

“Manila Comes to Town” Filipino Food Truck Event Receives Warm Welcome at Canada Place



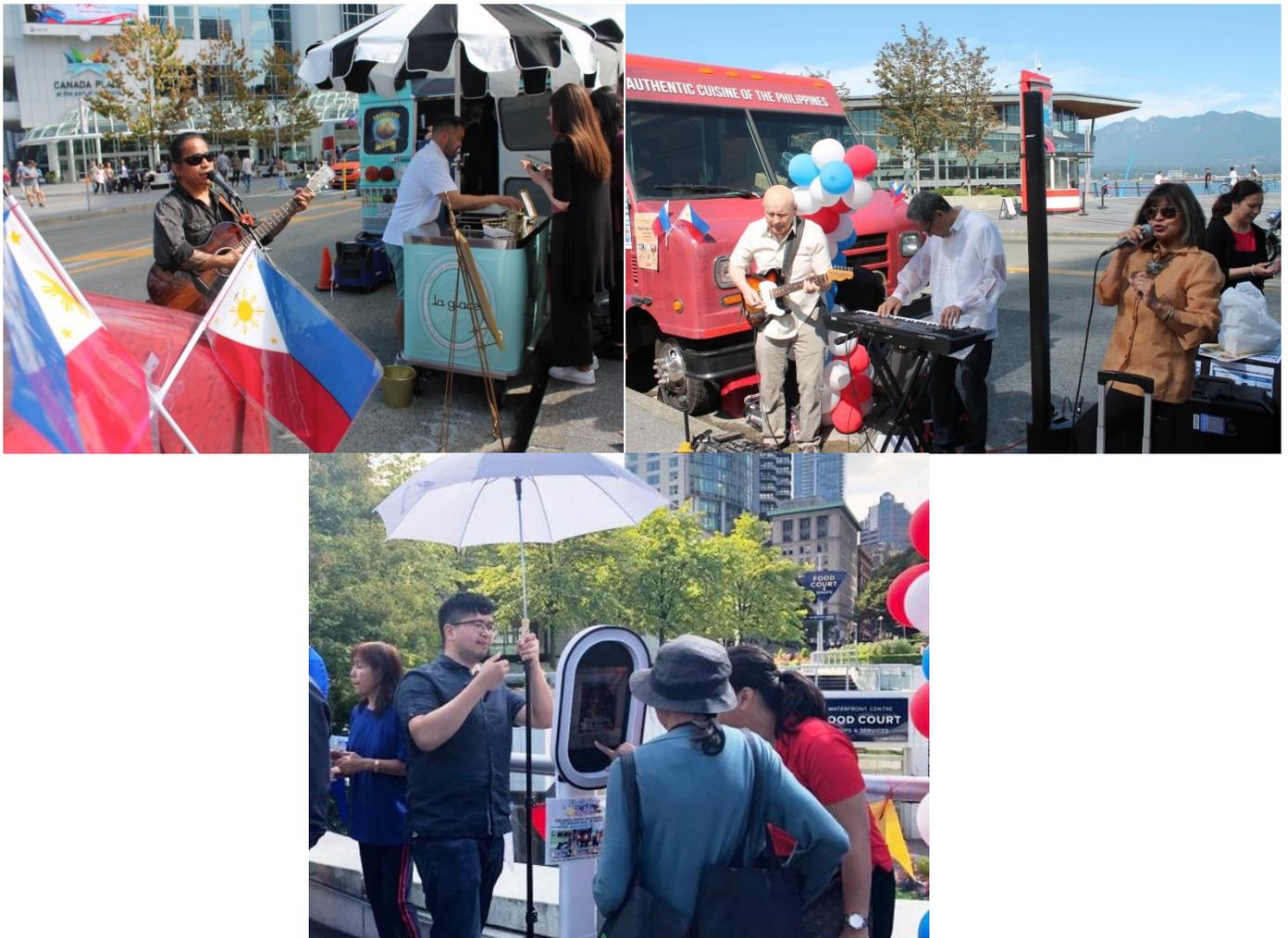
05 September 2019 – (Top photos) Filipino food trucks, Max’s Restaurant (red truck) and Shameless Buns, occupy a prime location on Canada Place along Vancouver’s waterfront at a food truck event, dubbed, “Manila Comes to Town”, organized by the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver on 3-5 September 2019. Around two thousand people, Filipinos and mainstream Canadians, patiently lined up for their Max’s fried chicken and *pancit palabok* or the *pandesal* sandwiches and poutine-inspired dishes of Shameless Buns.



(Left photo) B.C. Minister of State for Trade George Chow (rightmost), who was the guest of honor at the opening ceremony, welcomed the event as a showcase of Philippine culture and cuisine in the heart of Downtown Vancouver. (Middle photo) Malaysian Consul General Shamsul Nizam Shamsuddin (left) and Thai Consul General Nontawat Chandrtri (middle) visit the food truck event. Others from the Consular Corps of BC who came were the Consuls General of Vietnam, Japan and Ireland, and representatives from Germany, Japan and Mexico. (Right photo) CTV Morning Live in Vancouver co-anchor Jason Pires (3L) and his co-workers check out the food trucks at the event. Earlier, Pires featured “Manila Comes to Town” on CTV Morning Live with an interview of Philippine Ambassador to Canada Petronila P. Garcia and a cooking demonstration of *lumpiang shanghai*.



(Left photo) Max's kitchen crew led by Managing Director Cecil Pratt (rightmost) and (right photo) Shameless Buns owners Corvette Romero (rightmost) and Matt Brennan (2R) and their team pose at the final day of the event.



(Clockwise from top left photo) Musician and tattoo artist Mayo Ladincho and husband-and-wife duo Ed and Salvie Dayao entertain the crowd with popular Filipino songs during the 3-day event held on September 3-5. Also in photo (top left) is Mark Tagulao of La Glace ice cream, serving up his artisanal French ice cream with Filipino flavors of leche flan, kalamansi and coco-pandan. To serve as an added attraction for the event, Filipino-owned Lucky Studios provided a free photo booth for the customers.