

PRESS RELEASE

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN LEBANON OPENS CONDOLENCE BOOK FOR THE VICTIMS OF SUPER TYPHOON YOLANDA



PHOTOS:

LEFT – The receiving room of the Chancery served as the venue for the Condolence Book signing; **RIGHT** - Mr. Nadim Sourati, Deputy Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of Lebanon signs the book in behalf of the Government and People of Lebanon.

19 November 2013 – On 13 and 15 November 2013, the Philippine Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon opened a condolence book for the victims of super typhoon Yolanda (international name: Haiyan), which struck central Philippines on 08 November 2013 and caused the death of thousands and left massive destruction to property.

Strong messages of sympathy and condolences for the bereaved families, as well as prayers for the speedy recovery of those who survived, were received in person and in writing from the members of the diplomatic and consular corps, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), officials from the Lebanese government, as well as Lebanese businessmen and individuals.

Rev. Fr. Simon Faddoul, President of Caritas Lebanon, Engr. Kamal Sioufi, President of the Governing Board of Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC), and Ms. Najla Chahda, Director of the CLMC, personally called on Ambassador Leah M. Basinang-Ruiz at the Embassy to convey their sympathy and condolences for the victims of typhoon Yolanda. CLMC is a non-government organization, which caters to the needs of migrants and refugees in Lebanon and has been a long-standing partner of the Embassy in extending assistance to Filipino nationals in Lebanon.

The Embassy also conveyed the deep appreciation of the Philippine Government and the Filipino people to those who personally conveyed or sent their messages of support and concern for the victims of the super typhoon. **END.**