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**Filipino Fulbright scholars with Ambassador Jose Manuel Romualdez (4th from right); Ambassador Jennifer Galt (5th from right); Ambassador John Maisto (4th from left); and Embassy Economic Minister Jose Victor Chan-Gonzaga (2nd from right). □ (Philippine Embassy photos)**

WASHINGTON — The Philippine Embassy, led by Philippine ambassador to the United States Jose Manuel G. Romualdez, organized a reception to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Philippine Fulbright Program at the Philippine Chancery Annex in the evening of March 22, 2018.

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The Philippine Fulbright Program is the longest running Fulbright Program in the world and the longest education exchange in the Philippines.

Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs Alan Peter S. Cayetano delivered a congratulatory video greeting that was played at the start the program.

“The Fulbright Program has been an important vehicle that ensures the enduring friendship between our two peoples,” said Cayetano.

In his welcome remarks, Romualdez underscored the long-standing friendship between the Philippines and the United States that stems from their peoples, highlighting the importance of Fulbright Program.

“We are, therefore, honored to celebrate with all of you tonight the longest continuously operating Fulbright program in the world. Established in 1948, the first batch of Filipino Fulbright scholars left for the United States a year later,” said Romualdez.

“Seventy years hence, the program continues to be what it was conceived for in the early years of the diplomatic relations between our two countries. It is a vehicle for mutual understanding. It provides students and scholars from both the Philippines and the United States the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research in academic environments that strengthen the ties between our peoples,” the ambassador further noted.

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the Philippines' 70th Anniversary, the Department of Education, Fulbright Program and the American Cultural Center in Manila.