

Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver celebrates 2018 National Women's Month



Top Left Photo: Consul General Neil Ferrer welcomes guests to the Consulate's celebration of National Women's Month on 20 March 2018. Top Right Photo: Ms. Ovvian Castrillo-Hill speaks about the legacy of her late father, renowned sculptor Eduardo Castrillo, and her experience as a Filipina forging her way in Canada. Bottom Left Photo: Members of Filcom and Ms. Castrillo-Hill pose amid a background of Castrillo artworks. Bottom Right Photo: Ms. Castrillo-Hill is interviewed by ABS-CBN and Balitang Vancouver media. (Photocredits: Vancouver PCG)

21 March 2017 VANCOUVER – An art exhibition entitled *IDENTITY* and book launch was held at the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver on 20 March 2018, in celebration of the 2018 National Women's Month.

The exhibition showcases a collective body of original artworks of the Castrillo family, featuring canvas-printed illustrations of the late Eduardo Castrillo, an award-winning "nationalist" and avant-garde Filipino sculptor; and original brass sculptures of Mr. Castrillo's three children, sons Mierro and Nixxio Castrillo; and daughter Ovvian Castrillo-Hill. The occasion also marked the first-ever group art show of this multi-talented family of sculptors. The family was represented by Ms. Castrillo-Hill, a Filipina-Canadian artist based in Fort St. John, B.C., whose recently-concluded work include a signature commission for the new building of the Philippine Stock Exchange in Bonifacio Global City.

A book launch of Ms. Castrillo-Hill's "Goddess in the Mirror: A Book of Self-Discovery for Filipino Women the World Over" immediately followed the opening of the exhibition. This book of personal experiences and reflections, and female empowerment was written with the Filipina in mind, serving as a reminder for every woman to "find her voice" and acknowledge her various roles in a rapidly evolving society. *END*