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ASEAN Committee in Canberra Ends the Year with Family Day



H.E. Minda Calaguian-Cruz, Philippine Ambassador to Australia, leads the Philippine Embassy participation in ASEAN Family Day 2016, 10 December 2016, Lennox Garden, Canberra.

CANBERRA, Australia – As the culminating activity for the year, the ASEAN Committee in Canberra (ACC) held the ASEAN Family Day on 10 December 2016 at Lennox Garden. Ms. Lyndall Sachs, Chief of Protocol of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) and Australian DFAT officials joined the ASEAN celebration.

ASEAN Embassies and High Commissions in Canberra enjoyed a morning picnic and shared the best of each country's cuisine. The Philippine Embassy in Canberra prepared *daing na bangus* (milkfish), chicken adobo, *turon* (banana rolls with jackfruit), garlic fried rice and gave away packs of dried mangoes.

The morning was filled with games starting off with a golf chipping game, organized by the Malaysian Embassy. The top prize was brought home by H.E. Zakaria Ahmad, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Australia. The children played musical chairs organised by the Philippine Embassy and Indonesian Embassy and a ping-pong game by the Cambodian Embassy and the Royal Thai Embassy. The event ended with a friendly game of tug-of-war and line dancing led by the ASEAN ladies.

The Philippine Embassy in Canberra looks forward to working with the ACC for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN in 2017! END



H.E. Zakaria Ahmad, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Australia, topped the golf chipping game with Deputy Mohammad Iskandarsyah Derry Aman of the Indonesian Embassy taking second prize and H.E. Tha Aung Nyun, Ambassador of Myanmar to Australia with third prize. 10 December 2016



Philippine Ambassador Minda Calaguian-Cruz gamely represented the Philippine Embassy in a game of golf chipping among ASEAN Heads of Mission, 20 December 2016.



More than 50 children participated in the musical chairs game jointly organized by the Philippine Embassy and Indonesian Embassy



Members of ASEAN Missions in Canberra and their families testing their strength in a friendly game of tug of war with Maritime vs. Mainland, 10 December 2016



ASEAN Family Day ends with dancing, 10 December 2016.