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**Latest art works of Filipino artist Manuel Baldemor
exhibited at the Philippine Center New York**



Renowned Filipino artists Manuel D. Baldemor formally opened “The Art of Manuel D. Baldemor”, an exhibit of his latest works, at the Gallery of the Philippine Center New York at a reception in the evening of 05 August 2015. On hand was H.E. Jose L. Cuisia Jr., Philippine Ambassador to the US and Chair of the Philippine Center Management Board (PCMB) and Madame Vicky Cuisia.

New York, 05 August 2015 -- Artists, members of the consular corps, representatives of cultural institutions in New York and prominent members of the Filipino-American community graced the opening of the exhibit of the latest works of renowned Filipino artist Manuel D. Baldemor at the Philippine Center Gallery in New York City in the evening of 05 August 2015.

The exhibit, simply titled “The Art of Manuel D. Baldemor”, features a collection of 6-foot scrolls that depict scenes of life in the Philippines. It also displays some of his

older works which were previously exhibited in other parts of the world, including in the Philippine Embassy in Vienna, Austria.

The exhibit was formally opened with a ceremonial ribbon cutting by Mr. Baldemor together with His Excellency Jose L. Cuisia Jr., Philippine Ambassador to the United States and Chair of the Philippine Center Management Board (PCMB) New York, who travelled from Washington, D.C. to New York City to grace the event; Consul General Mario L. de Leon Jr., concurrent Vice-Chair of PCMB-New York; and Her Excellency Lourdes O. Yparraguirre, Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations New York, who also sits as Director of PCMB-New York.

In his remarks, Mr. Baldemor described himself as an Overseas Filipino Cultural Worker, always careful to represent the good image of his home country, the Philippines, wherever he went. He said that in his travels all over the world, he had come to appreciate how, despite cultural differences, the peoples of the world are actually very much alike.

“Wherever I went, I tried to impart our own Filipino art, culture and mind-set,” he said, adding that Philippine art, culture and mind-set may be similar to or very different from particular nations.



Ambassador Cuisia, together with (L-R) Consul General and PCMB Vice Chair Mario L. de Leon Jr., H.E. Philippine Permanent Representative to the UN and PCMB Director Lourdes O. Yparraguirre, and Mr. Baldemor, cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open the exhibit,

“In the end, people all want the same things – love, respect and kindness from each other,” Mr. Baldemor concluded.

In his opening remarks, Ambassador Cuisia congratulated Mr. Baldemor for another successful exhibit in New York City, his fifth in the Big Apple in a span of a couple of decades, and thanked him for the great service that he is doing for the

Philippines. He cited Mr. Baldemor's contribution in making the global community gain a deeper appreciation of the originality, creativity and resourcefulness of Filipino artists.

"Your dedication, prolificness, and generous spirit have made all of us very proud. Just like Luna, Hidalgo and Amorsolo who came before you, you successfully put Philippine artistry on the map," the Ambassador said.

A multi-talented Filipino artist, Mr. Manuel Baldemor is a painter, sculptor, print maker, writer and book illustrator. He was born in 1947 in Paete, Laguna, a place renowned for wood carvers. He has held one-man exhibits in many cities all over the world, and his works have been displayed in a number of important institutions including the United Nations Headquarters in New York. For 18 straight years, his works have been reproduced in UNICEF's Christmas greeting cards.

"The Art of Manuel D. Baldemor" is a flagship project of the Philippine Center as part of its mandate to promote Philippine culture, art, tourism and trade in New York.

The exhibit runs until 04 September 2015 at the Gallery of the Philippine Center New York, located at 556 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036. For more information, check www.PhilippineCenterNY.com.



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