



I am Filipina Commemorates Philippine Independence

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The I am Filipina organization, led by **Annaliza Diet**, celebrated the 128th Philippine Independence on June 19, 2026 at the Sheraton Grand Doha Resort and Convention Hotel under the theme 'Roots and Horizons: Our Shared Heritage, Our Collective Future.'

In alignment with the theme, **Curt Soliman**, Representative of Timplados restaurant, the event's gold sponsor, gave a Vote of Thanks, in which he dwelled on their gratitude as a patron to cater to the people's taste and the value of initiatives to bring together the Filipino community. He stated that:

"Let us celebrate our freedom, embrace our traditions, and take pride in being Filipino."

The program commenced with a doxology led by **Edrei Espiritu** and **Unica De Vera**, followed with the singing of the National Anthems by the Tanghalang Overseas Pinoy, including PSDians: **Aleeyah Capatayan**, **Leean Capatayan**, and **Rylan Albino**.

The celebration continued with performances from the following groups: Tanghalang Overseas Pinoy, Banyuhay, and Tri Arc, featuring members **Ashley Capián** and **Joelle Izon**.

Further, a fashion show organized by Tala Digital Media, Alyaqout Flowers, and Rosabella Fashion, was held with the following models:

Tala Digital Media and Alyaqout Flowers	Rosabella Sampaguita and Habi Collection
Keira Soliman	Darlene Rosario
Dominique Rosario	Julie Rosario
Veniese Manalo	Erich Enriquez
Jhillian Canaria	Unica De Vera
	Princess Gonzales
	Kristine Igama
	Louise Lozano

The event united the Filipino community in appreciating various Filipino arts and performances, ensuring that these traditions are kept alive in celebration of the 128th anniversary of Philippine Independence.