



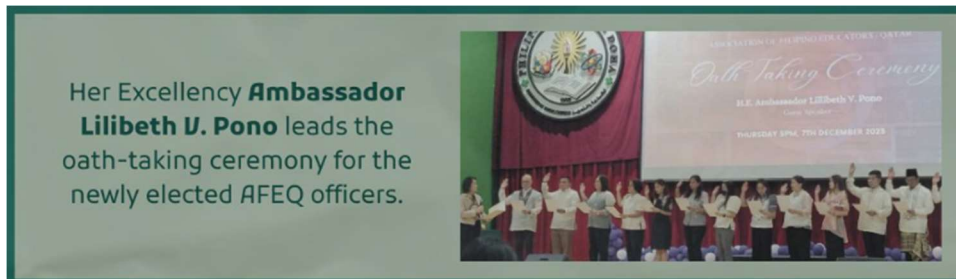
**AFEQ celebrates 10th year anniversary**

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The **Association of Filipino Educators-Qatar (AFEQ)** marked its 10th anniversary milestone featuring the induction and culmination of new officers in a year-end party, marking a decade of the association's journey at the Edgar V. Bondoc Gymnasium on December 7.

**Dr. Alexander S. Acosta**, AFEQ Founding President, stated:

*"I encourage you, my dear AFEQ members, to invite more teachers—teachers who are so longing to belong to a family of teachers. Let us grow our tribe!"*



Additionally, this event was graced by esteemed guest speaker, **H.E. Ambassador Lilibeth V. Pono**, who emphasized:

***"Your role is very important and critical in this society for the survival of humanity because you are the ones who train, mold, and educate young people."***

Regarding the significance of educators in national development, she stressed that the AFEQ's current efforts contributed to the Philippine development plan. She highlighted that educating young individuals, who would later become professionals, was a contribution to the country's future.

Moreover, AFEQ Adviser, **Dr. Nida H. Garcia**, inducted the new members into their duties and responsibilities while **Mr. Jason A. Iyas**, another AFEQ Adviser, led the old members in the pledge of re-commitment.



The outgoing AFEQ President, **Dr. Noemi F. Formaran**, passed the torch of leadership to **Mr. Michaelino A. Saratan**, the incoming president.

***"I'd love to stay, but I must go and pass on the leadership of responsibilities because AFEQ deserves another breed of leaders who will continue AFEQ's goals and aspirations," she expressed.***

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Saratan reflected that teaching may not have been his first choice, but it was his destiny. He acknowledged the challenges ahead as he considered the past presidents' achievements and accomplishments. Drawing from inspiration, Mr. Saratan believed that those hurdles will unveil potential and willpower.

**Ms. Jocelyn G. Fajardo**, AFEQ Vice-President External, concluded the event, announcing the transition to a year-end party. The event encapsulated a decade of AFEQ's unwavering dedication to excellence in education and leadership.



Melodic moments: **Mr. Gino C. Zafrá** fills the air with his captivating vocals during the Christmas party.



**Dr. Cleoffe P. Macaraeg** sparks inspiration by delivering a powerful and motivational message.



A joyful gathering of **AFEQ members**, embracing the Christmas spirit for a merry capture.



**Mr. Michaelino A. Saratan** takes on the challenge as the newly elected **AFEQ President** in his acceptance speech.

From Left: **Mr. Michaelino A. Saratan**, **Dr. Cleoffe P. Macaraeg**, **Her Excellency Ambassador Lilibeth V. Pono** with her plaque of appreciation, and **Dr. Alexander S. Acosta** unite in smiles for the camera.



**Ms. Jocelyn G. Fajardo** wraps up the ceremony and transitions into the Christmas party with her closing remarks.