

## Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver Hosts Christmas Kapihan with Filipino Professional and Volunteer Community Service Providers in British Columbia



12 December 2018 – (Top photo) Consul General Maria Andrelita S. Austria welcomes the members of the Filnet and other Filipino-Canadian professional and volunteer community service providers in British Columbia to a Christmas *Kapihan* at the Consulate, as a way of thanking them for actively participating in the Consulate’s programs and for all the work they do to assist Filipino workers and newly-arrived immigrants in BC.



(Bottom photo) Mr. Rommel Manikan (left, with back to the camera), a retired settlement worker with the Vancouver School Board, and informal head of the Filnet, leads the group in community singing of Christmas carols after being treated to a *noche buena*-like fare of *hamon* and *queso de bola*, *bibingka* and *puto bongbong*, and hot chocolate, as well as *pancit* and barbeque.