

## **Philippine Embassy holds voters' registration, diplomacy talk for SHS Students**

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Encouraging diplomacy among the youth, the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Doha held its seminar and voters' registration for the Senior High School students, with the theme: *"Building Bridges: Strengthening Partnerships for Shared Prosperity and Global Harmony,"* on March 7 at the Edgar V. Bondoc Gymnasium.



Encouraging the students to listen attentively, the SHS Vice Principal, Dr. Noemi Formaran, delivers the opening remarks.

**Dr. Noemi F. Formaran**, Vice Principal of the SHS Department, advised the students always to seize the moment, highlighting the importance of listening well and giving them the chance to learn more about diplomacy.

**Consul General Cassandra B. Sawadjaan** then emphasized the duty of a Filipino to register for the upcoming Philippine Elections. As she gave instructions for the process of the registration, she stated that:

***“As a responsible Filipino, you have to cast your vote, it’s for your future.”***

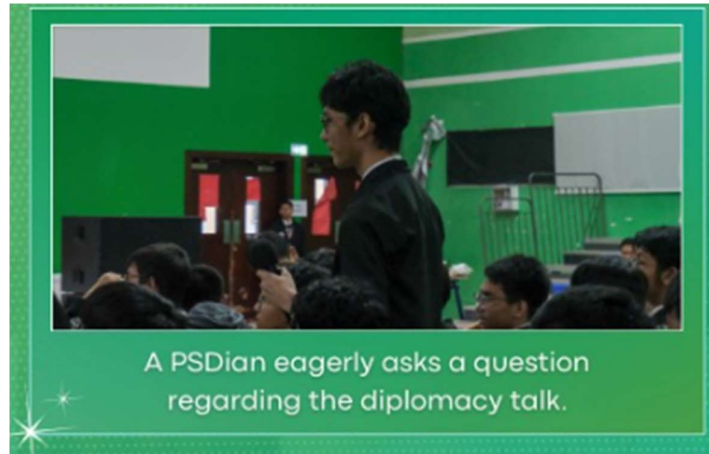


Afterward, **Third Secretary and Vice Consul Monica Remy S. Calangian** gave her presentation with an in-depth explanation of what diplomacy is. In her lecture, she discussed the following: the definition of diplomacy, reasons to study diplomacy, possible career paths with a degree in diplomacy, qualities of a diplomat, as well as what is a Filipino diplomat.



Furthermore, an interactive discussion between the Third Secretary and Vice Consul Calangian and the students occurred throughout the session as students answered the questions presented. To conclude her presentation, Third Secretary and Vice Consul Calangian left the students with the message:

***“The work of a diplomat is very rewarding, a lot of things that you can benefit from you, however, it can also ask a lot from you, therefore it is not just a career but a vocation to the service of Filipino people and to the nation.”***



A PSDian eagerly asks a question regarding the diplomacy talk.

Gabriel Pablo, a student from 11- Zirconium, found the seminar helpful as he stated that:

***“My experience during the seminar opened my eyes into the world of diplomacy, and as a HUMSS student it widened my career options.”***

Likewise, Zuleikha Abdullah, a STEM student from 11- Cobalt, found the experience informative and relatable given how the speakers were able to engage with the students. She appreciated how the speakers did not only discuss diplomacy formally but also personally as they shared their experiences.

This embassy visit was aimed at Filipino students, especially those who will be of the voting age of 18, for them to practice their right to suffrage by the May 2025 Elections.



Thanking the speakers and the embassy, Marchen Docot delivers his closing remarks.



SHS Vice Principal, Dr. Noemi Formaran, awards a certificate and token of appreciation to Vice Consul Monica Remsy Calangia.



Hemmingway Alimurong and Jun Ocbian gear up for the session as the Masters of Ceremonies.



Ma. Franchezka Dinglasan gives a glimpse of what will be discussed in her welcoming remarks.



To know more about the background of the presenter, Angel David introduces the speaker for the seminar.



**RESPONSIBLE FILIPINOS:** SHS students fill out the voter's registration form.