

## DUBAI PCG UNVEILS JEEPNEY FRONT REPLICA AT THE CONSULATE



*Consul General Paul Raymund Cortes as he gives his opening message*

12 July 2021, Dubai, UAE – The Philippine Consulate General in Dubai held on 09 July 2021 an event entitled, “Mga Kwentong Jeepney,” a celebration of Filipino ingenuity, values, and pop culture.

In his welcome remarks, Consul General Paul Raymund P. Cortes described the jeepney as the microcosm of Filipino culture in view of the significant role it plays in the daily life of a Filipino. He expressed hope that as the jeepney brings together people from all walks of life to a common destination, the Filipino Community in Dubai and the Northern Emirates will be united as a people in their pursuit of a successful life and career in the UAE, while preserving their love of country.

A highlight of the event was the unveiling of the jeepney front replica designed and donated by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) Dubai Chapter, an organization composed of 500 Filipino architects based in Dubai. UAP remodeled a previously donated jeepney fender and transformed it to a jeepney inspired photobooth for display in the Consulate’s premises. The jeepney’s design and function as a photobooth combines the Filipinos’ pride in the iconic jeepney and fondness of taking selfies.

UAP Dubai Chapter President, Mr. Christian Vasquez, President-Elect Ms. Kristine Marasigan, and Architect Marby De Guzman assisted Consul General Cortes and Madame Yasmin Cortes in unveiling the jeepney photobooth.

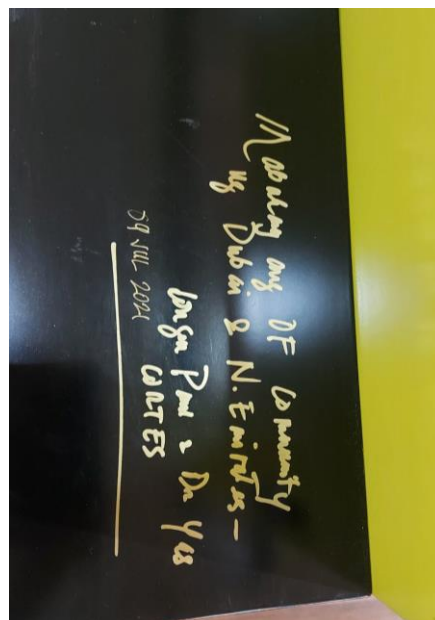
Attendees of the event shared their most memorable jeepney experiences and recalled their adventures and struggles as a Filipino commuter. Architect Marasigan, a daughter

of a jeepney operator herself, also shared her father's success story in providing for his family and supporting his children's education from his earnings.

Aside from members of the UAP, the event was also attended by selected Filipino vloggers and social media influencers based in Dubai and Northern Emirates who were presented with certificates of appreciation for their valuable support and contributions to the Consulate's public diplomacy efforts.- END



*Unveiling of the Jeepney front replica*



*Consul General Paul Raymond P. Cortes wrote a message to the Filipino Community of Dubai and the Northern Emirates*



*Consul General Paul Raymund P. Cortes, Madam Yasmin B. Cortes and Vice Consul Aleah Marie B. Gica with selected Filipino vloggers and social media influencers based in Dubai and the Northern Emirates*



*Consul General Paul Raymund P. Cortes and Madam Yasmin B. Cortes with the United Architects of the Philippines Dubai Chapter*