



## EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN



# NEW PH AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN ASSUMES OFFICE

The new Ambassador-Designate of the Republic of the Philippines to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Dr. Emmanuel Revilla Fernandez, arrived last 23 March 2025 in Islamabad, together with his spouse, Mme. Alicia Kalaw-Fernandez. They were officially welcomed at the airport by Ms. Rabail Kennedy, Assistant Chief of Protocol of the Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as by the officials and staff of the Philippine Embassy in Pakistan led by its Chargé d'Affaires, a.i., Consul Juan Paolo Alix.

The following day, Ambassador Fernandez began his tenure as the new Head of Mission of the Philippine Embassy to Pakistan.

Ambassador Fernandez joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in January 2000, after placing 2nd in the 1998 Foreign Service Officer Examination. In his 25-year diplomatic career, he has served as Second Secretary and Consul of the Philippine Embassy in Rome, Italy; First Secretary and Consul General of the Philippine Embassy in Jordan; Deputy Chief of Mission and Consul General of the Philippine Embassy in Madrid, Spain; and Deputy Head of Mission and Consul General of the Philippine Embassy in Singapore. He has also served as Director for Southern Europe, Executive Director and Acting Assistant Secretary for Strategic Communication and Research, as well as Executive Director and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Maritime and Ocean Affairs at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila.

In addition to his bachelor's degrees in philosophy and theology, Ambassador Fernandez holds a master's degree in Communication from the Ateneo de Manila University and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of the Philippines in Diliman. He has also finished executive courses at the Asian Institute of Management, Boston University, and the National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

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He is the author of *A Pathway to Diplomacy* and of three other books published by the Ateneo de Manila University Press and the UST Publishing House. He won both a National Book Award and a Gintong Aklat Award in 2002, and was conferred a Special Award by the Department of Foreign Affairs in 2020, for his exemplary and significant achievements and performance outside of official work, particularly in the field of non-fiction writing. He has recently co-edited (with Ambassador Medardo Macaraig) the book, *Making a Mark on the Little Red Dot: Trailblazing Filipino Entrepreneurs in Singapore*.

Ambassador Fernandez is married to Mme. Alicia Kalaw-Fernandez – a writer, painter, chef and former bank executive who used to serve as the Assistant Vice President of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC). END

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*His Excellency, Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez (second from right) and Mme. Alicia Kalaw-Fernandez (center) at the VIP Lounge of the Islamabad International Airport joined by Consul Juan Paolo Alix (right) and welcomed by Assistant Chief of Protocol Ms. Rabail Kennedy (second from left) and her staff (left) on 23 March 2025.*



*A brief photo opportunity with the Protocol Team of Pakistan and the Welcoming Team of the Philippine Embassy in Islamabad. (From left to right: Protocol Staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, Ms. Rabail Kennedy of the Protocol Office, Mme. Alicia Kalaw-Fernandez, H.E. Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez, Consul Juan Paolo Alix, Col. Renato Narag of the Office of the Defense and Armed Forces Attaché, P/Col. Eddie Alejandro of the Office of the Police Attaché, and Vice Consul Rain Mendoza)*







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The entire Philippine Embassy personnel in Islamabad welcoming H.E. Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez (front center) with a group photo at the iconic main steps of the Chancery.



Another group shot of the Philippine Embassy in Islamabad with its new Ambassador, H.E. Emmanuel R. Fernandez (front row, third from right), taken at the lobby of the Chancery.

