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CUISINE AT IFWA'S "TASTE THE WORLD"
FUNDRAISER IN ISLAMABAD**
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ISLAMABAD, 25 May 2025—The Philippine Embassy in Islamabad proudly participated in the “Taste the World” International Food Festival, a vibrant cultural and charitable event organized by the Islamabad Foreign Women’s Association (IFWA) in partnership with Serena Hotel. Held at the Sheesh Mahal Hall of Serena Hotel, the festival brought together 28 embassies and high commissions in a shared celebration of global culinary heritage and international solidarity.

Ambassador Emmanuel R. Fernandez and Mme. Alicia Kalaw-Fernandez graced the occasion and sponsored a Philippine booth that captivated guests with authentic Filipino dishes. Featured on the menu were steamed rice paired with savory chicken adobo, the quintessential Filipino breakfast tapsilog, and a refreshing buco-pandan gelatin with tapioca pearls. The booth attracted a steady stream of visitors eager to sample the distinct flavors of the Philippines.

Beyond its cultural showcase, the Embassy’s participation reflected its continued support for IFWA’s humanitarian mission. By contributing to this initiative, the Philippine Embassy reaffirms its commitment to gender and development—not only for Filipino women and children, but for women and children everywhere. IFWA’s work spans inclusive and impactful projects such as school breakfast programs for undernourished students, winter clothing drives for underprivileged children, Braille printing for the visually impaired, and livelihood support for women in remote areas including Gilgit-Baltistan and the Nanga Parbat region.

This year’s festival once again reaffirmed the spirit of unity, generosity, and cross-cultural friendship among Islamabad’s diplomatic community. The Philippine Embassy remains committed to taking part in initiatives that foster cultural exchange, uplift vulnerable communities, and strengthen people-to-people ties between nations. END



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Ambassador Emmanuel R. Fernandez and Mme. Alicia Kalaw-Fernandez (fourth and fifth from left) at the Philippine Embassy booth during the IFWA "Taste the World" Fundraiser, joined by Filipino guests, members of IFWA, and the Embassy booth team



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