s rights and their protection from all types of abuse and discrimination. The Embassy provided a discussion on Republic Act (RA) 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women of 2009 and RA 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Children Act of 2004, led by Vice Consul Chryzl Sicat.

A forum followed where four Filipinas in Pakistan shared their experiences in living and working in Pakistan. Filipinas Ms. Monterola Marilancy, Ms. Elsa Day-Ong, Ms. Laila Imtiaz, and Ms. Edna Cabilatazan shared their tips and experiences for successful mixed marriages and employment in Pakistan. Filipinos from Lahore and Islamabad attended the VAW Awareness Day. Filipino food, such as grilled milkfish, chicken adobo and sotanghon noodle soup, was served for guests for a taste of Philippine cuisine in Pakistan.

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Charge d'Affaires Maria Agnes M. Cervantes delivers her remarks during the VAW Campaign Awareness Day in the Philippine Embassy Chancery Auditorium, 25 November 2022.



Vice Consul Chryzl Sicat (leftmost) facilitates the experience sharing and forum of Filipinas in Pakistan during the VAW Campaign Awareness Day in the Philippine Embassy Chancery Auditorium, 25 November 2022.



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Philippine Embassy personnel and dependents with the Filipino Community in Pakistan with Charge d'Affaires Maria Agnes M. Cervantes (seated middle in white).