

VANCOUVER PCG PARTICIPATES IN ASIAN STUDIES DAY CELEBRATION AT LANGARA COLLEGE, B.C.



(R-L) Cultural Officer Josephine Nacisvalencia, Consul Arlene T. Magno, Deputy Consul General Leo Tito L. Ausan, Jr., Consular Assistant Jeanie-vilLlonora and Protocol Officer Michael Yturriaga man the Philippine booth at Langara College's Asian Studies Day celebration.

Vancouver, 06 February 2018 – Vancouver PCG joined eight other Asian Consulates General and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in celebrating Asian Studies Day at Langara College, one of B.C.'s leading undergraduate institutions providing University Studies, Career Studies and Continuing Studies programs and courses to around 21,000 students annually.

This is the third time that Post has joined the event organized by the Asian Studies Department of the College to provide its students a chance to connect and network with the Consulates while at the same time allowing the latter to see the diversity of students in the College. Students and faculty alike visited Post's booth with its colorful display of handicrafts and books, brochures and banners on the Philippines.



Asian Studies students of Langara College visit the Philippine booth at Langara College's Asian Studies Day event and show interest in travelling to the Philippines after browsing brochures on popular Philippine tourist destinations.

According to Mr. Ajay Patel, Vice President for External Development, 6,000 of the total student population are international students, 50-60 of whom come from the Philippines. Since the school is not allowed to ask for the ethnic background of its applicants, they are unable to determine how many of their domestic students are of Filipino descent, but he wouldn't be surprised if there were quite a number, judging from the nearby communities where Tagalog was the top foreign language spoken, according to surveys.



(Left photo, 5th from the right) Deputy Consul General Leo Tito L. Ausan, Jr. joins the representatives from other Asian Consulates General and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office during the Asian Studies Day celebration at Langara College. (Right photo) Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Consul General of Pakistan, delivers his remarks during the brief program.

The opening program consisted of welcome speeches by Dr. Lane Trotter, President and CEO of Langara College and Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Consul General of Pakistan, representing the participating Consulates, and performances by a Chinese folk-dance troupe and the Langara Kendo Club.