

PRESS RELEASE

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY OFFICIALS ATTEND THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE BIGGEST ANNUAL FILCOM SPORTS EVENT IN LEBANON



PHOTOS:

FIRST ROW LEFT – Ambassador Ruiz delivers her message during the closing and awarding ceremonies of the PhilBall Basketball and Volleyball tournament; **FIRST ROW RIGHT**- Ambassador Ruiz awards medals and trophies to the winning team of the Women’s Volleyball, LUZVIMINDA, including the Most Valuable Player Award; **SECOND ROW LEFT** – Vice Consul Dennis John Briones (first row, leftmost) awards a trophy to the Filipino Community Association (FCA) team, which won in the Men’s Basketball; **SECOND ROW RIGHT** – Ambassador Ruiz, with the officers and staff of the Embassy, POLO and OWWA, receives a plaque of appreciation from the officers of Phillball.

07 October 2013 – Ambassador Leah M. Basinang-Ruiz led Embassy, POLO and OWWA officers and staff in gracing three separate Filipino community events last Sunday, 06 October 2013. The biggest event for the day was the championship round and awarding ceremony of the yearly three-month Philippine Men’s Basketball and Women’s Volleyball League in Lebanon (PhilBall), which attracts the participation of major Filipino community organizations in Lebanon as well as sponsorships and funding support from Lebanese companies and individuals.

Eleven (11) teams participated in the men’s basketball, namely: Bakod, RP Eagles, Chopsticks, Filipino Community Association (FCA), Western Visayas Association in Lebanon (WEVAL), Filipino Investment Association (FIVA), Manila Samafil, Filipino Workers Association in Metn (FILWAM), Solid Brothers, Rockers, and Mistah. There were ten (10) teams for the women’s volleyball namely: Bakod, RP Eagles, FCA, WEVAL, FIVA, Manila Samafil, FILWAM, Rockers, Mistah, and LUVZIMINDA. FCA emerged the champion for the men’s basketball (third year in a row), while LUZVIMINDA won the top position for women’s volleyball.

Ambassador Ruiz, in her message to the organizers and players, congratulated them for the successful sports event for 2013, now in its 14th year, and conveyed her wish that more Filcom organizations will field their respective teams next year. She also thanked the Lebanese sponsors (I-REMIT, Qatar Airways and Silva Exchange) as well as individual Lebanese supporters and encouraged them to continue supporting the 15th PhilBall season in 2014.

As in previous seasons, the Philippine Embassy showed its strong moral and financial support for this year’s PhilBall event, which aims to unite and foster camaraderie and cooperation among the many Filipino community groups and associations in Lebanon. **END**

