

MEMORANDUM

For : Canberra PE  
Fr : Port Vila PCG  
Re : PCG Port Vila's Independence Day Celebration  
Dt : 17 June 2025  
Cn : VUV-10-2025

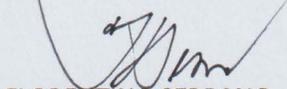
The Philippine Consulate General in Port Vila celebrated the 127th Independence Day yesterday, 16 June 2025 at Warwick Le Lagoon, Port Vila, Vanuatu. The celebration was organized and led by Philippine Consul General Florentino "Bong" Serrano and wife Mrs. Marylin Serrano and was attended by the Filipino Community members in Port Vila. Vanuatu's Prime Minister Jothan Napat graced the celebration as the Guest of Honor.

During his address to the Filipino community, Prime Minister Napat acknowledged the role of overseas Filipinos in various industries including construction, information technology, engineering, education, health services and public administration which contributed to positive impact to the country's nation building. He likewise expressed his hope to continue the Philippines-Vanuatu bilateral relations to elevate into new heights through cooperation in addressing challenges on sustainable development, climate change, natural disasters, limited economic opportunities, inequality and environmental degradation.

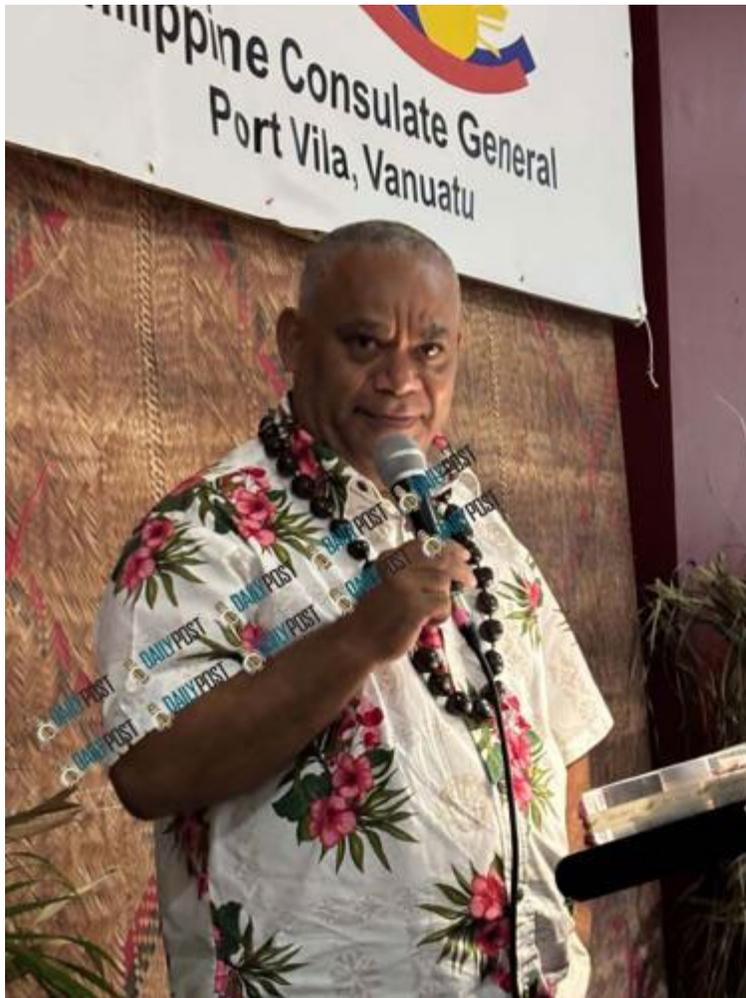
Consul General Serrano on the other hand, underscored the value of all Filipinos in Vanuatu by saying that their contributions to Philippine development and history matters. He also urged them to use their individual and collective powers in ensuring that no one is left behind, abandoned or helpless, as what Filipino forefathers have done to liberate and ensure the freedom all Filipinos enjoy today.

The celebration was covered by and published in *Vanuatu Daily Post* today, 17 June 2025. Link is attached below.

For Canberra PE's information.



FLORENTINO SERRANO, *a.h.*  
Consul General  
Port Vila PCG



Vanuatu Prime Minister Jothan Napat delivering his speech during the 127<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Philippine Independence in Warwick Le Lagoon at Port Vila, Vanuatu yesterday, 17 June 2025.

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Philippine Consul General Florentino Serrano and wife, Mrs. Marylin Serrano during the 127<sup>th</sup> Philippine Independence Day celebration in Warwick Le Lagoon, Port Vila, Vanuatu.

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Philippine Consul General Florentino Serrano delivering his keynote address to the Filipino community members in Port Vila during the 127<sup>th</sup> Philippine Independence Day celebrations last 16 June 2025 at Warwick Le Lagoon, Port Vila, Vanuatu.