

Consul General Austria Meets with the Philippine Eagle Foundation



Consul General Maria Andrelita S. Austria (3rd from the right) poses with Executive Director Dennis J. I. Salvador (4R), Director for Research and Conservation Jayson C. Ibanez (2L), and Development Manager Andi Baldonado (2R) from the Philippine Eagle Foundation. Also in photo are Deputy Consul General Leo Tito L. Ausan, Jr. (leftmost) and Consul Arlene T. Magno (rightmost).

Vancouver, 21 August 2018 – The Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF), represented by its Executive Director Dennis J. I. Salvador, Development Manager Andi Baldonado and Director for Research and Conservation Jayson C. Ibanez, joined the 27th International Ornithological Congress being held in Vancouver from 19 to 26 August 2018.

During their call on the Consulate General, they said that they joined the Congress to raise awareness on the conservation status of the Philippine eagle and save it from extinction. According to them, there are only 400 pairs of monkey-eating eagles left in the Philippines and their survival is endangered because of human slaying and loss of habitat due to deforestation.

The PEF particularly hopes to learn from Canada's strong focus on First Nations, their heritage and culture, and would like to exchange experiences on how to strengthen engagement with the PH's own Indigenous Peoples (IP) in the conservation of resources. Reportedly 65% of our forest habitat is within the domain of the IPs, which is why they play a very central role in any efforts to establish culture-based conservation, as well as fight forest fires.

To support the PEF, the Consulate hosted a reception in the evening, featuring a mini-exhibit and a preview of the documentary film, "Bird of Prey", which will be shown at the Science World museum.