



Filipino-American children trooped to the Philippine Center in New York for the Philippine Consulate General’s Kwentuhang Pambata or Children’s Story Telling Time during the Buwan ng Wika celebration on Aug. 25, 2018. (All photos by PCGNY)

Dubbed “Kwentuhang Pambata” or Children’s Story Time, the Philippine Consulate General in New York’s celebration of Buwan ng Wika was held at the Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Center on Aug. 25, 2018.

The event was attended by about 30 Filipino-American children ages 3 to 12 years old.

Ramil Buenaventura, a teacher at the Renaissance Charter School in New York and a Big Apple Teacher Excellence Awardee of NYC Department of Education, read the storybook "Alamat ng Palay," as retold by Virgilio Almario in English and Filipino.

He also treated the children with a trivia about rice and its legend.

The storytelling session was followed by singing lessons from Chris Ignacio, a Filipino-American songwriter, actor and puppeteer.

Ignacio shared Philippine folk songs such as Mambayu, Magtanim ay Di Biro, and Bahay Kubo from the book "Antukin" by Felicidad A. Prudente.

Vice Consul Khrystina Corpuz Popov and Cultural Officer Olivia Osias-Magpile handed Certificates of attendance to the children who had a morning of fun and learning about the Filipino language and the Philippine culture.

Also on hand during the event were the parents of the children of the Filipino Community and Development Center in Ocean County based in Toms River, N.J. and Filipino International Community of America in Elizabeth, N.J.



Singing lessons by Clar Segura - based on the songs Alamat ng Palay followed by

