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## NYPD commissioner assures cases involving Filipinos a high priority

Citing his track record as a highly-decorated, two-time New York Police commissioner and his stewardship of New York Police Department (NYPD) law enforcement that resulted in a significant drop of criminality in New York City in the 1990s, Consul General Mario L. de Leon, Jr. recently called on Police Commissioner William "Bill" Bratton at his office in downtown Manhattan.

De Leon cited an existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Philippine National Police (PNP) and NYPD that has been in place since 2013, which provides a platform for intelligence and security exchanges, and cooperation between the two.



From left, FI-An New York Police Department (NYPD) Deputy Inspector Edvard Carrasco, Commissioner William "Bill" Bratton, Consul General Mario L. de Leon, Jr., Consul Felipe Carlos III and FI-An Sergeant Eugene Canapi. (Photo courtesy of the Philippine Consul General)

## PH wraps up arguments before arbitration tribunal

By AEREA CALICA and PHALEE-BRAGO

MANILA — Within the year, this is the timetable of the Arbitral Tribunal of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague to rule on the case against China over territorial disputes in the West Philippine Sea after the Philippines wrapped up its arguments last Monday.

Hearing on the Philippine arguments against the validity of China's nine-dash line and the question of the status of certain maritime features in the West



Delegates are seated inside the hall of the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands while waiting for the hearing to start. (File photo/Facebook/Aliphat Yalbi)

Philippine Sea would begin if the tribunal rules that it has jurisdiction on the case.

The Philippines has until July 23 to give its written submission to amplify its answers to questions posed by individual members of the tribunal.

In a statement on its website, the PCA said: "The Arbitral Tribunal now enters its deliberations and is conscious of its duty under the Rules of Procedure to conduct proceedings 'to avoid unnecessary delay and expense and to provide a fair and efficient

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## 10 new & exciting ways to enjoy '15 Fiesta in America this August

Already successful in holding the largest indoor gathering of Filipinos in the northeast, Fiesta in America is marking its 17th year with more exciting ways to

enjoy its annual expo, food and cultural festival on Aug. 15 and 16 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, N.J.

Here are 10 ways for you and your entire family to enjoy the Filipino event of the year.

1. Get some business ideas.

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## Chef impresses Prez with 'Barack-amole' dish



FI-An chef Aria Pelayo of San Francisco. (RGO-TV)

United States President Barack Obama gave a young Filipino-American chef a huge shout-out during his speech at the White House's Kid's State Dinner on July 11 for her quirky — and punny — dish.

"I particularly am impressed by the Barack-amole," a report.

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Sam Pinto denies being "bitter" after Jenaylyn Mercado hugged the "sexiest woman" title from a male magazine. (Philippine Star photos)

## Pinto not 'bitter' over Mercado's 'sexiest' title

MANILA — Sam Pinto denied that she's "bitter" over Jenaylyn Mercado's win as the "Sexiest Woman" of 2015 of a men's magazine.

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